



Abu Dhabi Men's College graduates Mohamed Ali Al Hadhrami (left) and Mohamed Saleh Al Musabi prepare for the graduation ceremony.

Royal treatment for global exhibition launch



HE Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan and Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden at the official opening of the Nobel Museum exhibition at Dubai Men's College.

THE Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT) proudly launched the global tour of Sweden's Nobel Museum exhibition, *Alfred Nobel: Networks of Innovation*, which is open at Dubai Men's College until 29 May 2008.

Hosted under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, the exhibition was officially opened by HE Sheikh Nahayan and Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden. Also in attendance was the Swedish Ambassador Mr Bruno S Beijer and Hay K Yang, president of the exhibition's global sponsor, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd.

Alfred Nobel: Networks of Innovation tells the story of Alfred Nobel and the context in which he worked. The exhibition consists of six elements:

- Introduction to the life of Alfred Nobel
- Nobel's early life in St Petersburg
- Nobel's inventions, laboratory and factory
- Nobel's industrial empire, oil venture and corporations
- Nobel's life in Paris
- Nobel's last will and the Nobel Prize.

During the exhibition visitors have the opportunity to experience first hand and learn from the work of Alfred Nobel as well as past and current laureates.

Highlights include a selection of Alfred Nobel's artifacts and creations, representation of the work of more than 750 Nobel Laureates, films highlighting groundbreaking achievements, stories and artifacts of the most famous and controversial prizes and speeches and lectures.

Alfred Nobel: Networks of Innovation is the second Nobel Museum exhibition to come to the United Arab Emirates, thanks to the HCT. In October 2007, Abu Dhabi hosted the Nobel Foundation's Cultures of Creativity which commemorated the centenary of the Nobel Prize.

Entrance to the exhibition is free. For more information, visit http://festivalofthinkers.hct.ac.ae/Nobel-museum/alfred_nobel_inn_exb.asp.

- Jennifer George

Graduation 2008!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Higher Colleges of Technology students who will participate in official graduation ceremonies this month.

Her Highness Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak, President of the Family Development Foundation, Chairperson of UAE Women's Federation and Chairperson of Arab Women Organization will be the special guest of honor at the female Distinction graduates at a ceremony on 7 May at the Abu Dhabi National Theatre.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum,

UAE Vice President and Prime Minister, Ruler of Dubai will officiate at the men's ceremony to be held at Dubai Men's College.

Since the first cohort graduated in 1992, the Higher Colleges of Technology have awarded more than 35,000 credentials.

This special graduation edition of Al Rawi features information about the annual Chancellor Awards, interesting statistics, articles on some of our graduates and the names of our Distinction with Highest Honors graduates.

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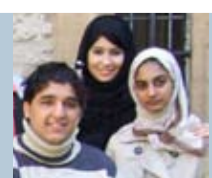
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Nothing by Accident



A time for celebrating

AS HCT celebrates its 20th anniversary, we will continue to strive to meet and exceed the expectations of the nation in providing access to world class higher education at each of our campuses. During these 20 years, the HCT has developed partnerships with renowned universities and academic centers worldwide which has led to invaluable opportunities for our students and graduates alike.

This 17th cohort from the 2006/07 academic year comprises almost 3,500 HCT graduates. Proudly, most of our graduates who seek employment upon graduation are able to gain employment soon after graduation. This fact reassures us of the quality of HCT programs and graduates meeting the changing needs of the dynamic UAE market.

Every day, I meet some of our graduates serving the nation in key leadership and professional roles in a wide spectrum of industry and organizations.

Each year, as another cohort graduates from the Higher Colleges of Technology, it is comforting to know that the future of United Arab Emirates is in the hands of such highly skilled and enthusiastic youth. Many of our graduates have progressed in their career paths much faster than others expectations, thanks to the wonderful opportunities provided by this nation and due to

their dedication and determination combined with their professional competencies and knowledge.

The HCT is not only dedicated to providing our students with the very best facilities and instruction so as to equip with them with relevant professional skills.

We are also determined to prepare our graduates with many skills such as leadership, ethics, communication, information literacy, team work, global awareness and problem solving aptitudes. Every student is provided with learning opportunities to meet these HCT Graduate Outcomes.

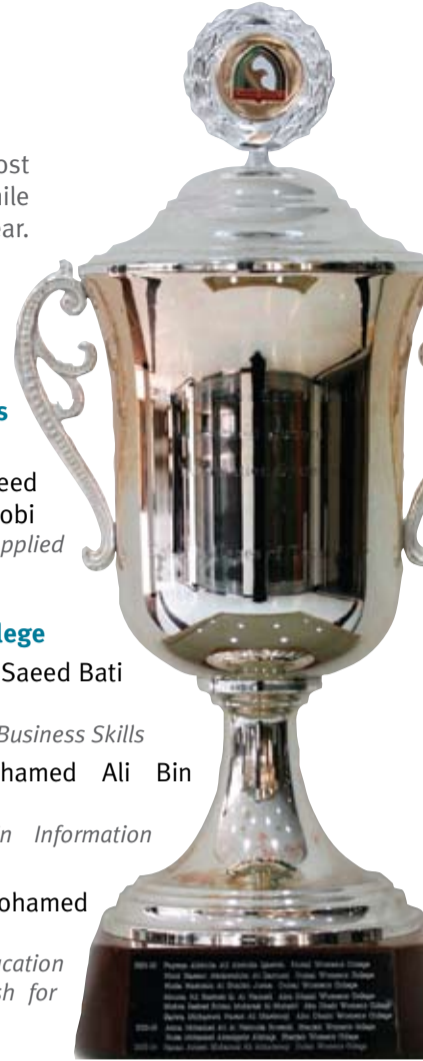
The success of our graduates in a variety of industries and environments in this dynamic nation is evidence that most of our students take full advantage of these opportunities provided within the HCT campuses to become better leaders, citizens and well rounded professionals before they face the world of work.

Congratulations to all our graduates. Your success has not been achieved by accident but by sheer dedication, hard work and enthusiasm. We look forward to your active contributions to your community and the nation and your continued involvement with the HCT.

Dr Tayeb Kamali
Vice Chancellor

Chancellor recognizes top contributions

EACH year, the Chancellor Award is given to graduates who have made the most significant contribution to college life throughout the final academic year while maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or above in each semester of their final academic year. At every college, one award is given in each of the programs.



The Chancellor Award recipients for the 2006/07 graduating class are:

Abu Dhabi Men's College

Abdulla Bin Mohamed Bin Obaid Al Suwaidi
Diploma in Applied Business

Mansoor Mohamed Taher Ishaq Al Marzouqi
Higher Diploma in Business Information Technology

Abdulla Mohamed Abboud Saad Al Menhali
Bachelor of Applied Science in Electronics Engineering Technology

Abu Dhabi Women's College

Ayesha Salem Saif Talib Al Wahhabi
Diploma in Financial Services and Banking

Maitha Ismail Ali Ismail Al Mansoori
Higher Diploma in Health Information Management

Sara Obaid Mohamed Obaid Al Mehairi
Bachelor of Applied Science in eBusiness Management

Al Ain Men's College

Musaed Ali Marzouq Mohammed Ali Al Nuaimi
Diploma in Computer Network Technology

Husain Mohamed Omar Saeed Alaas Al Meer
Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering Technology

Mubarak Omar Sbait Hareb Al Nuaimi
Bachelor of Applied Science in eBusiness Management

Al Ain Women's College

Al Zaina Saeed Ghanem Mohammed Al Ghanem
Diploma in Library and Information Technology

Asma Sulaiman Saeed Muhsen Al Azri
Higher Diploma in Business and Management (General)

Fatima Ahmed Mousa Ali Saif Al Naqbi
Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Management (General)

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Safeya Abdulazeez Shamsan Mohamed Al Mqtri
Higher Diploma of Biomedical Engineering Technology

Dubai Men's College

Ali Sultan Abdulla Slaem Al Muhairi
Diploma in Construction Technology

Munair Mohamed Ibrahim
Higher Diploma in CommTech Applied Media Studies

Adnan Omar Mohamed Habib Albannai
Bachelor in Applied Science in Business Information Technology

Dubai Women's College

Zainab Mohamed Haidar Faraj Jallaf
Diploma in Applied Business Skills

Afra Saqer Sultan Saqer Al Sowaidi
Higher Diploma in Business Information Technology

Tasnim Salem Mohamed Al Nazar
Bachelor of Pharmacy in Pharmacy

Fujairah Men's College

Abdullah Saif Saeed Sultan Shahein Yaarobi
Diploma in Applied Business Skills

Fujairah Women's College

Jawaher Abdulla Ali Saeed Bati Al Mehrezi
Diploma in Applied Business Skills

Roqayyah Ali Mohamed Ali Bin Hamayed Zahami
Higher Diploma in Information Administration

Reem Saeed Ali Mohamed Khammas
Bachelor of Education in- Teaching English for Young Learners

Ras Al Khaimah Men's College

Ahmed Mohamed Ali Obaid Al Naqbi
Diploma in Mechatronics Technology: Industrial Maintenance

Ebrahim Ali Saeed Rashed Al Aitoob Bani Shemali
Higher Diploma in Information Technology (Business)

Ras Al Khaimah Women's College

Mahra Majed Naser Sultan Al Qassimi
Diploma in Applied Business

Eiman Ahmed Ebrahim Sultan Al Mannaei
Higher Diploma in Information Administration

Khadija Hasan Ebrahim Mohamed Taher Al Belooshi
Bachelor of Education in Teaching English for Young Learners

Sharjah Men's College

Hani Mohammad Qassem Ghashwaq Al Mahri
Diploma in Applied Information Technology Skills

Omar Ahmed Ali Abdulla Alharfi Al Shehhi
Higher Diploma in Electronics Engineering Technology

Faisal Ahmed Nasser Yousuf Al Nuaimi
Bachelor of Applied Science in eBusiness Management

Sharjah Women's College

Khadija Omar Hussain Ahmed Al Mehri
Diploma in Laboratory Technology

Aisha Obaid Ali Obaid Al Qassab Abumuhair
Higher Diploma in Business Information Technology

Mariam Abdelmelik Yousif Ali
Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration

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Al Rawi reflects the mission of the Higher Colleges of Technology which is dedicated to the delivery of technical and professional programs of the highest quality to the students within the context of sincere respect of beliefs and values.

Quick facts

- ~ Since the first cohort graduated in 1992, the HCT has awarded more than 35,000 credentials.
- ~ In the 2006/07 academic year, 3,435 students graduated, including 2,110 female students and 1,325 male students.
- ~ In 2005/06, 3,894 male and female students, graduated from the HCT. These included 1,571 Diploma graduates, 1,077 Higher Diploma graduates and 496 Bachelor Degree graduates.
- ~ Of the 2006/07 cohort, almost 65 percent of Bachelor graduates attained a grade point average between 3.0 and 4.0.
- ~ During the 2006/07 academic year, the HCT enrolled 16,894 students into its academic divisions.

First National paramedics graduate



Dubai Colleges' first Advanced Life Support Paramedics graduates.

IN the presence of His Excellency, Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Chancellor of the Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT), fourteen UAE national students graduated from the HCT Dubai-based Paramedic Program.

All fourteen HCT UAE national students who studied for the Higher Diploma in Paramedics at Dubai Women's and Men's Colleges are the first Advanced Life Support

Paramedics to work on a UAE ambulance and first UAE nationals to achieve international paramedic qualifications.

His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan congratulated the graduates and affirmed that their graduation was unique because it also celebrated the successful partnership formed between the HCT and Dubai Police which resulted in a strong program and internationally certified graduates.

"The HCT strive to produce strong

quality Emirati graduates and responds to the UAE's market needs in order to contribute to the growth and development process of the country," Sheikh Nahayan said.

General Commander, Lieutenant General Dahi Khalfan Tamim thanked the graduates for their excellent performance throughout the program and congratulated them on such a pioneering accomplishment.

"This graduating class is a

result of the persevering hard work of Dubai Police and advancing healthcare that seeks to nurture society and improve the caliber of services provided by Dubai police," he said.

The HCT's Advanced Life Support Paramedic Program started four years ago in partnership with the Dubai Police, Harrisburg Area Community College in Pennsylvania-USA, and the Dubai Ambulance Service.

It is the first of its kind in the Gulf region and aims at Emiratization as well as improving the existing basic ambulance service to an advanced and internationally recognized service in the future.

The program is funded by the Dubai Police Head Quarters and Human Resources Departments with the endorsement of the Ambulance Services Center of in Dubai.

- Rajaa Abu-Jaber

Pair strikes gold at GCC skills quest



SWC student Zainab Darwish carried the flag at the GCC Skills closing ceremony in Al Ain.

Zainab won a gold medal for her work in graphics and another in the best competitor category where she scored the highest marks among all competitors. As a reward for her excellent achievements, Zainab was a flag bearer at the closing ceremony.

Sharjah Higher Colleges quality assurance manager Maitha Al Shamsi was one of the judges at the GCC Skills competition and described both Zainab and May's achievements as extraordinary and wonderful for UAE students.

"I am so happy for Zainab and May. They are excellent ambassadors for our colleges and the achievement was a fantastic endorsement of the work that we and our students are doing at Sharjah Women's College," Ms Al Shamsi said.

The competitions lasted for three days under the auspices of His Highness General Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.

A total of 26 male and female students from technical and vocational colleges and institutes in the GCC countries supervised by 24 international experts and 12 GCC experts participated at the championships.

The contestants competed in seven different skills: information technology, welding, web design, electrical installations, automobile technology, refrigeration, and graphic design.

- Dr Hilton Kolbe



Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden visited Abu Dhabi Women's College (ADWC) during her recent trip to the United Arab Emirates for the opening of the Nobel Museum exhibition. ADWC Student Council members were thrilled to meet the Princess.

Strategy wins in international business comp

A TEAM of four Higher Diploma Business and Management students from Al Ain Women's College (AAWC) have won first place in the 44th Annual International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition in San Diego, California which took place in April.

The team came away with two international awards – first place for Overall Performance including the highest stock price in the entire competition and a first runner up award for Outstanding Financial Report.

The AAWC students competed head to head with students from Bachelor level programs at North American universities.

Participating international universities and colleges in their category included Arcadia University, Willamette University, Mt Vernon Nazarene University and Sharjah Men's College (HCT).

This is the second year that Al Ain Women's College has successfully participated in the

international competition and brought home awards. Members of this year's team were Afra Al Suwaidi, Nouf Al Muhairi, Fatema Al Ameri and Fatma Al Naemi.

The team was coached by their teachers Ada Hosein and Butch Butalid during the remote phase of the competition.

The students worked independently during the face-to-face competition in San Diego. After 20 rounds, which are equivalent to five years of running a multinational production company, presentations and discussions with judges from the universities and industry and a couple of financial reports, the students deserved the awards.

They were thrilled with their achievements and enjoyed mingling with the other competitors at the awards banquet, receiving many congratulations from the other international teams.

- Tonia Michael

Mariam balances **success**



Mr Bilal Hamadeh, General Manager, Operations XEROX Emirates LLC awards Mariam with the award at Al Ain Women's College.

AL AIN Women's College graduate Mariam Abdulla Hayder Al Baloushi loves a challenge and it was this enthusiasm which saw her win the Xerox Emirates Business and Management Award in the recent HCT Industry Awards.

Mariam's exceptional grades resulted in her receiving the award for being the most outstanding HCT graduate in Business Administration. According to one of her teachers, Mariam always exceeded expectations when completing the most daunting task.

Mariam, who graduated with a Higher Diploma in Business and Management (General), dedicated her award to the people who supported her.

"It was an unforgettable achievement," Mariam said. "I had to balance my academic and social life while at Al Ain Women's College.

"Despite all the difficulties, I wanted to succeed and this award is an acknowledgement of my efforts. I dedicate this award to the people behind my success, my family, my instructors and friends."

A Role Model for others –Sara Al Mehairi



"WHEN you aim for something, don't give up. If you really want it, go for it." These are the words of Abu Dhabi Women's College (ADWC) graduate Sara Al Mehairi and they represent one of the most important lessons she has learned in her young life.

Sara has earned her Bachelor degree in e-Business Management. She was very active as a student and even now continues to be involved in the college's activities whenever she can. "My best days were at ADWC," says Sara. "Being there changed me. What I learned in class has been of great value to me."

While at ADWC, Sara was the President of the Student Representative Council (SRC). "Working with the SRC was a great experience and it helped me to excel both academically and in my personal life."

Upon graduating, Sara received the Abu Dhabi Industry Award for her outstanding academic performance, excellent grades and significant contribution to the college. Sara was one of only 12 students who received the award which was presented to her by His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Chancellor of HCT.

Receiving the award helped her to realize what she wanted to do with her life: become the UAE's Minister of Education. "It is my dream now, but I think I can do it," she said.

Sara believes she can contribute a great deal to the school system in the UAE and she wants to use her knowledge to help young students receive the best education possible. She has strong feelings about making changes in the educational system because she believes students should do more than simply memorize concepts.

But all of this is for the future. Right now, Sara is enjoying her employment with the National Bank of Abu Dhabi as a Customer Service Officer in the Trade Finance department.

Sara wants to continue her education and is planning to pursue a Masters degree in International Business. She was encouraged in this pursuit when she participated in the HCT's Festival of Thinkers. The event gave her the opportunity to meet and speak with Nobel Laureates, something she never thought she would have a chance to do, and she feels it was a great learning experience for her.

"Speaking with them helped me to understand that if I really want something, I can get it – even a Nobel Prize! That would help me to be a great role model for others."

An ADWC graduate and a Nobel Prize-winning Minister of Education? Sara smiles at the thought. A great role model indeed!

Benefits of an all round **education**

KHADEJA Hussain Al Bloshi obtained a Higher Diploma in Communication Technology and is currently studying for a bachelor degree in Applied Communication at Dubai Women's College, while also freelancing.

"I joined Dubai Women's College in 2003 for the Foundations year and the following year I chose Communication Technology as my major. During the last three years I accomplished the Higher Diploma and have graduated successfully.

Throughout my life at the HCT, I learned so many things that helped me to become a professional student, including being elected the student council vice president.

That in itself was a learning experience, where I had the chance to work with almost all the students in the college, and organize all kinds of events such as national day celebrations.

During college I had the chance to meet many people



including US National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and the US First Lady, Laura Bush. I had the chance to share with her how UAE women are fortunate in the field of media.

On the other hand, the HCT helped shape my skills in organizing conferences and developing my communication skills.

I believe that all my work in college has paid off especially when I was awarded the Director's Leadership award at the end of the 2006/07 academic year. I was also selected the outstanding student from the Communication Technology department, and I was lucky enough to be selected by the US Embassy to go on a leadership and American studies program in the United States for two months.

I strongly believe that the college is a place to be, where I am working with my colleague Alia Al Shamsi to start a small business in media as that was our dream a long time ago, and as always we are trying to make our dream a reality."

my experience as a consultant during my work placement. I can definitely recommend electrical engineering as a satisfying career.

AR: How has studying at the HCT impacted your life, either professionally and personally?

H: The biggest impact has been that I can communicate well and have learned how to problem solve. These are very important skills to have in your professional and personal lives.

AR: Have you been involved in any extracurricular activities at the HCT?

H: As well as being a member of the student council, I participated in many activities and had the opportunity to travel to the USA through the College. Being involved in these things helps you to develop those important problem solving and communication skills.

AR: What has been a highlight during your time at the HCT?

H: When I was a diploma student, I studied very hard and earned straight As. Because of this I was advanced to the higher diploma program. I was very proud of this.

AR: Do you have any advice for current students?

H: You will succeed if you work hard, set goals and focus. It is all worth it in the end, so just go for it! It will not only benefit you, but your country.

AR: What are your goals for the near future?

H: My goals are to finish my Bachelor degree while maintaining a high GPA and to do my Masters. There's nothing to be gained by not working hard.

Husain powers into **study and work**



Husain Mohamed Omar Saeed Alaas Al Meer obtained a Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering and is currently studying for a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering at Al Ain Men's College while also working full-time.

AR: What did you study at the HCT?

H: I wanted to study at the HCT because it has such a good reputation and the teachers are very helpful and knowledgeable.

AR: Are you still studying?

H: Now I'm studying for a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering in Al Ain and I'm also working full-time at Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority (ADWEA)

AR: What is it like juggling work and study?

H: It is very hard work, but I have to do it if I want to succeed. I'm expecting to finish my Bachelors in the summer of 2009.

AR: What is your role at ADWEA?

H: I am a power planning engineer in the asset management directorate. I really enjoy it and I am applying everything I've learned at the HCT and through

Dedication and hard work pay off for Mansoor



Mansoor Mohamed Taher Ishaq Al Marzouqi

MANSOOR Mohamed Taher Ishaq Al Marzouqi obtained a Higher Diploma in Business Information Technology and is currently studying for a Bachelor degree in IT at Abu Dhabi Men's College while also working full-time.

AR: When did you start studying at the HCT?

M: I joined Abu Dhabi Men's College in 2003 and I started with the Foundations year. The following year, I chose Business & IT common year to continue my studying and after that, I decided to carry on with IT by selecting one of its majors which is Business Information Technology (BITE). So, during the last three years I accomplished the Higher Diploma and graduated in June 2007 successfully.

AR: Are you studying or working now?

M: Actually, I do both. In the early morning I work and later in the afternoon I come to the college daily to continue with my study. Currently, I am enrolled in Information Management major which is a Bachelor program related to IT. I work for ADNOC Distribution specifically in the IT Division where my job title is IT Planning Analyst.

AR: Would you recommend IT as a good choice for study?

M: I highly recommend that IT is a good choice for study due to its necessity and importance in different areas of our lives. We are living in the era of technology where the world is developing rapidly and humans have to cope with the changes in technology every day. Therefore, from my point of view, IT is the soul of every organization whether it is related to government sector or private sector.

AR: How has being a HCT student impacted your life?

M: Throughout my life at the HCT, I learned so many things that helped me to become a professional student. From my point of view, one of the important points is being on time in all of the events whether they are related to my studies or other official events. This helped me to act in a professional manner and achieve my tasks without facing any problems.

AR: How has your time with the HCT – the learning environment, out of class activities and college life helped you in your studies or career?

M: In fact, the diversification of resources and facilities which are provided by the HCT were by far enough to help me to continue my studies throughout my life at the college. In addition, when I graduated with the Higher Diploma, the career center at our college which has a vast network within the government and private sectors assisted me in finding a suitable job by searching for the job vacancies in the labour market and updating me with the status of my job request regularly.

AR: What was it like being a student at the HCT?

M: It was like being a part of the HCT family. I was honored to hold the name of the HCT in different events as I have participated in so many events to be the ambassador of the HCT and my country as well. I really learned a lot of things that are beneficial for my life.

AR: Do you have any advice for current students?

M: I would advise all of my brothers and sisters who join the HCT to strive and focus on their studies to gain the required skills and knowledge in order to reach the top level of excellence and success and that is what our leaders are looking for.

Fatima flies solo as Dubai Airport's first female engineer



Sharjah Women's College engineering graduate Fatima Abdulla Sultan has made great strides in her job as the first UAE national female engineer in the Electronics Support Department at Dubai International Airport.

FATIMA Abdulla Sultan has graduated from Sharjah Women's College with a Higher Diploma in Electronics Engineering Technology and already she is having great success at Dubai International Airport where she is the first UAE national female engineer in the Electronics Support Department.

Fatima said she felt a bit strange in the beginning because all her colleagues were men. "In our department there must be more than 100 men. I am the only woman engineer there. Sometimes I felt out of place but now I am very comfortable and I am enjoying my work," Fatima said.

She is currently involved with aircraft controls and her duties include monitoring and checking computer software that works with the radar system around the airport.

"Working in the airline industry can be a stressful job but it is also a very challenging and a very rewarding career," Fatima said. "Even small errors by crucial staff members can have a huge effect on the lives and safety of hundreds of passengers every day. It is important to be dedicated to your job and to ensure that you are always on top of your duties," she said.

She is comfortably settled in her job and already has her hands firmly on the ladder of success. With a new airport coming on line at Jebel Ali in the next few years, Fatima can see for herself a role in management and she is already working towards securing her career future in the aviation industry.

A dedicated worker and not keen to move from job to job, Fatima said she has been offered engineering jobs in Sharjah and much nearer to her home but she declined the offers because she believes that loyalty is important and she has a debt of gratitude to Dubai International Airport for having faith in her capabilities.

"I refused all other jobs and I am happy to say that I have been treated very well here at the airport and I am very happy to be in this position. I can only encourage other students at Sharjah Higher Colleges to work hard at their studies and they too can get the same rewards," Fatima said.

Fatima decided to study electronics engineering at Sharjah Women's College because she heard that the program was well respected by the industry and because she enjoyed aviation. "I knew this was going to be a challenging major," she said, "but I worked very hard at my studies and I succeeded. The aviation industry was always my dream job and now I am glad to be a part of this dynamic industry."

Ali plans for the future with the HCT

DUBAI Men's College graduate Ali Sultan Abdulla Salem Al Muhairi has completed his Diploma in Construction Technology and works for the Dubai Land Department.



Ali Sultan Abdulla Salem Al Muhairi

AR: What is your role at your workplace?

A: I work at the Dubai Land Department in the Survey section as an Engineer Draftsman or Plan Draftsman (creating plans related deeds). I have worked here for five years, and continued to work while studying at the HCT.

AR: What do you plan to do after you get your diploma?

A: I will continue to work and hopefully continue my studies at the HCT to improve my credential. In the future I plan to open my own engineering consulting company.

AR: What advice would you give to new graduates entering the workforce?

A: I suggest that fresh graduates should think back to what they learned and studied at the HCT. Also, I would advise them to aim to get higher grades because higher grades result in higher positions in the work world.

AR: How has being a HCT graduate impacted your life professionally and personally?

A: I feel that my colleagues now see me differently, that I appear more professional to others as I applied the information I've learned. I feel courageous, proud and better able to decide the future.

AR: How has your time with the HCT – the learning environment, out of class activities and college life - helped you in your career?

A: During my studies I acted as an unofficial tutor to my classmates. This helped me to become more social by understanding others, to organize my thoughts and how to communicate to other people. For six semesters I was my class representative for the student council on my campus.

Through student council I was able to fulfill a counselor type of role where I learned how to take everyone's ideas into account, create a plan and manage that plan into the future. Due to work commitments I wasn't always able to be active, but continued to contribute my opinions and make suggestions as much as I could.

AR: Did your study prepare you appropriately for the workplace?

A: Yes, at first I wasn't sure of the skills needed but what I learned at the college helped me to understand which skills were needed.

AR: What was a highlight during your time at the HCT?

A: Becoming repeatedly voted a class leader was a highlight of my time at the HCT. It demonstrated that my fellow students trusted me because I always took responsibility for what I did. They knew I was there to help. Another highlight was the opportunity to be involved in discussions with teachers and understanding other peoples' cultures.

AR: Do you have any advice for current students?

A: Learn English well and ask for help from teachers or anyone, personal or work related. You cannot learn without asking for help (my motto).

A year in review



Sharjah Women's College students



Al Ain Men's College put their strength to the test at sports day.



Music at lunch at Sharjah Men's College during Mosaic 2007.



Ras Al Khaimah Women's College students promote healthy eating.



Fujairah Women's College national day celebrations.



Abu Dhabi Men's College students Tareq Mohamad Al Darei, Fawaz Awana Al Musabi and Eissa Mohamed Al Mansoori at the price run for national election day.



Dubai Men's College students participate in the Watani program as part of national day celebrations.



HCT students greet international peers at Education Without Borders 2007.

“It was, is and always will be an honour to be a HCT student, especially of the DMC. The days of hard work, exams and projects throughout the years did put a lot of stress on us but at the end brought out nothing except the maximum best in us. We discovered a lot of new and interesting things which will remain with us all our lives. The type and quality of education has expanded our thoughts and built strong confidence. Thus, we not only look forward to achieving good status in our social lives and careers after graduation, but also to be leaders wherever we go.”

Ali Talib Shaban Salman
Dubai Men's College

“My experience at HCT was more than just three years of education. It was a full package of learning new things, improving my personal and communication skills, meeting new people and learning how to deal with different backgrounds and cultures. I confidently say that HCT graduates are the future leaders who will contribute to the UAE's development.”

Salem Mohamed Salem Butti Saif
Zunaid Al Qubaisi
Abu Dhabi Men's College

“Being one of the champions who joined HCT was really my dream. At HCT I found that the learning path or track is very short for those who have BIG ambitions. I was one of them and you can too.”

Fatema Ahmed Esmaeel Jaber Al Malki
Ras Al Khaimah Women's College

“After studying for three years and teaching me the material I needed, the HCT gave me the opportunity to be the person I always wanted to be - an active member of my society working for the good of my country. It was a great experience for me from the moment I crossed the HCT door to the moment I left the HCT as a graduate with my endless memories.”

Fatmah Mohamed Sobaih Salem Zahmi
Fujairah Women's College

Students train with international telecom



HCT students in the Huawei offices in China.

TWELVE Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT) students recently participated in a two-week training program in China, with telecommunications giant Huawei Technologies.

The computer networking and electronic engineering students from the HCT's Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah Men's Colleges were amongst the top students nominated by their colleges to undertake the Telecommunication Fundamental Training program at Huawei's technical training center in March.

The training program focused on areas such as switching, routing, and mobile technology solutions provided by Huawei.

HCT Vice Chancellor Dr Tayeb Kamali congratulated the students on being selected to participate in the program.

"This was an excellent opportunity for our students to expand their knowledge, and get more practical exposure in the technologies provided

by Huawei," Dr Kamali said.

"The students have an advantage because the colleges use Huawei equipment which means the students are already familiar with the technology."

Deputy General Manager of Huawei Technologies UAE, Alan Wang, said Huawei felt privileged to initiate the education exchange program with the Higher Colleges of Technology.

"Being one of the world's leading telecom equipment manufacturing companies with over 60,000 staff around the world, Huawei is glad to contribute to developing the younger generation of intellectuals in UAE," Mr Wang said.

"We are confident that such a program with students in the UAE will open more avenues for growth."

The students selected to participate in the training program were:

- » *Abdulla Qasem Mohammed Mohammed Al Faqeeh*
Al Ain Men's College

- Ahmed Omar Abdulla Mehri Al Kather*
Al Ain Men's College
- » *Hamad Khalifa Suwaidan Bakhit Al Nuaimi*
Al Ain Men's College
- » *Imran Abdulla Hasan Abdulla Al Marzoogi*
Abu Dhabi Men's College
- » *Mohamed Ali Mohamed Eid Aldahham*
Al Mansoori
Abu Dhabi Men's College
- » *Sultan Mohamed Ahmed Salem Saleh Al Ameri*
Abu Dhabi Men's College
- Abdulla Amin Abdulla Al Mudharreb*
Dubai Men's College
- » *Abdulla Mohamed Abdulla Mohamed*
Dubai Men's College
- » *Abdulrahman Yaqoub Yousuf*
Abdulrahman Bin Hafe
Dubai Men's College
- » *Ali Abdalla Ali Mohamed Abdelrahman*
Ali Al Ansari
Sharjah Men's College
- » *Faisal Abdalla Hassan Abdalla Al Obaidli*
Sharjah Men's College
- » *Majid Ahmed Abdalla Ahmed Al Khumairi*
Sharjah Men's College.

- Jennifer George

Leadership qualities lead students to Oxford



The students at Oxford University.

FOURTEEN HCT students participated in an eight day orientation program at Oxford University in the United Kingdom to learn about its history and academic integrity.

The male and female bachelor and higher diploma students participated in roundtable discussion sessions and lectures by some of the university's most prominent tutors as well as other members of the academic staff.

In addition to learning about Oxford University, the program included visits to typical Oxford landmarks and William Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon. In this way the student were given a full picture of what Oxford University had to offer from both an academic and a cultural perspective.

The program also included a tour of the Oxford Islamic Center followed by a discussion with students from the Middle East Center and a lecture by Middle East specialist, Dr Eugene Rogan.

Vice Chancellor of the HCT Dr Tayeb Kamali said providing a student with opportunities to learn on an international scale was a priority for the HCT.

"Our mission is to produce graduates who can work in a global environment, and by working with our international counterparts to provide these opportunities will ensure we achieve this," Dr Kamali said.

The trip has been co-organized by the Muthabara Foundation which aims to increase understanding and clarity of what is needed to maximize the potential of UAE youth.

Muthabara Foundation founder Dr Serra Kirdar said it was a privilege to work with the HCT.

"Muthabara is working with the Higher Colleges of Technology to harness the talent and potential of young capable Emiratis by exposing them to one of the world's most prestigious educational institutions with the intention of providing them with the opportunity and platform to pursue research and study at Oxford University," Dr Kirdar said.

The students were nominated by their college based on their high level of English proficiency and leadership qualities. After being interviewed by an HCT panel, the following students were selected to participate in the program:

- » *Ahmed Mohammed Abdulla Mohammed Al Baloushi*
Al Ain Men's College
- » *Nassra Maatouq Ali Saeed Ali Al Nuaimi*
Al Ain Women's College
- » *Mansoor Mohamed Taher Ishaq Al Marzouqi*
Abu Dhabi Men's College
- » *Kahdija Ali Mohammed Abdulrahman*
Abu Dhabi Women's College
- » *Saeed Khamis Nasser Al Suwaidi*
Dubai Men's College
- » *Alia Ghuloom Mohammed Hassan Al Janahi*
Dubai Women's College
- » *Khameis Khalfan Mehain Mobarak Zeyoudi*
Fujairah Men's College
- » *Hend Mohamed Mohamed Hassan Bin Jeem Ghamri*
Fujairah Women's College
- » *Farooq Jaber Ali Ali Furooghi*
Ras Al Khaimah Men's College
- » *Shamma Hamdoon Mohamed Saeed Hamdoon Samsom Al Naqbi*
Ras Al Khaimah Women's College
- » *Abdelrahman Hassan Abdelrahman Mohamed Al Mulla*
Sharjah Men's College
- » *Hamda Jasim Humaid Ahmed Al Ali*
Sharjah Women's College.

- Dr Hilton Kolbe

Students snare prestigious British Council award

FIVE HCT students were selected to represent the UAE in the World Economic Forum - Learning from the Future conference that took place last month in Dubai.

Under the auspices of the British Council, universities and colleges were invited to nominate suitable candidates for the prestigious event on 21 - 24 April.

The World Economic Forum - Learning from the Future conference

follows an earlier British Council program that saw a group of young people in the region attend a successful event in Greenwich and Davos earlier this year

This conference was held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai in partnership with the Young Arab Leaders (YAL) organization. The YAL group is the Gulf region's foremost development platform for business, public sector and civil society leaders in the Middle East.

Selection for this auspicious meeting of young Arab leaders in the

making is a big achievement for the HCT students. The selected students are Fahad Abdulwahed Al Hammadi, Ahmed Sultan Saud Khalid Al Qassimi, Noor Mohamed Abdulla Kamali, Ahmad Al Mulla and Maria Al Rais.

Sharjah Men's College student Ahmed Saud Khalid Sultan Al Qassimi said he was honoured to be given the opportunity.

"I am hoping that it will open my eyes and my mind to new ways of looking at old problems. I enjoy challenges and this is a big challenge for me. I will be putting in my best efforts to use this opportunity as a chance to develop," Ahmed said.

- Dr Hilton Kolbe

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Abdulla Mohamed Abboud Saad Al Menhali
Bachelor of Applied Science in Electronics Engineering Technology

Aljoud Ahmed Abdulla Hussain Lootah
Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Media Studies

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Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration

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Bachelor of Pharmacy in Pharmacy

Majeda Mefarej Awadh Mohamed Al Ameri
Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Information Technology

Manal Abdulrahim Mohamed Zainal Feraidooni
Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Network Technology

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Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Information Management

Mariam Jassim Sulaiman Alsarkal
Bachelor of Applied Science in Communication Technology

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Higher Diploma in Pharmacy

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Higher Diploma in Business and Management (Marketing)

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Higher Diploma in Business and Management (Human Resources)

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Higher Diploma in Business and Management (Travel and Tourism)

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