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Education for SDGs in the wider community

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17.4.3 Education for SDGs in the wider community

Ajman University implements dedicated outreach and educational initiatives that extend sustainability learning and SDG awareness beyond the campus to the wider community, including alumni, local residents, and displaced populations. These initiatives are coordinated through the Offices of Alumni Affairs (OAA), Masar Career Excellence, the Office of Sustainability, the Office of Student Housing, the Office of Community Engagement (OCE), the University Library, and other units under the Deanship of Student Affairs. Ajman University also provides open educational resources that promote lifelong learning and expand community access to knowledge. A few examples of these outreach activities are presented below.

1. Office of Alumni Affairs

The Office of Alumni Affairs (OAA) at Ajman University strengthens lifelong engagement and professional growth among graduates through initiatives that promote employability, well-being, and continued learning, advancing SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). Alumni enjoy continued privileges such as the Alumni ID Card, offering discounts and benefits at partner outlets, and a free lifetime AU email account that fosters connection and access to University services. In support of lifelong education, Ajman University provides partial scholarships for alumni, their spouses, and descendants across undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The OAA, in collaboration with the Office of Advancement, maintains partnerships with private companies and government agencies through seminars, workshops, and conferences that encourage alumni participation in institutional events and research.

In April 2024, <u>Ajman University partnered with Coursera</u>, a global leader in online learning, to sponsor 150 students and alumni for professional certificate programs from Microsoft, Google, AWS, IBM, Meta, and Salesforce, equipping participants with in-demand digital skills and globally recognized credentials that enhance employability and support lifelong learning. Alumni may also register for the Fazaa Card national discount program and access free short-term <u>counseling services</u> delivered via WhatsApp, Zoom, email, or phone through the Counseling Unit. To promote health and well-being, the OAA and the Unit of Athletics offer free access to the <u>University Sports Complex</u>, while <u>library privileges</u> provide alumni with continued access to <u>academic resources</u>, reinforcing AU's commitment to inclusive and high-quality education. Collectively, these initiatives reflect Ajman University's dedication to empowering its graduates and extending the benefits of sustainability-oriented, lifelong learning to the wider community.

2. Masar Career Excellence

Ajman University's **Masar Career Excellence** demonstrates the University's commitment to empowering students and alumni with lifelong career development opportunities that enhance employability, leadership, and global competitiveness—supporting **SDG 4 (Quality Education)** and **SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth)**. Masar provides an integrated platform for professional growth through tailored programs and digital tools that bridge the gap between academia and industry.

<u>Career Services</u> – Masar's exclusive career platform for Ajman University students and alumni offers
a wealth of resources to advance professional development. Users can access curated job
opportunities with leading employers, expand their networks, book one-to-one career counseling
sessions, and register for career-focused workshops and events. For more information, students and
alumni can contact Masar Career Excellence at masar@ajman.ac.ae.



• Alumni Mentor Program – The <u>Alumni Mentor Program</u> provides a peer-driven environment for graduates to share expertise, skills, and insights while engaging the broader Ajman University alumni network. Mentees reach out to mentors through the <u>AU Alumni Association</u> platform, where mentors can accept or decline requests and both parties determine the scope, length, and goals of their mentoring relationship. The program promotes knowledge exchange, leadership, and professional growth among alumni, reinforcing Ajman University's commitment to lifelong learning and community empowerment.

3. Office of Sustainability

Ajman University's Office of Sustainability champions environmental stewardship and community engagement through its Greening Communities initiatives and active participation in UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership. This collaboration enables the University to design and implement impactful projects that go beyond preserving the rich biodiversity of Ajman and neighboring emirates, creating a living-learning environment where sustainability is practiced regularly. The Office leads environmental campaigns, research projects, and hands-on activities such as mangrove planting—welcoming students, faculty, staff, and their families, as well as high school volunteers from the local community. By engaging diverse participants in these efforts, Ajman University fosters environmental responsibility, strengthens community bonds, and inspires collective action toward a more sustainable future.

The following examples highlight the breadth of AU's sustainability education initiatives that extend learning beyond campus and empower the wider community:

3.1. Sustainability Lifelong Learning

AU, through the Office of Sustainability is committed to comprehensive sustainability education for its students, faculty, and staff, with optional access for the general public. The university offers specialized training in two main areas:

Environmental Sustainability Training: Covers critical topics like climate change, resource conservation, energy efficiency, decarbonization, circular economy, food security, biodiversity, climate justice, and more.

Social Impact Training: Focuses on social responsibility, diversity, community engagement, ethical leadership, health and safety, women empowerment, mental health, and more.

AU ensures its community receives an average of 25 hours of sustainability training annually, embedding these themes throughout its curriculum and fostering active participation in creating a sustainable future.

To view a detailed list of all previous trainings, please follow the links below:

- Environmental Sustainability Training
- Social Impact Training

3.2. AU Climate Action Learning Program

Empowering the Community for a Sustainable Future: Climate Change Training Courses

Ajman University offers comprehensive climate change training courses to equip individuals with the skills and knowledge to tackle global climate challenges. In collaboration with Coursera, the UN Climate Change Learning Partnership, and the UN Institute for Training and Research, these courses cover topics such as sustainable finance, renewable energy, and climate resilience.

The courses are tailored for students, educators, professionals, and concerned citizens, empowering participants to take meaningful action. Core courses are mandatory for the AU community, with additional optional courses available for specialized learning.

3.3. The Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education (EAUC) | Partnerships

Ajman University continues its partnership with the Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education (EAUC), a prestigious global network of over 285 universities, including Oxford and Imperial College London. Since joining the alliance in late 2022, AU has remained the sole UAE member and the second in the MENA region, reinforcing its leadership in sustainability education. The EAUC promotes a holistic approach to sustainability across leadership, governance, operations, and teaching, providing AU with access to global best practices, resources, and collaboration opportunities. Through this ongoing partnership, AU advances its efforts to integrate sustainability in curricula, reduce its environmental footprint, and strengthen global recognition. Students, faculty, and staff may register for free EAUC membership, gaining access to international networks and learning opportunities that empower them to contribute to a more sustainable future.

3.4. Development Sessions and Events Promoting leadership in Sustainability

Ajman University's Office of Sustainability plays a key role in promoting environmental responsibility across the UAE. It conducts interactive workshops and sessions on Environmental Health, Safety, and Sustainability throughout the year, both on campus and in local schools, equipping participants with the knowledge and skills needed for leadership in sustainability. To extend the impact of these initiatives, the Office provides free online access to learning materials through a dedicated webpage, allowing students, faculty, staff, and the general public to continue their sustainability education anytime. The following open-access resources are available for all users:

- 1. Emergency Plan & Procedures Workshop
- 2. Sustainable Development Goals and ESG in Higher Education
- 3. Understanding Sustainability Junior School Groups
- 4. Understanding Sustainability Senior School Groups
- 5. Workshop on Sustainable Nudges
- 6. SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation Workshop Presentation
- 7. A Healthy Planet, a Healthy You: The Connection Between Sustainability and Healthcare Awareness Session
- 8. <u>The Climate Dictionary Workshop</u>



3.5. Ajman University Wins QS Reimagine Education Award 2024 for Sustainability Education Action

Ajman University received the prestigious QS 2024 Reimagine Education Award in Sustainability Education Action category for its pioneering "Greening Communities: Mangrove Planting Project." Led by the Office of Sustainability in collaboration with Al Zorah Development Private Company and Quest for Adventure, the initiative engages students and local communities in restoring mangrove ecosystems, aligning with the UAE's target to plant 100 million mangrove trees by 2030.



The award recognizes Ajman University's strong commitment to environmental education and community engagement. Through workshops and awareness programs, the initiative equips participants with the skills to address environmental challenges and promotes advocacy for climate action and sustainability. Reflecting on this milestone, Dr. Karim Seghir, Chancellor of Ajman University, described the recognition as a powerful affirmation of AU's leadership in sustainability and its dedication to empowering youth and communities toward a greener future.

3.6. Mangrove Planting and Clean-Up Initiative at Al Zorah Golf Club

The Office of Sustainability at Ajman University organized a Mangrove Planting and Clean-Up Initiative at Al Zorah Golf Club to raise environmental awareness and promote biodiversity conservation. Around 25 students and staff volunteers participated, planting mangrove trees and collecting plastic waste to protect marine life and reduce pollution. The activity highlighted the ecological importance of mangroves in coastal protection and biodiversity,



while reinforcing AU's commitment to community engagement and environmental stewardship for a sustainable future.

3.7. Ajman University Community Participates in the "Clean UAE 2024" Campaign to Promote **Environmental Sustainability**

Ajman University community members, students, and their families participated in the 23rd "Clean UAE 2024" campaign, organized by the Emirates Environmental Group under the patronage of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment. The initiative reflected AU's strong commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement, raising awareness on waste management, resource conservation, and ecofriendly practices. Through this experience, participants gained practical insights into environmental challenges, strengthened their sense of social responsibility, and



















contributed to nationwide efforts promoting sustainable development and environmental preservation.

3.8. <u>Ajman University Students Participate in the Youth Sustainability Leaders Symposium at</u> Khalifa University

Ajman University students participated in the Youth Sustainability Leaders Symposium at Khalifa University, showcasing their "Sustaina" initiative launched during AU's Sustainability Week. The student-led program featured activities aligned with various SDGs—ranging from clean energy and marine conservation to responsible consumption and climate action—and included the launch of the "Sustaina" emagazine to document and promote sustainability efforts. Their participation highlighted commitment to empowering students as sustainability leaders through experiential learning, collaboration, and innovation toward a greener future.









3.9. Ajman University Student Showcases Groundbreaking Air Quality Improvement Project at COP29

Ajman University undergraduate Doaa Al Alimi represented AU at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, presenting her award-winning Electric Green Pot project—a sustainable, energy-efficient solution that purifies air, captures carbon, and promotes plant growth. Developed with her colleagues Shaima Hussein and Bibi Hashimi, the innovation promotes agricultural sustainability while addressing global air pollution challenges. The project, which won the



Green Campus Competition among 70 entries from 15 universities, reflects AU's strong emphasis on student-led sustainability innovation.

Supported by the Office of Sustainability and mentored through ICARDA, the initiative demonstrates how higher education can empower youth to apply research and creativity to real-world environmental problems. By showcasing their work at the UAE Pavilion at COP29, AU students contributed to international climate dialogue, embodying the university's commitment to sustainability education, community impact, and the advancement of global environmental solutions.



3.10. <u>Ajman University Students Participate in the 24th Inter-College Environmental Public</u> Speaking Competition

Ajman University students participated in the 24th Inter-College Environmental Public Speaking Competition, organized by the Emirates Environmental Group (EEG) and hosted by the Higher Colleges of Technology – Dubai. The event served as a platform for youth-led environmental dialogue, where AU students from various colleges presented innovative solutions under themes such as "Green Innovation: Visions for the Cities of Tomorrow" and "Preserving Ocean Balance: Understanding Planetary Security." Competing among 534 students from 16 countries, participants









demonstrated their commitment to sustainability, critical thinking, and collaborative problem-solving. AU's involvement reflects its dedication to empowering students as advocates for environmental awareness and equipping them with the knowledge and skills to address global sustainability challenges.

4. Office of Students Housing Initiatives and Activities Towards Sustainability

4.1. World Diabetes Day Celebration at AU Male Dormitory

The Office of Student Housing, in collaboration with the Office of Medical Services, organized a World Diabetes Day event at the AU Male Dormitory under the theme "Diabetes and Well-Being." The activity featured free health assessments, including blood pressure and blood sugar testing, BMI checks, and personalized counseling sessions to raise awareness about diabetes prevention and healthy living. Participants also received refreshments and certificates, reinforcing the importance of well-being and encouraging a healthier, more informed AU community.









4.2. Empowering Women's Health: Holistic Wellness Assessments

The Office of Student Housing, in collaboration with the Office of Medical Services, organized the "Empowering Women's Health: Holistic Wellness Assessments" event to promote preventive care and well-being among female students residing in the AU hostel. Aligned with UN SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being, the initiative offered BMI calculations, blood sugar checks, and monitoring of vital signs, while providing students with personalized health advice from medical professionals. The event fostered greater health awareness, encouraged open dialogue









on wellness, and reflected AU's commitment to empowering women and supporting their holistic development.

4.3. Empowering Female Hostel Residents through Sustainable Interior Design for Climate Change

The Office of Student Housing, in collaboration with the College of Architecture, Art, and Design, organized a Sustainable Interior Design Workshop led by Mrs. Dina Ibrahim, focusing on aligning with the UN SDGs for Sustainable Cities and Communities. The session educated students on eco-friendly design principles such as maximizing natural light, reducing waste, and using sustainable or upcycled materials to create climate-resilient living spaces. Participants shared ideas on building safe and sustainable environments, fostering environmental awareness, creativity, and responsible design



practices that contribute to climate change mitigation and community well-being.

4.4. Allies for Gender Equity

The Office of Student Housing, in collaboration with the Counseling Unit, hosted a debating session titled "SDG 5: Allies for Gender Equity," led by Dr. Dalia Bedewy. The event explored the distinction between gender and sex, the influence of gender roles on participation, and the importance of embracing diversity among women. It empowered female hostel residents to become advocates for inclusion and equality, encouraging them to promote gender equity and positive social change within their communities and beyond.



5. Office of Community Engagement Programs and Activities

Ajman University's **Office of Community Engagement**, through its **Community Service Unit (CSU)**, plays a vital role in extending education beyond the classroom by promoting civic responsibility, sustainability awareness, and social development. The CSU organizes a wide range of activities throughout the academic year, including workshops, seminars, field visits, and awareness sessions addressing human development, social issues, and environmental sustainability. It also facilitates industrial visits to government and private organizations, providing students with practical exposure and experiential learning opportunities that strengthen their understanding of real-world challenges.

In addition, the CSU encourages students to participate in local, regional, and international competitions and community service projects, fostering leadership, collaboration, and a spirit of volunteerism. Reports on community service initiatives from previous years are made publicly available, ensuring transparency and continuous engagement with the wider community.



Community Service Activities Reports:

- Community Service Activities 2024 2025
- Community Service Activities 2023 2024
- Community Service Activities 2022 2023
- Community Service Activities 2021 2022
- Community Service Activities 2020 2021
- Community Service Activities 2019 2020
- Community Service Activities 2018 2019

6. Library Resources

Ajman University (AU) Library actively engages in educational outreach activities aimed at supporting the local community and enhancing access to information. Key initiatives include:

<u>Community Users Services & Resources</u>: The library is open to all community members in Ajman Emirate, including students aged 15 and above, researchers from other universities, and Ajman government employees.

<u>Open Access Resources</u>: AU offers a range of freely accessible electronic materials, such as data, books, and scholarly articles. These resources are available without permission or fees, providing essential support for scholarly research amid rising costs and limited library budgets.

<u>Donations Program</u>: The library runs a program for donating books and other research materials, annually supporting low-income communities. This initiative reflects AU's commitment to contributing to global educational efforts.

6.1. <u>The Office of Community Engagement and the University Library Celebrates International</u> Day of Education

Ajman University's Office of Community Engagement, in collaboration with the University Library, celebrated the International Day of Education through storytelling sessions at Al Ahlia Charity School. Thirteen AU volunteers participated in the activity, inspiring children to develop a love for reading and learning. A total of 300 books were distributed, marking 39 volunteer hours dedicated to this meaningful event. Held under the UNESCO



theme "Learning for Lasting Peace," the celebration emphasized education as a fundamental human right and a cornerstone for building sustainable and peaceful societies. Shadi Abu Khaled, Director of the Office of Community Engagement, highlighted the vital role of collaboration in promoting education and empowering future leaders, noting that initiatives like this foster community engagement, team spirit, and positive interaction among diverse partners.

6.2. <u>AU Library and the Office of Community Engagement Donated 8,000 Books to Sharjah City</u> for Humanitarian Services

In September 2024, Ajman University, through its Library and the Office of Community Engagement, demonstrated its dedication to lifelong learning and social responsibility by donating approximately 8,000 books to the Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services. The donated books are sold at the Al Warraqin Used Books Festival and through regular weekend sales, with proceeds benefiting the centers for People of Determination. This initiative reflects AU's ongoing commitment to sustainability, education accessibility, and community empowerment, promoting education for sustainable development within the wider community.

7. Colleges Learning Resources and Educational Outreach

- CEIT- Student Development Sessions & Events (ajman.ac.ae)
- CAAD Student Development Sessions and Events (ajman.ac.ae)
- CoHS Student Development Sessions & Events

7.1. Data Analytics Student at Ajman University Pioneers Al Solution to Revolutionize Job Search

Ajman University Data Analytics student Maryam Hesham developed the innovative Ajman Job Connect platform during her internship at the Department of Digital Ajman, applying AI and machine learning to improve job matching between candidates and employers. Presented at GITEX Dubai under the theme "Ajman Data Community: Made by Students," the project features a voice-based interface that enhances accessibility for people of determination, reflecting inclusive and socially driven innovation. Supported by AU mentors and industry experts, this initiative demonstrates how AU's educational environment empowers students to apply technology for community benefit, promoting lifelong learning, inclusivity, and digital transformation beyond the campus.

7.2. <u>Mass Communication Students Showcase Creativity through Radio and TV Graduation</u> Projects

Mass Communication students at Ajman University showcased their creativity and professionalism through graduation projects in Radio and Television Production, supervised by Dr. Aliaa Antar. The students produced six documentaries, three television commercials, and a short fiction film addressing meaningful themes such as women's empowerment, entrepreneurship, the Emirati Genome Program, and mental health awareness. Attended by college leadership and faculty, the



event reflected the students' ability to apply academic learning to real-world issues, demonstrating their readiness to contribute to the media industry and promote social awareness through creative storytelling.



7.3. <u>The College of Law hosts The College of Humanities and Sciences Organizes a Cultural</u> Initiative to Promote Emirati Heritage Among Students

The College of Humanities and Sciences organized a cultural initiative at the Al-Shohouh Association for Culture and Heritage to educate students about Emirati customs, traditions, and national identity. By engaging students in traditional arts and interactive discussions, the initiative fostered appreciation for local heritage and encouraged youth participation in preserving and promoting the UAE's cultural legacy.



7.4. Ajman University Students Excel at Pathway to Net-Zero Competition by BEEAH

Ajman University's College of Business Administration, in collaboration with the BEEAH Group, hosted the second annual "Pathway to Net Zero: Innovating for a Sustainable Future" competition, engaging students in developing realworld solutions to reduce carbon emissions. Through the application of design thinking and alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, participants enhanced their problem-



solving, teamwork, and innovation skills while addressing critical environmental challenges. The top three winning teams—all from Ajman University, presented creative solutions such as energy-efficient airconditioning systems, artificial carbon-absorbing trees, and algae-based air purification. The initiative highlights AU's commitment to experiential learning and empowering students to contribute to climate action and sustainable development.

7.5. <u>The College of Mass Communication Participates in a Seminar on "The Role of Media</u> Psychology in Shaping Youth Values and Attitudes"

The College of Mass Communication participated in a seminar titled "The Role of Media Psychology in Shaping Youth Values and Attitudes," held as part of the Sociological Association's cultural program during the 2024 Sharjah International Book Fair. Presented by Dr. Amal Badr, the session explored how media influences youth perceptions, values, and behaviors, emphasizing the importance of responsible communication and dialogue in promoting social and ethical development. The seminar fostered awareness of the media's educational role in shaping positive societal change and empowering young people to think critically and engage constructively with information in the digital age.

7.6. <u>Ajman University Women Empowerment Council Highlights Breast Cancer Awareness</u> Through Pink October Campaign

Ajman University's Women Empowerment Council (AUWEC) led the month-long Pink October campaign in

















recognition of World Breast Cancer Awareness Month, organizing screening camps, educational sessions, and survivor talks to raise awareness and foster community involvement.

The campaign, themed "Goodbye October, Hello Hope," concluded with a symbolic Tree of Hope activity representing courage and solidarity. Through student-led outreach visits, including awareness presentations at Sharjah International School, and the inspiring participation of survivors and faculty, the initiative promoted preventive health education, compassion, and empowerment, strengthening community engagement and advancing health awareness for sustainable well-being.

8. Deanship of Student Services

The **Deanship of Student Services (DSS)** at Ajman University plays a vital role in supporting student engagement, personal growth, and holistic well-being. It oversees **co-curricular and extra-curricular programs** that enhance student development and leadership while fostering an inclusive, diverse, and wellness-promoting campus environment. Through its initiatives, the DSS empowers students to become lifelong learners and responsible global citizens.

The Deanship operates through several key offices including the **Student Life Office**, **Student Housing Office**, **Counseling Unit**, **Center for Inclusive Learning**, and **Student Success Center**, each dedicated to providing specialized support and opportunities that complement academic learning.

For more information, please refer to the following resources:

- IFEMH 2024 Ajman University's 3rd International Forum on Education and Mental Health
- <u>DSS Newsletters</u> Monthly publication showcasing activities and achievements across DSS units
- Student Success Center Past Activities Records of student success initiatives and workshops
- <u>Counseling Unit Workshops</u> Programs designed to strengthen students' emotional resilience and life skills
- <u>Center for Inclusive Learning</u> Promotes equitable and accessible education through academic
 accommodations, assistive technology, counseling, and parental support. The Center also conducts
 awareness programs and provides scholarships for People of Determination, exemplifying AU's
 commitment to inclusion and partnership in education in alignment with SDG 17 (Partnerships for
 the Goals).



• Counseling Unit Resources - Ajman University's <u>Counseling Unit</u> provides confidential and professional support to help students enhance their emotional well-being, build resilience, and achieve both academic and personal success. The unit offers individual counseling, self-help resources, and workshops designed to promote mental health awareness and personal growth. It also coordinates activities throughout the year, including wellness campaigns and peer engagement programs, and provides disability support services to ensure inclusivity and equal access to learning. Guided by the Counseling Policy, the unit fosters a supportive and compassionate environment that empowers students to overcome challenges, develop coping strategies, and reach their full potential.

9. Deanship of Student Services: Internal and Outreach Educational Activities:

9.1. Eating Disorder Awareness Day Organized by AU Pediatrics and Psychiatry Clubs

The AU Pediatrics and Psychiatry Clubs jointly organized an Eating Disorder Awareness Day to raise awareness of the mental and physical impacts of eating disorders and the importance of early intervention. The event featured informative sessions and discussions on the types, warning signs, and management of eating disorders, emphasizing the role of empathy and support in recovery. Through this initiative, students and faculty promoted mental health awareness and encouraged



open dialogue about seeking help and supporting those affected.

9.2. European Network for Academic Integrity (ENAI)

On December 5, 2024, Ajman University participated in the Al Roundtable Discussion and Award Ceremony organized by the European Network for Academic Integrity (ENAI) at the University of Wollongong. Professor Nadir Kheir, Manager of the Student Success Center (SSC), served as Chair and Facilitator of the event, which followed the Teacher Incubator Program held in October engaging over 50 educators in interactive workshops and discussions. The roundtable addressed the opportunities and challenges of Artificial Intelligence and its transformative role in education. A Green Al paper on Generative Al Policy for Education in the UAE, co-authored by Professor Kheir, was also launched during the event. Obaya Bezeid, Project Coordinator at the SSC and Member of the ENAI Student Board, represented AU as a participant.



9.3. <u>Ajman University's Counseling Unit Launches "Ataa" Initiative to Enhance the Values of Giving and Volunteering</u>

Ajman University's Counseling Unit launched the "Ataa" initiative to inspire students to share their skills and creativity through volunteer work that benefits the wider community. The initiative promotes learning beyond the classroom by fostering collaboration, empathy, and civic responsibility. Its first activity—a painting workshop at Shola American School—allowed AU psychology student Abdul Razzaq Ali Al-Hadheer to teach young learners creative expression while



encouraging their love for learning. Through "Ataa," the Counseling Unit reinforces Ajman University's commitment to experiential education, volunteerism, and community engagement that supports personal and social development.

9.4. Ajman University Participates in "Expo 971" Festival Celebrating Emirati Heritage

Ajman University participated in the "Expo 971" cultural festival, organized by the Ruwak Ousha Bint Hussein Cultural Foundation under the theme "Heritage... Our Identity." Held at Mushrif National Park in Dubai, the event celebrated Emirati culture through art exhibitions, heritage crafts, performances, and interactive workshops. AU's involvement reflected its dedication to community engagement and cultural sustainability, encouraging students and



faculty to contribute to the preservation of national heritage and to promote awareness of the UAE's identity, traditions, and values among younger generations.

9.5. Emirates Red Crescent Club Excels in Aoun University Award for Community Service

The Emirates Red Crescent Club at Ajman University's Office of Student Life participated in the 12th Aoun University Award for Community Service, organized by the UAE Red Crescent Authority. Focusing on humanitarian and social support for modest-income families, orphans, people of determination, and senior citizens, AU students implemented several initiatives, including "Together We Create Joy," "Happiness Breakfast," and "Dental Care." Their proposed project, "Our Child Card," offering discounts for orphaned children, received strong



recognition from the organizing committee. These activities reflect AU students' dedication to community service, social responsibility, and fostering compassion through experiential learning and volunteerism.



9.6. The Fine Arts Center Organizes Oil Painting Workshop at Al Qasimia University

Ajman University's Fine Arts Center organized an oil painting workshop at Al Qasimia University as part of the "Artistic Radiance" competition, led by Ms. Mona Mohammed, Senior Officer of Arts and Student Activities. The workshop brought together students from universities across the UAE and GCC, focusing on techniques such as color gradation, pointillism, and the realistic depiction of architectural elements like domes and minarets. This collaborative art initiative promoted creative learning, cultural appreciation, and inter-university engagement, reflecting AU's



commitment to artistic education and community outreach.

9.7. "Draw Their Smiles with My Brush" Charity Exhibition

Students from Ajman University's Fine Arts Center participated in the "Draw Their Smiles with My Brush" charity exhibition, held under the patronage of Sheikh Majid Al Nuaimi at City University Ajman. Featuring 50 student artworks available for purchase or donation, the event aimed to support charitable organizations assisting orphans. The exhibition combined creativity with compassion, using art as a means to promote social responsibility and community engagement, while nurturing students' awareness of the role of art in contributing to humanitarian causes.



9.8. Prof. Nadir Kheir Presents on Academic Integrity and AI Ethics at Zayed University Symposium

On May 4, 2024, Prof. Nadir Kheir, Professor at the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and Manager of the Student Success Center (SSC) at Ajman University, delivered a presentation titled "Academic Integrity: The Ethical Dilemma in Academia" at the Academic Integrity Symposium hosted by Zayed University. His talk explored the ethical challenges of upholding academic integrity in the era of artificial intelligence, addressing issues such as predatory publishing and the responsible use of AI tools like ChatGPT. The presentation emphasized the importance of ethical awareness, integrity in



research, and responsible technological adoption, reinforcing AU's commitment to promoting ethical scholarship and sustainable academic practices.

9.9. Ajman University Clubs Celebrate International Happiness Day with Orphaned Children

The Youth Initiatives Club and Dental Anastomosis Club under Ajman University's Office of Student Life celebrated International Happiness Day by hosting an iftar dinner for 40 orphaned children, aiming to spread joy, promote optimism, and strengthen community ties. The event featured interactive games, competitions, and gift-giving, alongside free dental check-ups provided by the College of Dentistry, reflecting AU's dedication to community health and wellbeing. This initiative demonstrates how AU



integrates compassion, service learning, and social responsibility into student activities, fostering collaboration, empathy, and meaningful engagement with the wider community.

9.10. Student Clubs Organize Tuberculosis Awareness Events for Sharjah International Private School Students

To mark World Tuberculosis Day, Ajman University's White Hearts Club and Internal Medicine Club, under the Office of Student Life, organized an awareness event for Sharjah International Private School students. The program featured educational discussions. and interactive sessions. competitions on TB prevention, treatment, and early detection, complemented by a university orientation tour with the Unit of



Student Recruitment. The initiative not only enhanced public health awareness but also promoted educational outreach, inspiring school students to pursue higher education while reinforcing AU's commitment to community engagement, health education, and lifelong learning.