



# Internal Weekly Bulletin

## Public Relations Office

To be published on Monday,  
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### 1. From the Vice President for Development

#### Friends of Bethlehem University Appointed to Synod by Pope Benedict

Pope Benedict XVI appointed four Bishops from the United States to participate in the World Synod of Bishops from 5-26 October 2009 to explore the theme "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." The Pope appointed:

- Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, president of the U.S. Episcopal conference;
- Bishop Gerald Kicanas of Tucson, Arizona, vice president of the conference;
- Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Houston, Texas; and
- Archbishop Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C.

Cardinal George and Bishop Kicanas recently visited Bethlehem University. Please pray for the success of this upcoming synod and join us in expressing congratulations to the appointees.

### 2. From the Assistant Academic Vice President

- The 2008 Program Components of the Palestinian Faculty Development Program will be presented by **AMIDEAST** representatives on Thurs, 6 March, Social Cultural Center Conference Room at 11:00 a.m.

#### **For Faculty, Students and Graduates:**

- DAAD programs for 2009 will be presented by **Dr. Helga Baumgarten** from DAAD on Friday 14 March 2008 in L-002 (Audio-Visual Room, Basement, Library):
  - **First Session** at 10am for those interested in applying for an MA Degree.
  - **Second session** at 11am for those interested in applying for a Ph.D. Degree and for faculty members who wish to apply for a short summer visit to Germany.

### 3. From the Dean of Students Office

In cooperation with the Social Committee of the Student Senate, the Dean of Students Office is organizing a visit to the Arab American University, on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Everybody is invited to join us. The visit will include visits to different departments of the University and include social and athletic activities as well as Dabkah performances. For registration, please contact Dean of Students Office no later than Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Costs per person are 45 NIS for transportation expenses.

### 4. From the Athletic Department

- The Tai Chi classes will start on Wednesday, March 5 at 4:00 in the Auditorium. Those who like to join, be there with your sport clothes.
- The University Men's Basketball team will participate in the Palestinian Universities Championship next Wednesday and Thursday 5, 6 March at the Catholic Action Sport Center in Bethlehem.
- The Athletic Director Mrs. Samar Araj Mousa will attend the "IV IOC World Conference on Women and Sport in Jordan from 8-10 March 2008. She will represent Palestine.



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### 5. Mark Your Calendar

Date	Event / Activity	Time	Location
5 March	Tai Chi classes begin, sponsored by the Athletics Department	4pm	Auditorium
5-6 March	University Men's Basketball team will participate in the Palestinian Universities Championship	TBA	Catholic Action Sport Center in Bethlehem
6 March	The 2008 Program Components of the Palestinian Faculty Development Program, AMIDEAST		
7-8 March	Annual Science Fair sponsored by the Science Faculty and Students	9:00am-4:00pm	Science Building Classrooms
9 March	Student Visit to the Arab American University in Jenin sponsored by the Dean of Students Office and the Social Committee of the Student Senate	TBA	Jenin
13 March	Career Day sponsored by the Student Counseling Office		
14 March	DAAD programs for 2009 will be presented by Dr. Helga Baumgarten of DAAD	10am: MA 11am: PhD	L-002: Audio-Visual Room
20-24 March	Latin Easter Holiday: University Closed	All Day	Campus-wide
10-12 April	"Reading and Technology at the Service of Everyone" Book-Technology Celebration Sponsored by the Library		Library
16-17 April	"Brain Gym" and "Quantum Touch Healing" Workshops sponsored by the Quality Assurance Office	TBA	Furno Hall
24-28 April	Orthodox Easter Holiday: University Closed	All Day	Campus-wide
1 May	Labor Day: University Closed	All Day	Campus-wide
6-7 May	"Lasallian Seeds: Towards a Network of Education for Development" Conference sponsored by the Quality Assurance Office	TBA	Furno Hall
15 May	De La Salle Day and Staff Recognition sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management: No Classes, Offices Closed	TBA	TBA
16 May	Last Day of Classes for Spring 2008 Semester	All Day	Campus-wide
19-24 May	Final Exams for Spring 2008 Semester organized by the Registrars' Office	All Day	TBA
6-7 June	Palestinian Women Literature Conference sponsored by the Arabic Department	TBA	TBA
9 June	Summer 2008 Semester Classes Begin	TBA	Campus-wide
13 June	Graduation	TBA	Amphitheater
15 June-17 August	The Palestinian Summer Celebration 2008 sponsored by Siraj Center for Holy Land Studies in partnership with Bethlehem University and the Society for Biblical Studies.	Afternoon classes	Campus-wide
21 July	Last Day of Classes for Summer 2008 Semester	All Day	Campus-wide
22-23 July	Final Exams for Summer 2008 Semester organized by the Registrars' Office	All Day	TBA
31 August	Isra' wa Mi'raj: University Closed	All Day	Campus-wide

### Visitors

Day	Date	Group	Country	#	Time
Mon.	Mar. 3	Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, Memphis	USA	34	11:00
Tue.	Mar. 4	Mr. Conor O'Riordan, the Representative of Ireland and other Irish Parliamentarians	Ireland	10	11:00
Wed.	Mar. 5	United Methodist Church, Sun City, Arizona Rev. Larry Gerber	USA	13	13:00
Thu.	Mar. 6	Presbyterian Church from Pittsburgh, PA Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes	USA	44	10:30
Fri.	Mar. 7	Father Paul Madison Group	UK	20	10:30

Sun.	Mar. 9	Municipality of Cologne Delegation	Germany	19	12:30
Wed.	Mar. 12	Franciscan Group from North Carolina Fr. Jacek Orzechowski	USA	20	14:00
Thu.	Mar. 13	Mr. Helmut Roehebein-Viehoff and group	Germany	18	10:30
Wed.	Mar. 19	Fr. Ruedi Beck – Bassel	Switzerland	170	10:00
Mon.	Mar. 31	Bishop Michael Evans	UK	4	10:00
Mon.	Apr. 14	Father Paul Madison Group	UK	12	10:30
Mon.	Apr. 14	Catholic Relief Services	USA	33	11:00
Wed.	May 21	Knights of the Holy Sepulcher	Belgium	42	11:00
Thu.	Sep. 25	Catholic Theological Union, Chicago Sister Barbara Blesse, OP	USA	20	11:00
Thu.	Oct. 16	Teresian Association and others	USA/Canada	37	11:00