



Internal Weekly Bulletin

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1. From the Office of the Vice President for Finances and Planning

Salaries for the month of April will be paid on Thursday, 30 April. Bank transfers will be made on that date. Payslips may be picked up from Mrs. Mary Al-Alam Zeit starting on Wednesday, 29 April.

2. From the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Academic affairs

- We received from Consulate General of Spain in Jerusalem that Sevilla University in Spain offers 30 scholarships for the academic year 2009/2010. Fifteen scholarships for Master Degree and fifteen scholarships for Bachelor Degree. All related information can be accessed through the web page: www.internacional.us.es. Deadline of the applications is Friday, 15 May.
- We would like to draw your attention to the following subjects posted at the Webpage under the title "Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs":
 - To all BU Faculty: AMIDEAST/ Teaching Excellence Award and Seminar for Excellence in Teaching. Deadline Thursday, 30 April.
 - To all BU staff: Training Programs of up to 3 Months in India.
 - Arab-American University (AAUJ) announced for the "The Eng Zuhair Hisham Hijjawi Awards for Scientific Research for 2008/2009". More information is posted on the BU Intranet under Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs on the main Intranet homepage. Deadline for submitting the scientific work is Friday, 01 May.
 - The 6th Conference of the Arab Council for Gifted and Talented will be held at Jordan through 26 – 28 July 2009
- Now available in the library under "Periodicals Sections":
 - Association of Arab Universities
 - Arab Administrative Development Organization.

3. From the Arabic Department

Prof. Qustandi Shomali presented a paper entitled "A Semiotic Reading of the Political Terminology in the Palestinian Press" in the conference "Terminology, Politics, Culture and Media" organized by the Ministry of Information which was held on Thursday, 9 April in Ramallah.

4. from the Athletics Department

Congratulation to the BU Basketball men team for winning the second place in the Palestinian Universities basketball Championship which was held on Thursday, 23 April in Action Club Sport Center in Bethlehem.

5. From the Institute for Community Partnership (ICP)

Because of some technical reasons the Institute for community Partnership has to postpone the graduation of Online Professional Diplomas "Project Management" and "E-Business" that was supposed to be on Wednesday, 29 April until next month. We will announce the new date soon.

6. From the BU Research Team "Rachel: An Alien in Her Hometown?"

Do you know anything about Rachel? Do you remember something significant about Rachel's Tomb? Or, perhaps, do you recall personal stories about Bilal Ibn Rabah Mosque? There will be a presentation on Thursday, 7 May from 11:00 AM to 13:00 PM in room M-103, which will be introduced by a slideshow of historic and modern photos taken in and around Rachel's Tomb. Please join us in the making of a BU research project: Rachel, An Alien in her Hometown. Come to share your knowledge, memories and stories about a special heritage site which belongs to Bethlehem and to people of all faiths.

7. From Luisa Lopez and Tirso Eduardo Diego

You are welcome to join us to attend the International book day held on Tuesday, 28 April at 12:00 pm in Furno Hall. Join us and read your favorite author.

8. Your Calendar

Day	Date	Event / Activity	Time	Location
Mon.	27 Apr.	4 th Year Student Registration for Fall 2009 Semester organized by the Registrars' Office	8:00-15:30	
Tue	28 Apr.	3 rd Year Student Registration for Fall 2009 Semester, organized by the Registrars' Office	8:00-15:30	
Tue.	28 Apr.	"International book day", organized by Luisa Lopez and Tirso Eduardo Diego	12:00	Furno Hall
Tue.	28 Apr.	"The Oil Market Play", organized by ICP	13:00 PM	Auditorium
Wed.	29 Apr.	2 nd Year Student Registration (Business and Science) for Fall 2009 Semester, organized by the Registrars' Office	8:00-15:30	
Thu.	30 Apr.	2 nd Year Student Registration (Arts, Education, Nursing and HOTM) for Fall 2009 Semester, organized by the Registrars' Office	8:00-15:30	
Fri.	1 May	Labor Day: University Offices Closed, No Classes	All Day	Campus-wide
Tue.	5 May	Campaign for the Student Senate Elections, organized by the Office of the Dean of Students, Student Senate and Election Committee	11:00-13:00	Campus-wide
Wed.	6 May	Student Senate Elections, organized by the Office of the Dean of Students, Student Senate and Election Committee	All Day	Campus-wide
Thu.	7 May	Presentation: "Rachel: An Alien in Her Hometown?", the BU Research Team	11:00 AM – 13:00 PM	M 103
Wed.	13 May	His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI Visit to Bethlehem: No Classes, University Offices Closed		
Fri.	15 May	De La Salle Day and Staff Recognition sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management: No Classes, University Offices Closed		
Tue.	19 May	"The Palestinian Social and Human Dimensions in the Creative Works of Mahmoud Darwish", The Department of Social Sciences	8:30 AM-16:30 PM	Furno Hall
Fri.	22 May	Last Day of Classes for Spring 2009 Semester	All Day	Campus-wide
Mon.-Tue.	25-26 May	Final Exams for Spring 2009 Semester organized by the Registrars' Office		
Thu.-Sat.	28-30 May	Final Exams for Spring 2009 Semester organized by the Registrars' Office		
Mon.-Tue.	1-2 Jun.	Final Exams for Spring 2009 Semester organized by the Registrars' Office		
		Final date and Time for Faculty to submit grades for Spring 2009 Semester	8:00 AM	Registrar
		On-Line Grades for Spring 2009 Semester Available for Students		
Thu.-Fri	4-5 June	Forth International Conference on Palestinian Literature "The Palestinian Oral Cultural Heritage", organized by the Arabic Department		
Mon.	15 Jun.	Summer 2009 Semester Classes Begin	TBA	Campus-wide
Fri.	19 Jun.	Graduation		
Sat.	18 Jul.	Isra' Wa Miraj		
Mon.	27 Jul.	Last Day of Classes for Summer 2009 Semester		
Tue.-Wed.	28-29 Jul.	Final Exams for Summer 2009 Semester organized by the Registrars' Office	All Day	TBA
		Entrance Exams for Fall 2009 Semester organized by the Office for Academic Affairs		
		Admissions Committee for Fall 2009 Semester		

Tue. – Thu.	18-20 Aug.	Orientation for new Students organized by the Office of the Dean of Students		Auditorium
		Accepted Students for Fall 2009 Semester Published in Newspapers		
Fri.	21 Aug.	Faculty and Staff Meeting		
Mon.	24 Aug.	First Day of Class for Fall 2009 Semester		
		Add/Drop Period		
Mon.-Wed.	21-22 Sept.	Eid Al Fitr: University Closed, No Classes		
Sun.	15 Nov.	Independent Day		
Thu.-Mon.	26-30 Nov.	Eid Al Adha: No Classes, University Offices Closed		
Mon.-Thu.	14-17 Dec.	Final Exams for Fall 2009 Semester		
Fri.	18 Dec.	Al Hijra: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Mon.-Tue.	21-22 Dec.	Final Exams for Fall 2009 Semester		
		Grade Reports Available		
		Registration		
Thu.-Sat.	24-26 Dec.	Latin Christmas: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
		Year 2010		
Fri.	1 Jan.	Latin New Year: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Wed.-Fri.	6-8 Jan.	Orthodox Christmas: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Thu.	14 Jan.	Orthodox New Year: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Fri.	22 Jan.	Faculty and Staff Meeting for Spring 2010		
Mon.	25 Jan.	First Day of Class for Spring 2010 Semester		
		Add/Drop Period		
Fri.	26 Feb.	Mawlid An-Nabi: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Thu.-Mon.	1-5 Apr.	Latin and Orthodox Easter: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Sat.	1 May	Labour Day		
Sat.	15 May	De La Salle		
Mon.-Tue.	17-25 May	Final Exams for Spring 2010 Semester		
Wed.	9 Jun.	Isra' Wa Miraj: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Fri.	11 June	Graduation		
Mon.	14 June	Summer 2010 Semester Classes Begin		
Fri.	23 July	Last Day of Classes for Summer 2010 Semester		
Mon.-Tue.	26-27 July	Final Exams for Summer 2010 Semester organized by the Registrars' Office	All Day	TBA

Visitors

Day	Date	Group	Country	#	Time
Thu.	Apr. 29	Aid to the Church in Need	German	2	10:30
Fri.	Apr. 30	Dr. Michael Whelan and friends Group	England and Wales	49	11:00
Mon.	Jul. 27	French Group Students	France	2000	
Sun.-Sun.	Oct. 11-18	Dr. Detlef Brummer	Germany		
Wed.	Mar. 17, 2010	Sister Mary Meier Group	USA	30	11:00