04 October 2010

1. **From the Vice Chancellor**

"Anniversary of the Founding: Yesterday, 3 October, was the 37th anniversary of the beginning of Bethlehem University, the first University on the West Bank. It is important to remember the day when Bethlehem University began because it gives us a sense of history, where we have come from and the wonderful achievements that have occurred. Let us thank God for the many people who have helped make Bethlehem University what it is today and those now who continue on in the footsteps of the original founders."

2. **From the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs**

To BU Faculty: We would like to draw your attention to the following announcement that we have posted on the “Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs” webpage: Call for application for the internal research grants 2010-2011. Applications must be submitted to AAVP Office by 9:00 am on Monday, 18 October.

3. **From the Office of Personnel Management**

- It gives me great pleasure to announce that Prof. Mahmoud Abu Katteh and Ms. Francois Daoud have graciously agreed to serve on the Council of Personnel Affairs for a two-year term, in addition to the Director of Personnel Management and the Administrative Assistant. Dr. Fouad Bannoura, ex-officio will continue to serve until a new president is elected for the Employees' Union. Staff are encouraged to contact any of the Council members as necessary. At this point, I would like to express my deep gratitude for the outgoing members Dr. Hala Rashed, Mr. Karim Abel Nour and Dr. Fouad Bannoura for their invaluable contribution during the past four years. Their persistence in striking the balance between the best interest of the University and that of the employee was admirable. Thanks again for their professionalism and dedication.

- We welcome Mr. Peter Hermantas, the new Chef and Cooking Instructor at the Institute of Hotel Management. Mr. Hermantas is a BU graduate of the 1986 class in Hotel Management. After his graduation, Peter worked in five-star hotels in Jerusalem and abroad. He also worked as an instructor at the Professional Promotion Hospitality Section at Notre Dame Center, Jerusalem. Welcome aboard Peter and best wishes.

4. **From the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences**

On Saturday, 9 October from 10:00am – 3:00pm in the auditorium at Bethlehem University, the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences in cooperation with the Patient’s Friends Society, Jerusalem will conduct “Early Detection Saves Lives” – an Awareness Campaign to support health education and women living with cancer. Also, on Saturday, 9 October at 9:30am starting from the Beit-Jala Hospital, there will be a “Celebrate Life” march. The program details will be distributed to the University faculties in the coming days. All are welcome to attend the March at 9:30am and the Awareness Campaign at 10:00am. Contact Ms. Mariam Samara Awad for more information.

5. **From the Religious Studies Department and Faculty of Arts**

- Father Jamal is delighted to announce that Professor Nur Masalha from Saint Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, UK has confirmed his participation as a presenter at the Violence, Nonviolence and Religion Third International Conference on Christian-Muslim Relations being held at Bethlehem University (9-11 February 2011).
• Professor Nur Masalha was born in the Galilee and holds a PhD in Middle Eastern Politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. His thesis was on the political leadership of King Faisal I and the making of modern Iraq (1921-1933).
• Professor Masalha is presently the Director of the Centre for Religion and History and Holy Land Research Project at Saint Mary's University College and with support from the Living Stones Foundation, he will present the Father Michael Prior Memorial Lecture at the Bethlehem University Conference. More information about Professor Nur Masalha and his work can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nur-eldeen_Masalha
http://www.smuc.ac.uk/tph/centre-for-religion-and-history.htm
• Other presenters from German, Norway, Finland, Bosnia, and the United States have been invited also. For more information about the Conference and to register, visit: http://www.religiousstudies.bethlehem.edu/

6. From the Communication Information Systems Department
Mark your calendars, Thursday, 4 November: Microsoft Tech Day @ Bethlehem University Watch for more information to come!

7. From the Science Faculty
This Friday and Saturday, Oct 8th and 9th, will be the Annual Science Fair. More than 2,000 students from local schools are expected to visit Bethlehem University during these days.

8. From the Communication and Alumni Relations Office
• HE Milan Rocen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro, will be visiting Bethlehem University on Monday, 4 October. Dr. Rocen is also member of the Faculty of Political Science, Department of Journalism, at Belgrade University.

• Mr. Cor Jan van Heesewijk and his family from The Netherlands will visit Bethlehem University on Monday, 4 October. During the summer of 2006, Mr. van Heesewijk and members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre from The Netherlands hosted Elias Mukarker and Manual Rofa, two Business students at the time, for an International Internship. Both students benefited greatly from this International Internship. Elias Mukarker (BU’07) has since gone on to earn his Masters degree at Lewis University and is now a member of the Bethlehem University Faculty. Manual Raof (BU’07) is now gainfully employed in Jerusalem. For more information about their experience, visit: http://www.bethlehem.edu/archives/2006/2006_082.shtml

The International Summer Internship Program that began with Mr. in 2006 is continuing now as the Sir John McGuckin Mentor Internship and four Bethlehem University students participated in this program during the summer of 2010. For more information about their experience, visit: http://www.bethlehem.edu/archives/2010/2010_069.shtml

• Prof. Dr. Reinhold Bohlen, Rector of the Theological Faculty of Trier, Germany, will be leading a group of 21 pilgrims from the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Germany, to visit Bethlehem University on Tuesday, 5 October. Members of this Lieutenancy have donated more than a half million dollars to support the construction of the new Education Building.

9. Your Calendar

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“Effective Performance of Local Government Units - Human Resources Management and Continuing Education” conference, Institute of Community Partnership (ICP) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Science Fair

Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, Nursing and Health Sciences Faculty and the Patient's Friends Society in Jerusalem

Microsoft Tech Day @ Bethlehem University, the Communication Information Systems Department

Holiday- Palestinian Independence Day

Holiday- Aid al-Adha

Holiday- Al-Hijra

Final Exams for Fall 2010 Semester

Final Exams for Fall 2010 Semester

Holiday- Latin Independence Day

Grades Reports Available

Accepted to Major- Dismissals

Print Grade Report

Holiday- Orthodox Christmas

4th Year Student Registration for Spring 2011 Semester, Registrars' Office

Holiday- Orthodox New Year

3rd Year Student Registration for Spring 2011 Semester, Registrars' Office

2nd Year Student Registration for Spring 2011 Semester, Registrars' Office

2nd Year Student Registration for Spring 2011 Semester, Registrars' Office

1st Year Student Registration for Spring 2011 Semester, Registrars' Office

Faculty and Staff Meeting

First Day of Class for Spring 2011 Semester

Add/Drop Period

The Third International Conference on Christian-Muslim Relations, The Department of Religious Studies

Holiday- Al-Mawlid An-Nabawi

Holiday- Latin and Orthodox Easter

Holiday- Labor Day

Holiday- Saint De La Salle Day, Staff Recognition

Final Exams for Spring 2011 Semester

Graduation

Summer 2011 Semester Classes Begin

Holiday- Isra’ wa Mi’raj

Final Exams for Spring 2011 Semester

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