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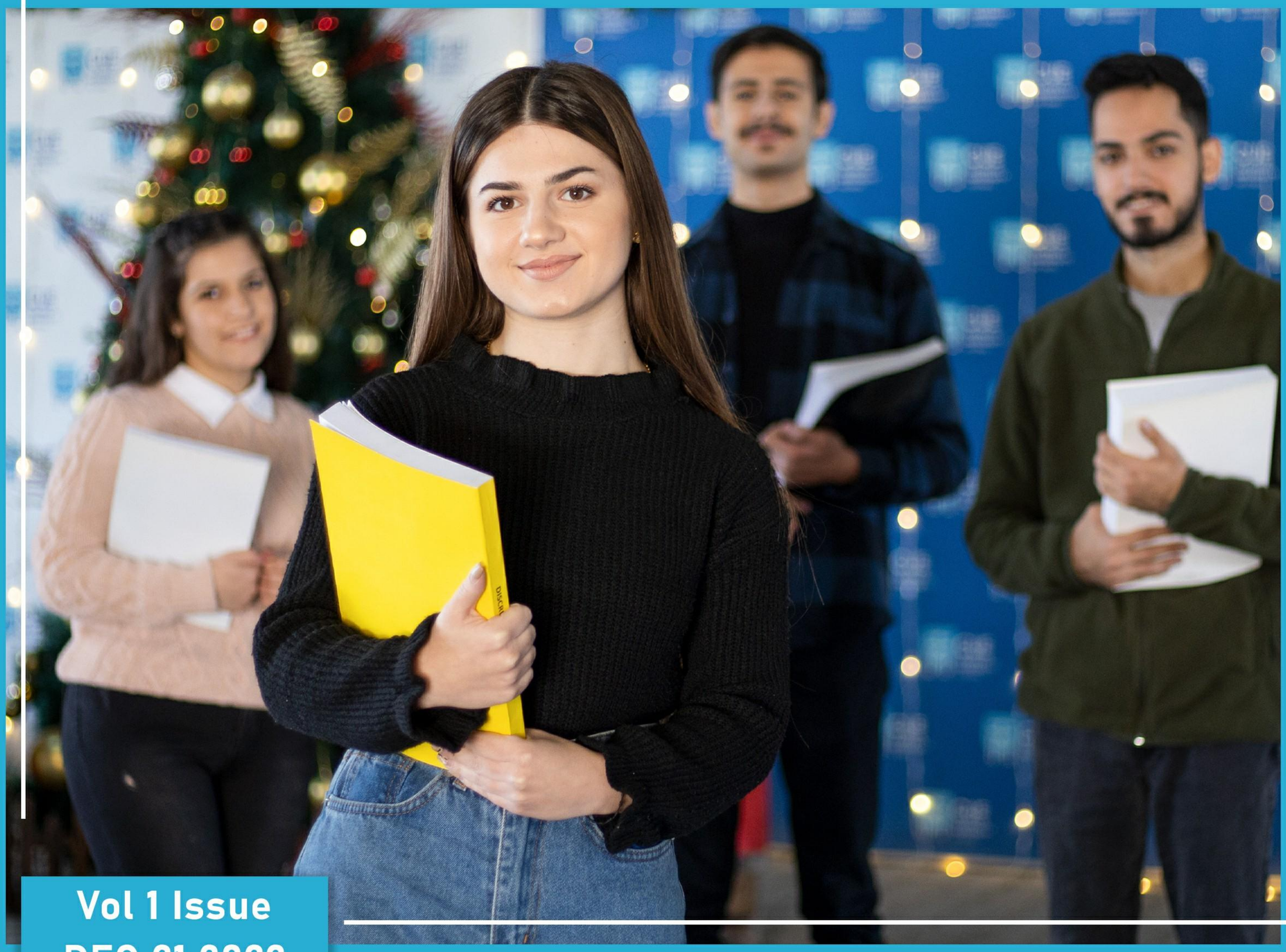

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Our 50 New Graduates Are Making a Change in the World!

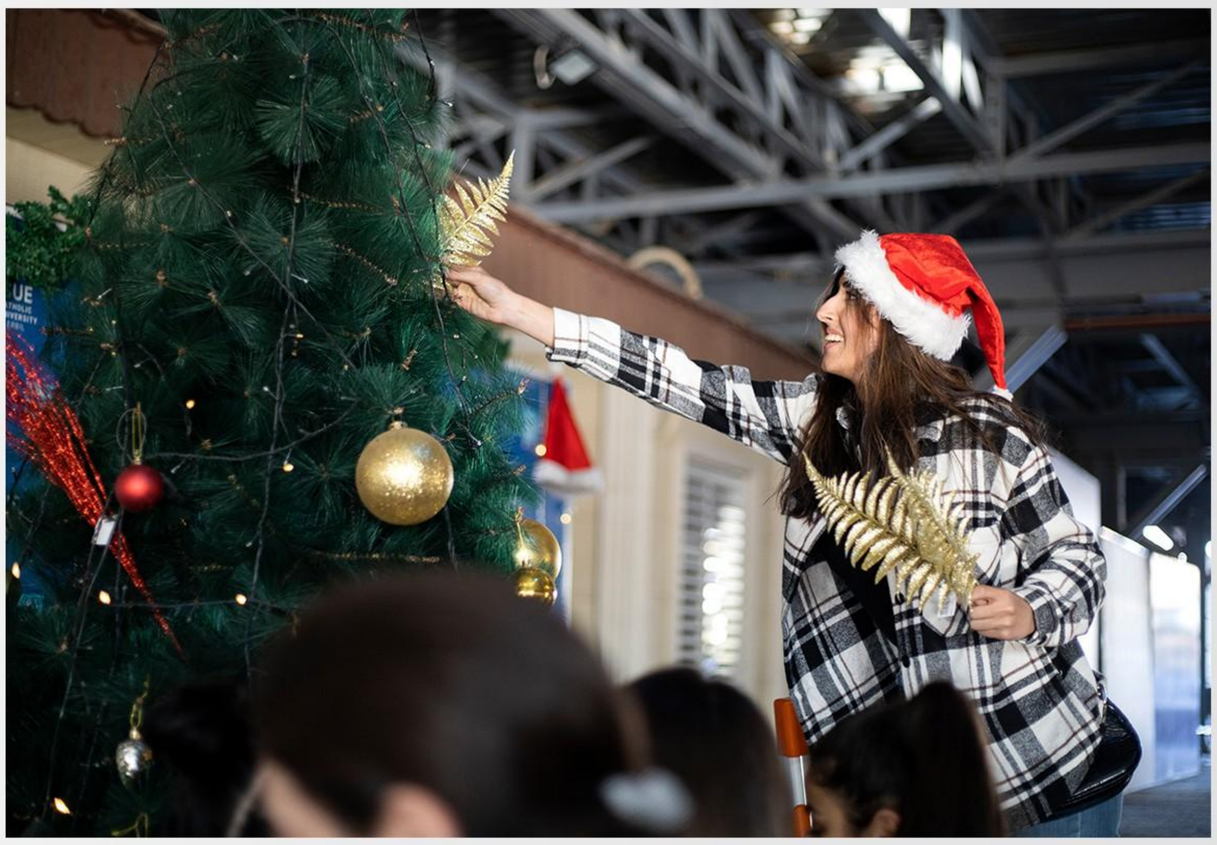
New Potentials to Build our Society

On September 29, 2022, the Catholic University in Erbil – CUE, celebrated its second commencement ceremony for 50 students of the class of 2021-2022 in a huge ceremony held at the campus.
The students of three major departments including; Information Technology, Accounting, and English Language, were awarded. The ceremony started with a speech from His Grace Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda, who stated: "We are divinely graced at the university with an opportunity to reach out for cultural enrichment, rapprochement, debate, coexistence, and removing the common words of the world which are exclusion, hatred, and war". This was followed by an address by His Beatitude and Eminence Chaldean Patriarch Cardinal Luis Sako, where he shared: "The role of the university is not only to give better job opportunities but also to training students on openness, respect for diversity and pluralism and the consolidation of coexistence". During the graduation ceremony, Professor Dr. Nazar Shabila was announced as the new President and Vice-Chancellor of CUE.

Christmas Lighting Event 2022

On December 6, 2022, CUE students participated in the Christmas lighting event where students decorated the campus for the Christmas season. During this activity, the CUE family enjoyed a blissful time preparing for this wonderful season.

It is a priority for the University to provide and create an atmosphere where social cohesion and peace are found. This year, CUE gave the chance of decorating, singing and participating in fun activities for the students that they may together, as a community, feel this season's joy.



CUE Celebrates its 7th Founding Year

The Catholic University in Erbil (CUE) celebrated the 7th annual anniversary of its establishment in the presence of the H.G. Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda, CUE founder and Dr. Nazar Shabila, CUE president.

The ceremony was attended by the students, faculty, and administration members of CUE, where different activities were held, and speeches were delivered by the founder and the president of the university.

The event was concluded by a cake-cutting ceremony, followed by celebration, where the students and staff participated in Folklore dance.

Since its founding on December 8, 2015, CUE has played a major role in being the model for education medium in Iraq and Kurdistan Region. The University has been able to provide hundreds of scholarships since its establishment and provided access to education for individuals and students from marginalized communities.

CUE delegation Signs an MOU with Walsh University & Visits the Franciscan University of Steubenville

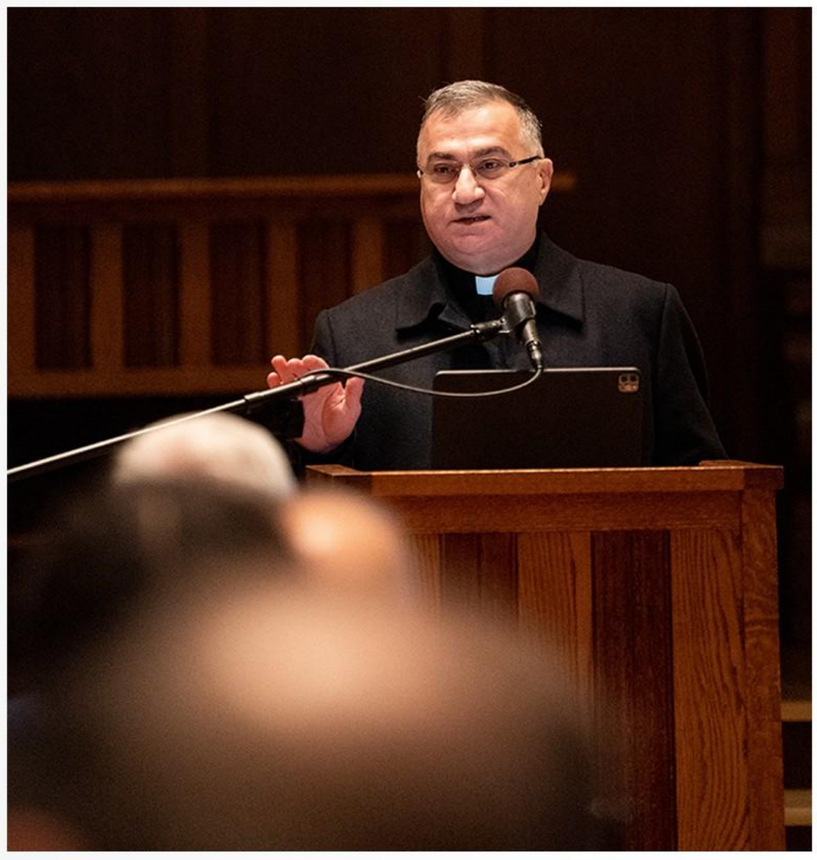
A delegation from CUE visited Walsh University in Ohio, on November 14, 2022, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two institutions. This delegation was headed by H.G. Mar Bashar Warda, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and CUE Chancellor. He was warmly welcomed by Dr. Tim Collins, the President of Walsh University. This MOU will help both universities establish a partnership, where exchange of staff, faculty, and students are possible.

Moreover, during the same trip, on November 15, 2022, under the grant entitled “Support to American-Style Higher Education in Iraq” awarded by the U.S. Department of State, a delegation from the Catholic University in Erbil (CUE) headed by His Grace, Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chancellor and Mrs. Vida Hanna, the Director of Public Affairs and Strategic Communications, visited the Franciscan University of Steubenville (FUS) in Ohio.

Archbishop Warda Delivers a Talk at the Harvard Divinity School in Boston

On November 17, 2022, His Grace, Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chancellor of the Catholic University in Erbil, along with Mrs. Vida Hanna, the Director of Public Affairs and Strategic Communications, visited Harvard University in Boston where His Grace delivered a talk at the Harvard Divinity School titled, “Christianity in Iraq: Challenges and Hopes.”

The Harvard Hawthorn house hosted a reception for His Grace to answer the student’s questions and concerns about education in Iraq and the future of the Catholic University in Erbil. The event was organized by the Harvard Catholic Forum and Harvard Divinity School and equally sponsored by the Philo’s Project and Hawthorn House.



CUE hosts IOM's Youth Cultural Exchange

The Catholic University in Erbil (CUE) hosted a Youth Cultural Exchange organized by IOM Iraq. The two-day event was intended for youth from all over the country. This event created an opportunity for youth to learn about new cultures, faiths, backgrounds, and heritage. Activities such as art exhibitions, games, panel discussions, and theatre took place. The Youth Cultural Exchange, by joining youth from all parts of Iraq, aimed to promote cohesion, and peace and emphasize the diversity of Iraqi culture. This event presented an opportunity for all participants, visitors, and CUE students to learn about the diversity of Iraq's population and to express their thoughts and experiences, by having open dialogues and discussions that encourage a peaceful and cohesive community.

Help Offer the Gift of Education This Season

We are grateful for your support for our university scholarships programs. Your contributions have helped to improve and build many potentials, through student scholarships, grants and other needs, toward building a better future in Iraq.

This Christmas, you can gift an educational opportunity for a student in Iraq by supporting through:

- Sponsoring a student scholarship
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- Sponsoring a teacher
- Sponsoring operational costs

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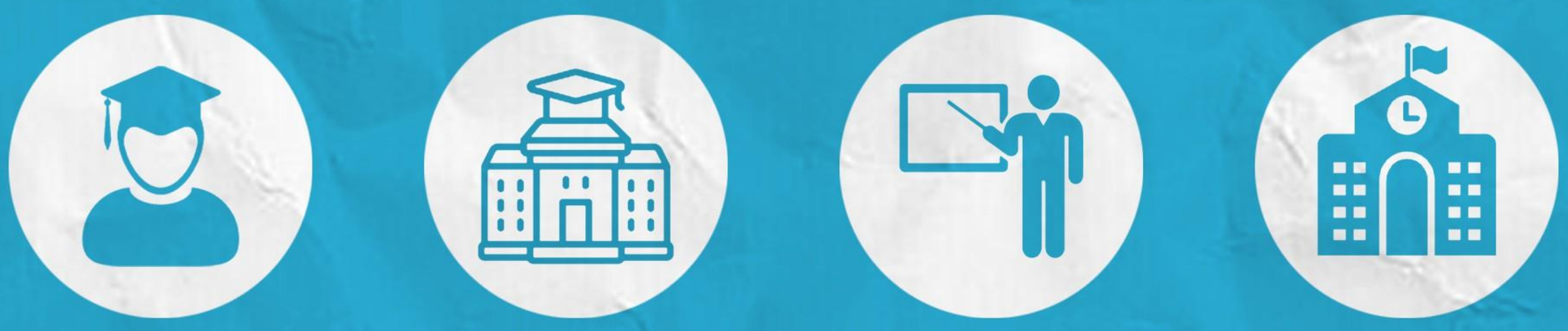

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