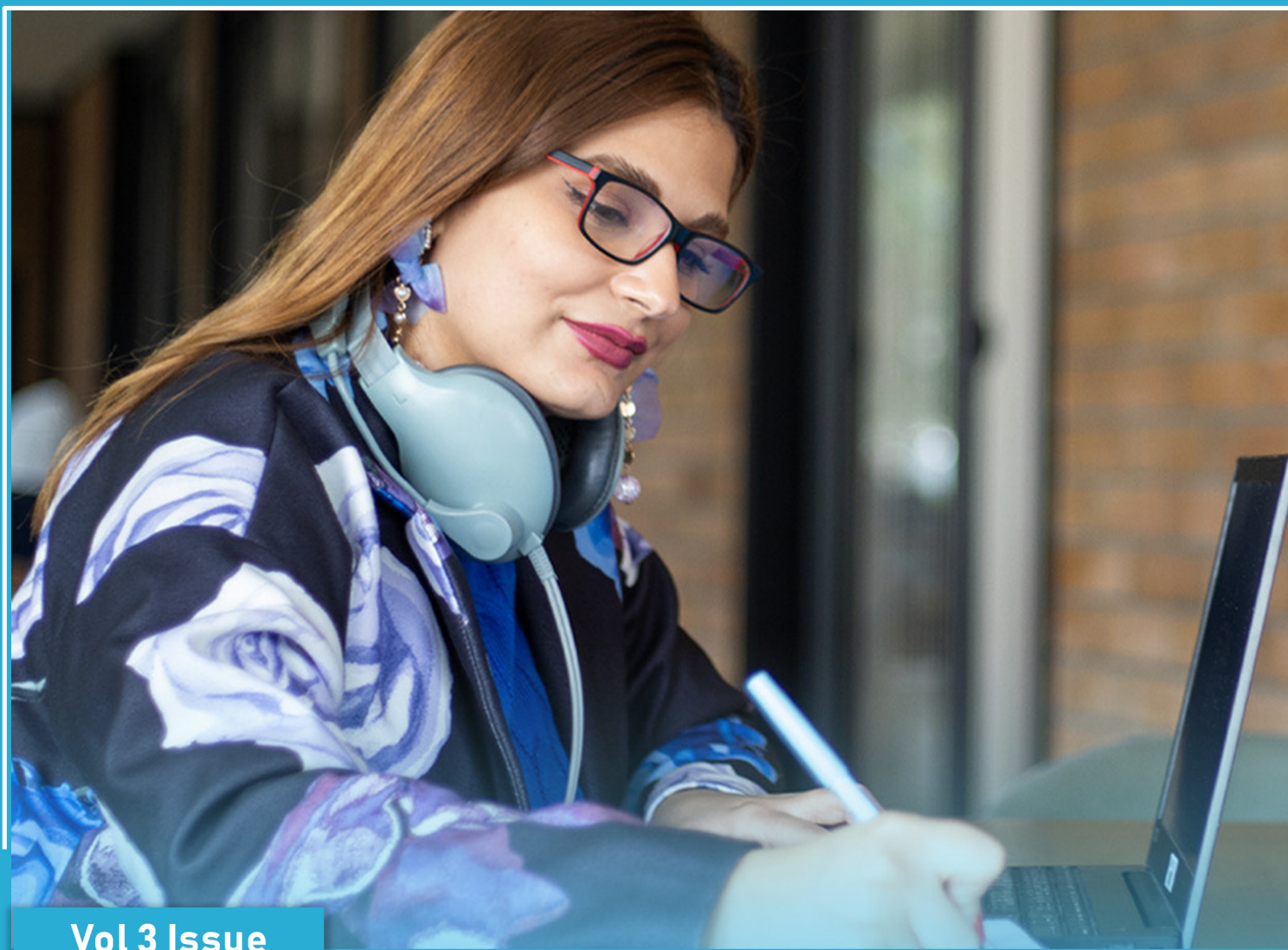


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CUE Launches its Online Community Courses

With the generous support of the U.S. Department of State's Near Eastern Bureau (NEA/AC), the Catholic University of Erbil organized and launched its first online community courses for 2023. The courses are Human Resources Management, Fundamentals of Leadership, Fundamentals of Marketing, Computer skills (ICDL), and English (for each beginner, pre-intermediate, intermediate, upper intermediate levels). This opportunity is offered by CUE to anyone who wants to participate.



Students' First Academic Debate Final Exam supervised by the IR Department



On February 22, 2023, the first section of the "Academic Debate Final Exam" took place, having been organized by the International Relations department. First stage groups from each department prepared and delivered speeches about their chosen topics. Discussions ranged from the importance of education to social media, Immigration, How to become a successful individual, Healthcare and much more.

IOM Iraq Delivers Certificates of Appreciation to CUE Students!

On February 1st, the International Organization for Migration Iraq awarded CUE students for helping with IOM's previous event on the university's campus. Students were individually presented a certificate of appreciation, to both thank and encourage them to continue participating in different events and volunteering to enhance their skills and make the most of each opportunity sent their way.



23 Accounting Students Receive Certificates for Completing their Training Course



On February 25th, 23 CUE students received their certificate awards for participating in a 24-hour training course titled "Building a 3 statement Financial Model" conducted by Mr. Avinash Bondu. the training course started from November 27th until December 14th.

During the ceremony, Mr. Avinash emphasized that after this course students are able to practically enhance the knowledge they gained. Moreover, Dr. Nazar Shabila, President of CUE, encouraged the students to continue participating in the courses offered by CUE in order to develop their skills and be prepared for the job market after graduation.



CUE's Football Tournament is Launched!

CUE students started their football championship on February 18, 2023. The first match was held between the teams of Catalonia and Legends, while the second match paired off the Avengers and Firewall teams. The tournament will continue to take place on the CUE campus throughout the upcoming days.

Enjoying a BBQ Dinner at the CUE Campus

CUE's student life office organized this academic year's first BBQ night which was celebrated on February 15. The event included food, music, and several activities where students got together and enjoyed their time. Each academic year, students look forward to this motivating evening, which provides them the opportunity to enjoy each other and create fun memories during their studies.



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Seminar: “Journal Metrics”

On February 19, 2023, Dr. Firas Almukhtar conducted a seminar titled “Journal Metrics”. The presentation centered around how research and scholarly papers are measured, compared, and frequently ranked using journal metrics, also known as journal rankings or impact. These metrics enable academics and researchers to contrast academic journals. Each journal ranking metric has a unique method for calculating how important a journal is to the scholarly community. Many also list how often the journal has been referenced in other works, although findings vary from metric to metric due to different techniques and calculations. This seminar was organized by the department of Computer Science and Information Technology.

CUE Students Receive Scholarship Acknowledgment Certificates by Mitsubishi Cooperation

As part of the Mitsubishi Cooperation scholarship program, His Excellency Mr. Arakawa Mikihiro, the Japanese Consul General in Erbil, Mr. Koji Maeda, the General Manager of MC Iraq, and Dr. Nabil Qashat, former advisor to MC, visited the university campus to meet with the recipients of the MC scholarship program on February 4th. During the meeting, Mr. Mikihiro and Mr. Maeda gave brief speeches, followed by a speech by Dr. Nazar Shabila, President of CUE, who thanked the Mitsubishi Cooperation for their supportive program, and the Japan Consul General for his presence. The meeting concluded with a small ceremony where students benefitting from the program received scholarship acknowledgment certificates—followed by a tour around the CUE campus to acquaint Mr. Arakawa Mikihiro and the MC delegation with the building and the facilities of CUE.



CUE Hosts IOM Iraq's “Five Years of Shelter” Event

On February 21st the Catholic University in Erbil hosted an IOM Iraq event titled “Where the Heart is: Five Years of Shelter”. The event was organized for the fifth anniversary of the sheltering program which comes from “interventions in Iraq with the support of UN government-funded programming”. Dr. Nazar Shabila, CUE President and Vice chancellor and Mrs. Vida Hanna, Director of public affairs and strategic communications at CUE welcomed the US Consul General Mr.

Irvin Hicks who attended this occasion. The event started with a word from Dr. Shabila, welcoming all the attendees to the CUE campus, and emphasized the importance of focusing on providing shelter for the marginalized. Following this took place two panels, where individuals from different Iraqi governates shared their experiences and desires regarding the sheltering programs and the hardships faced by the displaced people all over the country.



“International Lecture: European Approaches to University”

On February 4, Dr. Heike Wendt, full professor of education research at Graz University and head of the RESI University partnership between Mosul, Graz, and TU Dortmund University, conducted a seminar on “International Lecture: European Approaches to University”. Touching on different points such as the ideas behind good academic teaching, traditional teaching, teaching vs. learning, and more, Dr. Heike covered a wide depth of topics in her presentation. She also emphasized that learning is a receptive process and delivered a criterion for professional academic teaching. Attendees included the President of CUE and CUE academic staff.

CUE Hosts an Information Session Conducted by AGYA Members

On February 19th, members of the Arab German Young Academy (AGYA) conducted an information session on campus titled “Opportunities for Arab-German Research Cooperation and Postgraduate Studies in Germany”. The session was offered for new PhD graduates who held interest in joining AGYA and becoming involved in research cooperation, as well as MSc holders who would like to do PhD study at Free University Berlin and students interested in scholarship programs offered for a variety of degree holders by DAAD. After the information session, attendees were given the opportunity to ask the discussion panel for any further information.



Tavkar Basic School Students Visit CUE

Tavkar Basic school students visited the CUE campus on February 12 along with their professors. A delegation welcomed the students on behalf of CUE, briefly explaining to them the departments of the university and its facilities. After introductory remarks, the students had a tour around the campus to further explore. Toward the end of the visit, Tavkar school teachers presented an appreciation award to CUE President and Vice Chancellor Dr Nazar Shabila.

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A Visit from MQS Students to Our Campus!

This Valentines' Day, the CUE campus received a group of students from Mar Qardakh International School. After a warm welcome from staff, the visitors were given a brief introduction to the university. President and Vice Chancellor, Dr. Nazar Shabila, organized a presentation for the students, after which they toured around the campus, learning about each department in the process.

MQS Primary Stage Students Visit the Architecture Department at CUE

Following shortly after a tour from their high school, second grade students from Mar Qardakh International School visited the architecture department at CUE, as part of their current unit of study on the subject of buildings. The students were welcomed by the CUE staff, and the architecture department faculty, who helped the students understand more about how buildings are made and designed. Students were able to examine the artwork made by University students in the architecture department, and gained a deeper knowledge from this experience at the campus.

ACI MENA Organizes a Certificates Event and Delivers an Info Session on Campus



On February 14th, the Association for Catholic Information in the Middle East and North Africa organized a certificate distribution and information session at the CUE auditorium for university students.

Four students from CUE received certificates commemorating their 9-month internship at the ACI MENA, which helped them develop their media, language, and journalism skills. Following the ceremony, an information session was delivered by Mr. Rody Sher, Interim Editor in Chief for the ACI MENA Group, where he offered an internship opportunity for CUE students who are interested in developing their media and journalism skills.



Ankawa Typical School Students Visit CUE!

High school students from Ankawa Typical School visited the Catholic University in Erbil on February 27th, along with their professors. The students were welcomed by a delegation representing CUE, where they were given a brief introduction about the university's facilities. After the introductory remarks, the high school students had a tour around the campus to further explore.

Future events

Our future events for the upcoming month include the following:

- National Clothing Day (to be celebrated with CUE students)
- Int. Women's Day (To be organized by the CUE faculty and specifically the IR department)
- Iftar Day
- Newroz Picnic

