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Spring Semester Underway!

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The first classes of the 2016 Spring semester started on 17 January. Students are hard at work studying English, Math and Computing courses (Foundation) and IT and Business (Major Courses) or General Studies subjects. The semester runs until May, and our final exams period starts from May 8th until May 12th.

Good luck to our new and continuing students!

***"Patience is the
key element to
success."***

-Bill Gates

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About K-Tech Times Newsletter

We want students involved!

Our aim is to produce two or three editions of the K-TECH newsletter each semester.

If you have any ideas, please see Dr. Michael in the Department of English and General Studies. We need students to help with writing, design, photography, interviews, production — and all the parts that go into making a newsletter.



Microsoft Billionaire Speaks to Kuwaiti Youth

Microsoft founder and one of the world's richest men, Bill Gates, visited Kuwait at the end of Fall to speak to Kuwaiti youth about the issues confronting the modern generation. Mr. Gates received a special invitation from the Amir, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, and met students at Bayan Palace. Following are stories written by two K-TECH students who attended the event.

Bill Gates Youth Dialogue



— *By: Sahar Al Sabah*

"You don't need to have a lot of money or even a long time ... the important thing is passion." Now that's inspiring!

Bill Gates seminar was short, simple, and educational. He began by saying how astounded he was with Kuwait's generosity. He was also impressed with the young philanthropists in Kuwait and how they were contributing to humanity. Mr. Gates was honored to be part of the board of trustees in the Dr. Abdulrahman AlSomait Foundation. Dr. AlSomait dedicated his life by helping less fortunate countries dealing with poverty, health, education, shelter and many other issues.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation focuses mostly on eradicating diseases and improving agriculture. The GCC countries, including Kuwait, helped by donating funds to "eradicate polio and meningitis."



K-Tech Students at the Bayan Palace.

Some countries like Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan are still dealing with these diseases today. The deaths caused by malaria for instance, has been cut down to half since awareness was raised and many people started contributing. Mr. Gates also mentioned that a lot of the money raised goes to scientists for research to find cures or vaccines for many health problems, including HIV.

In his field technology and social media helped spread philanthropy around the world. By the end Bill Gated was gifted a Bisht, an Arab symbol of honor, wealth, and fortune. The Bisht is usually embroidered with gold thread, and the one given to him was embroidered in Arabic with his name.



I wish I had the chance to ask him some questions some of my questions would be: How is your foundation more unique or different? What does your foundation offer that other foundations don't? Do you think after your visit to the GCC the United States would be convinced that not all Arabs and Muslims are terrorists but in fact most are peaceful and humanitarian?

In conclusion, I suggest we have more enlightening events in the near future. Such events would help educate our youth community on how one person can change the life of another. I would also recommend that the international media cover those



Beyond Passion: Finding Your Path



— By: *Noora AlFares*

On Monday, December 12, I was invited to Bayan Palace to attend the Bill Gates youth dialogue session and he has honored with the informatics Medal for his decades-long information revolution contributions.

As I was there Gates talked about charity and that he would take part in a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Abdulrahman AlSumait Prize for African development.

In addition, he won my attention when he talked about "Passion" and how he dropped out of Harvard when he found his passion for computers.

Passion is a very strong feeling about a thing. The word passion comes from the Latin word "Pati", which means to suffer or endure. Passion pulls us and drives us to new places. "It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing," Mother Teresa said. If you have a passion for something keep doing it and don't let anyone or anything stand in your way and choose to build from it, which in itself takes courage.

Remember to allow time for it to grow; if you have a passion for something go ahead and do it; it is your world!

And remember you have that passion for a reason.



K-Tech Students at the Toastmasters workshop

Toastmasters Workshop

K-Tech had the opportunity to host a workshop presented by Mr. Abdulla AlMahdi Toastmasters area director where he talked about Toastmasters, their mission and the tactics used to improve public speaking.

Who are They?

“Toastmasters is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skill through a worldwide network of clubs”-Toastmasters.org

Their Mission

“Toastmaster’s mission is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders” -Toastmasters.org

In the Workshop

In the workshop Mr. AlMahdi mentioned a great deal of information related to public speaking such as the three personal images which can have a huge influence on the individual’s communication skills. The students were responding positively to what was mentioned in the workshop and thought about starting a K-Tech Toastmasters Club.



Students in Cars Getting Gahwa



Taken by: Fahad Mirza

Just like US comedian Jerry Seinfeld's show *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*, we want our students to interview famous Kuwaitis (or just famous K-TECH students) in their cars while they are getting *gahwa*. Thanks to Fahad for allowing us to use the pic of a hot Chevrolet Camaro. To be included in the next interview, we want you to have coffee with — and interview — one of your friends, or a famous Kuwaitis. The interview can be a video, a list of questions or a short article — be creative!

**Get a *picture* of
your car in
K-Tech News-
letter.**

Prying Eyes - By Homoud AlSaqabi

Hello all. This article is to inform you about two safe, private ways to store your college-related files without jeopardizing your security. These two ways will make sure your files are safe from prying eyes. The first way is the more commonly known way, which is carrying around a thumb drive during college hours. This method is the easier of the two but it is also the riskier because of the possibility of the thumb drive getting lost. The second way is a new

I use Google Drive for storing my college-related files because it offers 15 GB of storage for free and it is easier to use on my Android phone. This method is the safer option but it could take a while to download/upload files to and from your desktop. In my opinion, using both methods simultaneously is the best way to go.



Kuwaiti Idioms

- By: Omar AlBediwi

THIS CUB FROM THIS LION.

هذا الشبل من ذاك الاسد

Used for a son who has good features like his father (like father, like son)

STRETCH YOUR LEGS ACCORDING TO THE LENGTH OF YOUR BLANKET.

مد ربولك على قد لحافك

Used for a person who spends more money than he has.

DO GOOD AND THROW IT IN THE SEA.

سو خير وقطة بحر

Do good and don't ask for anything in return.

DON'T ADD WOOD TO THE FIRE.

لا تزيد النار حطب

Used for a person who wants to fix a problem then he makes it even worse.



K-Tech Sports Center

It won't be long now before the sports center is complete and K-TECH students will be able to play soccer, basketball, table tennis or just get fit! Stay tuned for more information.