



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY



School of Nursing  
and Midwifery, Pakistan  
Alumni News

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## Message from the Interim Dean

Dear Alumni,

In whatever part of the world you are, I hope you are staying safe and are taking all preventive measures against the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would also like to congratulate you all for the incredible work that you continue to do to prioritise the healthcare needs of your communities. The School stands with you during these uncertain times and we wish you all good health and safety.

Peaceful thoughts!

Rozina

[Full Message](#)

## Alumni Spotlight: COVID-19 - Alumni on the Frontline



## **Rozina Roshan**

Rozina is one of our star alumni and a manager at the Department of Infection Prevention and Hospital Epidemiology, AKUH. Her contributions in preparing infection prevention and control, and PPE guidelines to deal with COVID-19 patients have been commendable.

[Watch her live talk @ 50:00 >>](#)

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**A gift from one generation to the next**



Two of the earliest graduating classes of SONAM, classes of 1983 and 1989, have donated US\$200,000 to their alma mater that will pave the way for new students at the School.

[Read the full story here >>](#)

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## Celebrating nurses and midwives



On the occasion of International Nurses Day and International Day of the Midwives, nurses from SONAM and AKUH got together and celebrated our healthcare heroes in Pakistan and around the world.

[Watch the full webinar here >>](#)

[Alumni messages from across the globe >>](#)

[Messages from nurse leaders of Pakistan >>](#)

[Dawn.com](#) | [The News](#) | [The Nation](#) | [Daily Express](#) | [Samaa TV](#) | [AKU.edu](#)

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**Proactive and timely steps to prepare frontline nurses**



In March, when we were still early in the crisis in Pakistan, SONAM and our alumni in the Hospital came together for a very important and timely talk to prepare nurses to respond to emergency healthcare needs and challenges and for what was soon to follow.

## Nurses from SONAM and AKUH in the media



On multiple occasions, nurses and midwives appeared in the media and highlighted how we remain prepared and committed to meet the healthcare needs of patients and communities not only during a public health crisis but round the year, and talked about AKU's role in preparing them to be competent and confident in their practice.

[PTV HOME | Ramzan Pakistan | Dr Rozina Karmaliani and Laila Cassum @ 30:00 >>](#)

[UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Facebook Live | Dr Rafat Jan >>](#)

[Samaa TV | Naya Din | Salma Jaffer @ 46:00 >>](#)

[ARY News | Sham-e-Ramzan | Marina Baig @ 16:40 >>](#)

[Samaa TV | Naya Din | Zohra Kurji, Rozina Roshan and Samira Kabani @ 50:00 >>](#)

[Link FM, UK | Dr Parveen Ali, Lubna Ghazal and Humera Qutb >>](#)

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## Alumni Achievements



### **Dr Salimah Meghani**

Heartiest congratulations to our alumna, Dr Salimah Meghani, BScN '97, on her promotion to the position of Professor of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.



### **Dr Shela Hirani**

Another distinguished alumna Dr Shela Hirani, currently working as a nursing faculty at the University of Regina, has been named in Sigma's top 5 emerging nurse researchers and scholars for 2020.



### **Yasmin Parpio**

Faculty and alumna, Yasmin Parpio, BScN '01, becomes the first nurse in South Asia to be selected as the Regional Coordinator, Middle Eastern region of STTI for the second time in a row.



### **Rehana Elahi and Farhat Naz**

Rehana Elahi, Post-RN BScN '97 and Farhat Naz Islamuddin, Post-RN BScN '15 received the 'My Child Matters' grant to improve paediatric oncology care at the Shaukat Khanum Hospital, Lahore.





## Yasmin Mithani

Yasmin Mithani, Post-RN BScN '04, was recently awarded The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses honouring her work as a lactation consultant at the Woman's Hospital of Texas, Houston



## Neelam Punjani

Neelam Punjani, MScN '14, received the Mu Sigma Chapter Research award for her doctoral research at the University of Alberta Faculty of Nursing, and the Golden Key scholarship also by UoA.

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## Alumni Reunion



Throwback to better times with no physical or social distancing! A memorable alumni reunion in Vancouver, Canada in March 2020.  
[Images Gallery](#)

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## Electronic Health Record (EHR)

As AKU proceeds to develop an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system and plans to integrate it into the academic curriculum as well, we are looking for our alumni with experience in EHR. If you have worked with EHR systems in any capacity, [please fill out this survey form](#).

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## Update from Alumni Affairs

# #AKUHeroes

**If you are an AKU alumna/alumnus and responding in some way to the global pandemic, we want to hear from you!**

Share your story with us, by sending us pictures and text about how your work is making a difference in your communities and around the world.

[alumni@aku.edu](mailto:alumni@aku.edu)

[aku.edu](http://aku.edu)

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# Support AKU's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

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