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Interim Vice-Provost  
Student Affairs and Services**

**A**s I prepare to step down as (interim) Vice Provost-Students Affairs & Services and reflect on the four years of my tenure in this capacity, I must salute team Student Affairs for the many achievements that became possible because of their dedicated effort. Whether it was organising an intra-school event, a mega talent show, or supporting student clubs and organisations, the team always strived to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students. Their tenacity of purpose is indeed noteworthy.

Among the two most impactful highlights of my tenure have been the launch of the President's Challenge for Climate Solutions and the implementation of the Provost's Experiential Learning Fund Policy. The Climate Solutions initiative, which began as a climate challenge idea, has since grown into a vibrant movement that unites students across AKU geographies and stands as a testament to our commitment to global sustainability and the power of collective action. Through the Provost's Experiential Learning Fund, not only are students across AKU supported to take care of hardships or to work, but they are now able to attend events internationally.

As I pass on the baton to my successor, let me sincerely thank my team, collaborating departments and stakeholders, and the Deans and Programme Directors for their partnership. Together, we made our campus a vibrant hub of student life.

As I walk towards newer dimensions, I am confident that the legacies we created together will be further strengthened to meet the changing needs of our students in the world of AI and technology.

**Dr. Laila Akbarali**



**Message from the**  
**Associate Director**  
The Office of Student  
Experience – **Pakistan**

I'm excited to share our annual activity report for 2023, showcasing the vibrant array of events and achievements within Student Affairs & Services.

Throughout the year, we hosted diverse activities, from student town halls to class elections, talent showcases, and the successful launch of new student societies. Notable accomplishments include the successful execution of the President's Challenge for Climate Solutions, managing the student transition for the newly launched FAS programme, developing a comprehensive policy for student societies, hosting the caretaker Prime Minister, and collaborating on numerous mega events with student societies and clubs.

Looking ahead, we are filled with excitement and hope. Our aim is to enrich campus life by leveraging student experiences. We envision a future where we continue providing opportunities for growth, innovation, and community engagement, ensuring a fulfilling journey for every AKU student. Together, we can make this vision a reality.

Thank you, each one of you, for your invaluable contributions to our success in 2023. Your dedication and support have been instrumental in making our initiatives a reality. Let's continue working together to create an environment where students thrive.

Warm regards,

**Danish Imtiaz**

# Major Highlights



## The AKU President's Challenge for Climate Solutions 2023 saw participation of around 500 students from Pakistan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya

The AKU President's Challenge for Climate Solutions spanned over a period of three months, engaging participants in collaborative efforts with climate experts, ideation facilitators, and mentors. Participants had the opportunity to partake in an intensive ideation workshop, multiple mentorship sessions, and a final pitch to an esteemed panel of industry and climate specialists. This dynamic programme fostered a robust and innovative approach to addressing pressing climate concerns, encouraging the development of practical and effective solutions.

The theme for the 2023 challenge, "Cooling Our Cities," was carefully selected to underscore the pressing need for innovative and sustainable solutions to urban climate challenges. Led by the Office of Student Experience - Pakistan and Environment and Sustainability Office, the steering committee consisted of members from the Office of Strategic

Communications, the Office of Student Experience - East Africa, and the Registrar's Office to orchestrate this impactful initiative. This collective effort emphasised the importance of community engagement and the pursuit of impactful solutions to global environmental concerns.

From the approximately 500 student registrations, 207 students from 60 teams were chosen to participate in a comprehensive 2-day design thinking workshop. This workshop allowed the students to collaborate on their projects while developing skills in creativity and empathy.

The programme continued with 12 regional experts providing virtual mentorship to the participants over the course of six weeks. It allowed students to refine their ideas and further develop their projects with guidance and assistance from the mentors.

In the final stage, 16 teams from all participating countries were given the opportunity to showcase their final projects at a hybrid final pitch event.

## School students across Karachi were invited to present their group projects to a panel of experts

The Schools' Competition encompassed secondary and high schools of Karachi, providing students with a platform to engage in climate change ideation. More than 250 students from 66 schools registered to participate in the competition.

Ninety-one students from 25 schools were invited to present their innovative proposals addressing the pressing issues of urban heat and climate change. The presentations covered diverse topics ranging from sustainable architecture to cutting-edge green energy solutions.

The competition served as a comprehensive learning experience for the participating students, providing them with a valuable platform to delve into the complexities of climate change issues.





## The Closing Event was hosted in Kenya with Hybrid attendance from AKU Karachi, Tanzania, and Uganda Campuses

The closing ceremony for the 2023 President's Challenge for Climate Solutions was held in a hybrid format across the four countries on 15 February 2024. It celebrated the dedication and diversity of ideas put forward by all students. The following are the winners and high achievers of the challenge with a description of their ideas:

- **Winners:** "Ecobreeze, Climate Craft Creators," a low-cost cooling solution using solar-powered fans, clay boxes, and layers of bamboo and wetted jute, developed by AKU Pakistan's School of Nursing.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up:** "River Albedo Enhancement Project," aimed at reducing urban flooding by installing trash collection nets on rivers to facilitate waste sorting and management. This concept was presented by AKU's Medical College students.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up:** "Eco Cool Bin to solve waste management issues," proposed by AKU Kenya's Medical College students, featured an attractive and compartmentalized bin supporting waste collection and methane reduction.
- **Most Impactful Idea:** "Fast Fashion," addressing overproduction in the fashion industry through a circular economy approach, put forth by AKU Pakistan's School of Nursing.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** "Breathing Homes," a project focusing on installing palm frond catching towers and thermal insulation, proposed by AKU Tanzania's Medical College students.
- **Most Innovative Idea:** "Suburban Approach," emphasizing middle to upper-class housing utilizing clay tiles, insulation, and green-space courtyards, presented by AKU Pakistan's Faculty of Arts and Sciences while "Involving Children in Cooling our Cities," a proposal engaging young students in roof gardens and activities to address heat, food insecurity, and education challenges, was developed by AKU Uganda's School of Nursing.

During the closing ceremony, AKU President Dr Sulaiman Shahabuddin acknowledged the students' dedication and encouraged their continued efforts to address climate change by pursuing innovative solutions and inspiring others to take action.



# Student Talent Showcase

Taking place during Convocation week and in the midst of AKU's 40th anniversary, OSEP gathered Student Leaders with talents in music, acting and dancing for a memorable performance.

The culminating event of AKU's 40th-anniversary celebration week was the Student Talent Showcase, an evening that put the spotlight on the diverse talents and creativity of AKU's students. The students' preparations leading up to the showcase included rigorous training under the guidance of both external and AKU instructors. Their performances during the event included cultural dances, musical renditions, and a comedic drama piece that humorously depicted the various aspects of student life. The event garnered a considerable audience, including faculty, staff, and students from different departments within AKU. Notably, the presence of Princess Zahra Aga Khan as the Chief Guest, alongside AKU President Dr. Sulaiman Shahabuddin and other esteemed university leaders, added prestige and significance to the occasion.

**75**  
performers

**1100**  
attendees

# Welcoming New Classes

## The first in-person orientation saw around 400 students from various programmes welcomed to the AKU family

The first-ever unified orientation session was arranged for students from the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Medical College, and the Institute for Educational Development during the second week of February. This comprehensive two-day programme was organized by OSEP, which provided onboarding students with crucial information regarding AKU's academic policies, guidelines, and available support services. Several department heads and representatives were invited to orient students to rules and guidelines of AKU related to security, IT systems, Library features etc

Notable figures from the University, including the Deans of the respective institutes, the Interim Vice Provost - Student Affairs & Services and the University Registrar, delivered welcome notes.

During the second day, students had the opportunity to explore various stalls representing all 13 student societies as well as the Student Record Office, Student Finance Office, Counselling and Wellness Services, and Hostels. This icebreaking event allowed students to freely interact with their seniors and administrative staff to address all queries, concerns and gauge interest.

The orientation concluded with several engaging extracurricular activities in collaboration with OSEP's student societies. Day One concluded with a Campus Tour through a Scavenger Hunt as well as a Sports Evening, with Day Two concluded with a traditional Bonfire event, facilitating their integration into the vibrant AKU campus life.



## The MBBS Class of 2027 was hosted Twice - Virtually and In-Person

The virtual orientation was a comprehensive programme that included a series of engaging sessions hosted by the University Leadership, providing students with a informative and warm welcome to the institution. Through interactive discussions and presentations, students were acquainted with the University's Policies and Guidelines, with particular emphasis on the Student Code of Conduct and other essential regulations.

Upon their arrival on campus a month later, the in-person orientation was carefully designed to facilitate a smooth transition for the new students. Interactive sessions were strategically organised in collaboration with several administrative departments, allowing the students to gain a deeper understanding of the University's culture, values, and academic expectations.

During the in-person orientation, the 13 student societies of Student Affairs and Services took part in the now traditional welcome icebreaking event. With stalls placed throughout the medical college courtyard, student leaders of AKU provided first-hand information about their respective missions and activities, creating a welcoming atmosphere for the new students to explore and engage with different facets of student life on campus



## Inclusive activities foster onboarding and campus connection for students of the new Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) Programme

The Office of the Student Experience - Pakistan took part in the FAS Orientation, conducted by FAS Leadership. OSEP delivered a dynamic introduction for students to various campus initiatives, providing valuable insights into student life at AKU. Informative sessions covered critical topics, including the Student Code of Conduct, the structure of student societies, communication guidelines, and upcoming events. The 13 student societies were included as part of OSEP's presentation, as time was allocated for Student Leaders to offer comprehensive overviews of their unique missions and activities. During the lunch break, OSEP provided lunch coupons for all students in attendance with FAS students engaging with the societies with fun games and icebreaking activities.

In collaboration with the Student Music Society, OSEP organised a musical performance during the Launch ceremony, with students and AKU leadership in attendance. The event was live streamed across all AKU campuses across the globe.

Furthermore, OSEP organized a rounding conclusion for days two and three of the Orientation. Student Leaders across several societies synergised to organise an exhilarating sports evening and a heartwarming bonfire night. This inclusive events with Student Leaders helped enabled onboarding students to discover life on campus at AKU.



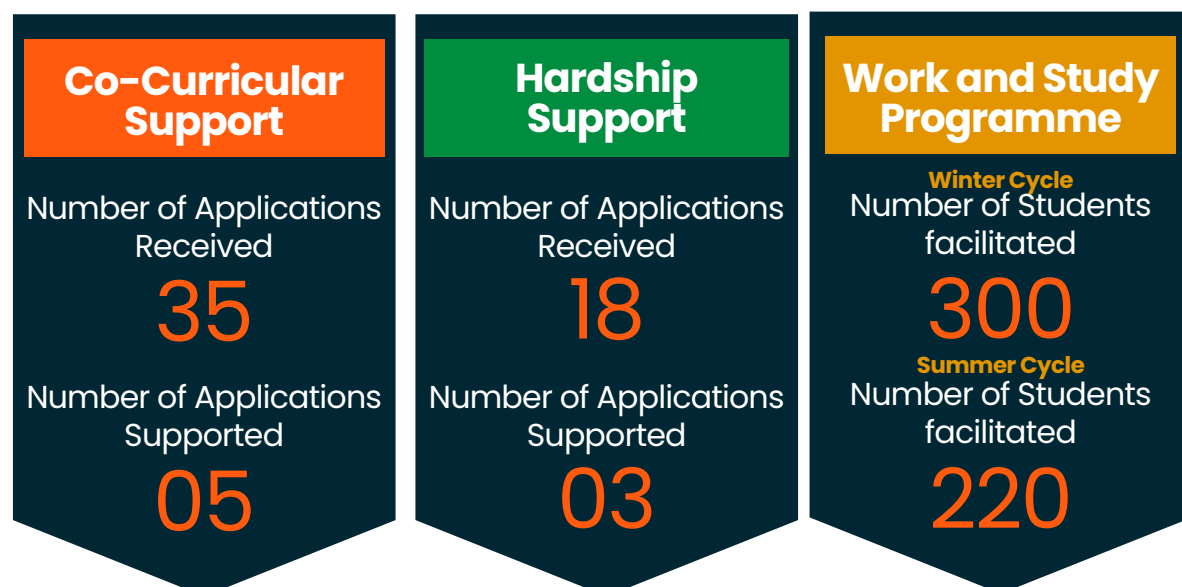
# New Initiatives and Programmes

## The Launch of the Provost Experiential Learning Fund Programme (PELFP)

Aligned with its dedication to cultivating comprehensive student development, the Office of the Provost unveiled the Provost Experiential Learning Fund in the 2023 academic year. This financial initiative was instituted to offer support to students participating in co-curricular, extracurricular, and experiential learning endeavours, both within and outside AKU. The fund's purpose is to enable students to engage in a spectrum of developmental courses, leadership programmes, workshops, hackathons, conferences, and service-learning activities that extend beyond the confines of traditional academic pursuits. The Office of the Student Experience oversaw the disbursement of the fund, filtering student applications to determine eligibility.

The fund has undergone four cycles in Pakistan as of December 2023, with eight eligible students leveraging financial assistance through the Co-Curricular Programme and the hardship support fund, respectively. In addition, 520 students were facilitated through the work study programme.

OSEP promoted the fund through several internal student communication channels to better inform the student body and has developed a dedicated page on the AKU website where students can not only apply for the fund but also be kept up to date with registration dates, guidelines and FAQs.



## Swimming Saves Lives programme trained 100 students during the summer

Through a collaborative initiative between OSEP and the Sports and Rehabilitation Centre, students were provided a distinctive opportunity to acquire vital swimming skills at subsidized rates. Financial aid was made available to eligible students, ensuring inclusivity in participation. This summer activity saw over 100 students taking classes during their academic break, and played a pivotal role in showcasing OSEP's commitment to fostering students' mental and physical well-being

## The first-ever Student Townhall took place at both stadium road and Karimabad campuses, with leadership introducing new initiatives and addressing student concerns.

Convening its inaugural student town hall meeting, the first session brought together students from the Medical College, School of Nursing and Midwifery, and the Institute of Educational Development. Dr. Laila Akbarali, Interim Vice Provost – Student Affairs & Services and University Registrar, introduced the Provost Experiential Learning Fund Programme, engaging in an open dialogue with the students. Furthermore, the meeting addressed essential campus issues, highlighting the commitment to fostering student engagement. The inaugural event's success has encouraged Student Affairs to establish the town hall as a regular fixture, providing students a platform to voice their opinions and actively participate in campus affairs.



## Associate Director of OSEP, Danish Imtiaz, leveraged his expertise and skills by moderating leadership sessions

Two impactful leadership sessions were organized for MBBS students, playing a role in shaping both their academic and personal development journeys. The first session, titled "Leading in a Quantum World," took place during the first week of January. This session featured the esteemed guest speaker Sahib Karim Khan, a seasoned consultant and trainer affiliated with TPE Consultants.

Danish Imtiaz, Associate Director of OSEP, was invited to serve as the moderator as he delved into pertinent topics and strategies essential for effective medical leadership. The sessions provided a valuable framework for students to comprehend the nuances of leadership with on-hand sessions from industry leaders.

## Streamlining Processes for Student Societies and Clubs

The Office of Student Experience has developed a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) manual for all student societies and clubs. This initiative is a significant step towards streamlining processes and providing clear guidelines for student leads to manage their programmes effectively and professionally. By implementing these standardized procedures, the SOP manual will ensure consistency and coherence across all student-led initiatives, thereby elevating the quality of student experiences.

The Office of Student Experience encouraged student societies and clubs to take control of their operations by developing society manuals and annual activity calendars. These documents are not just resources and tools but also the keys to guiding student leaders in planning, executing, and evaluating their activities throughout the academic year. By equipping student leaders with these tools, the Office empowers them to make an impact on campus and beyond.

## Launch of WhatsApp Student Community and Class Groups for Enhanced Communication

To revolutionise student communication, the Office of Student Experience has unveiled an initiative for WhatsApp student community and class groups. This innovative platform aims to streamline communication channels, making interactions quicker and more effective.

By providing a centralised hub for discussions and announcements, students can stay informed about important events, deadlines, and campus news in real-time. The response to this initiative has been overwhelmingly positive, with students expressing gratitude for the enhanced connectivity facilitated by these groups.

## Student Need Identification Survey

The Office of Student Experience in Pakistan has undertaken a comprehensive Student Need Identification Survey to better understand and address the needs of the student body. This survey had two primary objectives:

- To gauge student satisfaction with the services currently offered by the office.
- To solicit student recommendations on enriching and enhancing student life experiences.

453 students from various programmes actively participated in this online survey, providing invaluable insights and feedback. Their contributions are instrumental in guiding the office's future initiatives and strategies to serve the student community better. The Office of Student Experience is deeply committed to ensuring students' voices are heard and valued. By conducting surveys such as this, the office aims to foster a culture of continuous improvement and innovation, ultimately creating a more enriching and engaging environment for all students at AKU.

## The Beyond the Classroom newsletter was launched to highlight student-led initiatives and society achievements

The Beyond the Classroom (BTC) newsletter, published bi-monthly, serves as a platform to highlight student activities and initiatives endorsed by Student Affairs and Services. Its primary goal is to inform and engage students, encouraging their participation in campus events.

Each issue of the newsletter is centered around a theme that reflects the nature of the events and initiatives being covered. This thematic approach provides an identity for each issue and gives for a more exciting read. For example, Volume One was titled "New Beginnings" due to the Unified and MBBS Student Orientation, as well as to mark the first ever issue of the newsletter, the first of its kind but not the first to be distributed to students. Volume Four, issued in June 2023, was titled "Time-Honoured" to acknowledge how several "time-honoured" traditions and events such as the Mango Party, Quad Opening, MBBS Welcome Party, Qawwali night etc. had been continued and, in some cases, resurrected due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Furthermore, the newsletter features a dedicated section spotlighting a student society affiliated with OSEP. This segment highlights the society's accomplishments and activities during the covered period. Additionally, the selected society is showcased on the magazine cover distributed via email, increasing their visibility and fostering broader student involvement.



# Student Activities and Events

## Student Representatives elected to shape students' life on campus

Facilitating student involvement in the campus community, the 2023 student elections provided a vital platform for the election of class representatives, student society members, and office bearers across the School of Nursing and Midwifery (SONAM), Medical College (MC), Institute for Educational Development (IED), and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS).

An array of candidates from diverse programmes stepped forward, presenting their comprehensive plans, ideas, and commitments aimed at enhancing the overall student experience on campus. Their active participation was marked by spirited discussions, debates, and interactive sessions, encompassing various subjects such as academic support, extracurricular activities, student welfare, and community engagement.

The newly elected class representatives, student society members, and office bearers will work closely with the student body, faculty, and administration to implement their proposed initiatives and effectively address their fellow students' needs and concerns.



## Launch of the Entrepreneurial Society

The AKU Entrepreneurial Society organized an orientation event to commemorate their inauguration, catering to the diverse student body at AKU, which included attendees from various disciplines such as MBBS, Nursing, Dentistry, and MPhil programmes. The Orientation introduced the society's vision of cultivating an environment that encourages students to explore their innovative and creative ideas while promoting an entrepreneurial spirit within the university. Additionally, the society's mission to foster the creation and development of student-led startups and ventures was highlighted. By equipping students with the necessary tools and guidance to create their own led society, OSEP continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of entrepreneurs and change-makers.



## The inaugural student leadership orientation and oath-taking united class representatives and society leaders

The first-ever student leadership orientation was organised to bolster their roles within the AKU community, bringing together class representatives and student society leaders. The event encompassed informative sessions for new leaders, the introduction of new initiatives, and networking opportunities, all aimed at fostering a sense of unity among the participants.

During the orientation, updated regulations were introduced to ensure the smooth functioning of student societies and class representatives, covering key aspects such as event planning, financial management, and communication strategies. Beyond providing information, the event provided a collaborative platform, encouraging student leaders to connect and work together.

This student leadership orientation exemplified the commitment to empowering student leaders, marking a significant stride in building a vibrant and inclusive campus culture through introducing new initiatives, establishing guidelines, and promoting networking opportunities.

## Mithai Distribution for 40th Year Celebrations

In celebration of Aga Khan University's momentous 40th anniversary, University leadership presented mithai to students, faculty, and staff throughout the day, with student volunteers from the Office of Student Experience – Pakistan graciously assisting to ensure the smooth execution of the celebration.



## Falah Blood Drive took responsibility of saving over 300 lives

The Falah blood drive, conducted in collaboration with the Aga Khan University Hospital, received an overwhelming response from the AKU community. Students and faculty members actively participated in the event as outreach efforts resulted in a successful turnout. The Falah Student society's commendable efforts in promoting the blood drive resulted in the collection of 110 blood bags. This contribution has the potential to save up to 330 lives, underscoring the significant impact of this initiative and went in line with Falah's objective of promoting patient welfare.

## Inter-university British parliamentary debating tournament held after a twelve-year break

The AKU Debating Championship (AKUDC) was organised in collaboration with the Public Speaking Forum, spanning four days of friendly competition. The tournament attracted over 100 seasoned debaters across multiple institutions throughout Karachi, with the top speakers receiving recognition for their exceptional performances. The final round showcased the debating abilities of Habib University, Karachi Grammar School, and Aga Khan University teams. Karachi Grammar School emerged as the winner of the AKUDC 2023 trophy.

Dr Stephen Lyon graced the tournament's final day as the esteemed Guest of Honour for the culminating debates and the subsequent prize distribution ceremony.



## Synergy Gaming Night

The Synergy Student Society's Gaming Tournament, took place in the first week of September, comprised an engaging mix of video and board games for an engaging exhibition of skills and strategy in a diverse gaming arena. The tournament, hosting 150 students from various programmes, delivered an unforgettable gaming experience.

## Public Speaking Forum represented AKU at the Inter-University Debating Competition

Members of the Public Speaking Forum (PSF) demonstrated exceptional prowess at the Habib University Debating Championship. On Day One of the competition, the AKU team achieved an impressive perfect score of 6/6, securing the top spot among the four participating teams after two rounds.

The AKU team's strong performance in the quarterfinals secured them a spot in the semifinals, highlighting their skill and dedication. Despite their best efforts, a narrow margin prevented them from advancing to the final round and securing the prestigious third position.

## Inter-Society Parliamentary Debate

The Society for Climate Conservation and Health (SoCCH) and the Public Speaking Forum (PSF) jointly organized a spirited parliamentary-style debate on climate change and the international community's role in addressing it. Two teams comprising speakers from both societies engaged in a debate on the topic, "This house believes that the fight against Climate Change should include taking international action against sovereign countries which allow environmental abuses through direct action or negligence."

The subject of the debate was in line with OSEP and the SoCCH society's aim of advocating for climate change through discourse and awareness.

## Celebration of Urdu poetry, literature, and artistic expression

The Publications and Literary Society (PLS) orchestrated a Brewed Tales event at the Medical College Quad, providing a platform for students from the Medical College and SONAM to showcase their literary and artistic skills. The event comprised of an Urdu and English open mic, slam poetry, musical performances, and the Urdu BaitBaazi.

Esteemed AKU faculty members, including Dr. Tazeen Ali, Interim - Dean of the School of Nursing and Midwifery, served as judges for the Baitbaazi competition. Additionally, the event featured an unveiling of PLS' campus newsletter, Khabarnaama, with nearly 200 copies distributed among faculty and students, showcasing articles and poems authored by faculty and students.



## Falah Carnival brings student community together in mega fund-raising event for patient welfare

Falah organized a Carnival at the Sports Centre during the second week of October. The event, attended by over 900 participants, showcased support from the AKU community and friends, emphasizing commitment to Falah's mission of enhancing patient welfare.

Generous contributions from participants were pivotal to the event's success. Attendees engaged in a range of activities, including face painting, games, rides, and a sumo wrestling exhibition. A highlight was a magic show that captivated the audience. The Blood Drive saw numerous individuals donating blood, reinforcing the community's dedication to patient welfare. The Falah Carnival reflects community unity and commitment to noble causes.

## Students, faculty and staff collaborated in the biggest Student-led Research Conference of the year

The Student Research Forum successfully organized a Hybrid International Student Research Conference in 2023, which provided a platform for students from AKU, national, and international universities to showcase their research findings and participate in various sessions led by AKU Leadership. The three-day conference featured a diverse range of activities and sessions aimed at promoting intellectual growth, collaboration, and networking among attendees.

The conference included oral presentations by students, allowing them to share their innovative research with a global audience. In addition to the oral presentations, the conference featured scientific programmes and teaching sessions led by esteemed AKU leadership and faculty. These sessions offered valuable insights into research methodologies, scientific advancements, and career development opportunities. The conference also incorporated panel discussions and hospitality sessions.



## Caretaker Prime Minister Meets with Students

During his visit to Stadium Road campus in the last week of December 2023, Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Kakar took the opportunity to engage personally with AKU students from diverse programmes across all entities, placing special emphasis on those from the recently inaugurated Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The student meetup, arranged by the Office of Student Experience - Pakistan in collaboration with several university faculty members, culminated in a panel discussion where University Leadership were also in attendance.

# Sports Roundup

**AKU Sports Olympiad 2023 brings students athletes to compete in different sporting categories**

The fourth edition of the AKU Sports Olympiad 2023 was a prestigious sporting event that united 22 universities and colleges from Karachi. This significant gathering highlighted the dedication and sportsmanship of university-level athletes, fostering a climate of healthy competition and companionship. It provided a robust platform for these athletes to exhibit their skills and talent while proudly representing their respective institutions.

Over a dozen sports were hosted as students competed in singles and teams for an action-packed week during the second and third week of October. The highlight of the competition was the introduction of the first-ever Rowing Event, courtesy of the efforts of the AKU Rowing Club.

The Aga Khan University emerged as the champion of the Olympiad, closely followed by the Institute of Business Administration. The Sports



Society remains committed to upholding the legacy of this event, aspiring to broaden its influence and outreach in the years ahead.

The Olympiad concluded with a celebratory closing ceremony at the Sports and Rehabilitation Centre (SRC), organised by the Student Sports Society, Office of Student Experience - Pakistan (OSE-P), and the SRC Management. The prize distribution ceremony was graced by Dr. Adil Haider, Dean of the Medical College, and Dr. Tazeen Saeed Ali, Interim Dean of the School of Nursing and Midwifery.



# World Heart Day Bikeathon

Continuing the tradition that started in 2019, Students rode a cycling event to commemorate World Heart Day. Students gathered in the early morning at the sports centre to embark on a 40 km bike ride across Karachi. Approximately 150 students participated in the endurance cycling event. This was done in collaboration with the Sports Society and the Sports and Rehabilitation Centre. Docs on Wheels organised the event.







## The AKU Champions League, a multi-sports tournament, was arranged for students of the Medical College.

The AKU Champions League witnessed an impressive showcase of talent and sportsmanship throughout the event as students from several batches competed in friendly competition. The Sports Society oversaw the event as students competed in cricket, futsal, basketball, table tennis and volleyball. The event took place at the Sports and Rehabilitation Centre.

## Rowing Club represented AKU at the KBC International Interschool Regatta

At the 16th Annual Karachi Boat Club (KBC) International Interschool Regatta 2023, the AKU Rowing Team demonstrated a commendable performance. Out of over 20+ participating universities, the team achieved eight gold, 10 silver and three bronze medals, the highest medal count in the competition.



## Ramzan Cricket Tournament

The Ramadan Cricket Tournament saw enthusiastic participation from 12 teams of MC and 10 from SONAM. The event was a resounding success, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Sports Society and the participating teams. Held during the holy month of Ramzan, students fully embraced the “work hard, play hard” mentality as they competed while fasting from dawn to daybreak.

## Other Sporting Events

- Sports Representative of BScN Class of 2023 organised an Inter-Batch Futsal Tournament.
- Sports Representatives of MBBS '26 & MBBS '27 organised an inter-batch friendly cricket match.
- Sports Representative of the MBBS Programme organised a two-day Inter Batch Volleyball Tournament to promote physical activities among the students.
- The Sports Society conducted trials to shortlist players for the Female MBBS Cricket Team.
- BScN Class of 2023 held an indoor intra-batch sports gala for BScN Students of all years, with games including Badminton, Ludo and Carrom board.

## Eleventh Annual Deans' Cricket Tournament

The 11th annual Deans' Cricket tournament, which is engaged by students from all educational entities in Pakistan, marked a notable expansion with the inclusion of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The event, organized in collaboration with the Sports Society and SRC management, welcomed Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Vice Dean of the Medical College, as the esteemed Chief Guest.

The tournament included 225 male and 120 female athletes with a combined 23 teams competing. The Student Sports Society and the Sports and Rehabilitation Management collaborated with OSEP in supervising and refereeing the matches, finalizing the schedule and distributing the prizes and jerseys. The event effective collaboration between departments and student organizations ensured the tournament's success.



# Our Student Societies

In the 2023 academic year, OSEP actively supported and enhanced the operations of Student Societies, Clubs, Forums, and Committees (collectively termed “student societies”). These societies organize events centered on extracurricular and co-curricular activities aimed at fostering students' holistic development. The events encompassed a wide array of activities, such as workshops, seminars, guest lectures, volunteering opportunities, social events, recreational programmes, and initiatives related to diversity and inclusion. They covered various areas, including personal development, community engagement, career exploration, mental health and well-being, cultural awareness, and leadership development.

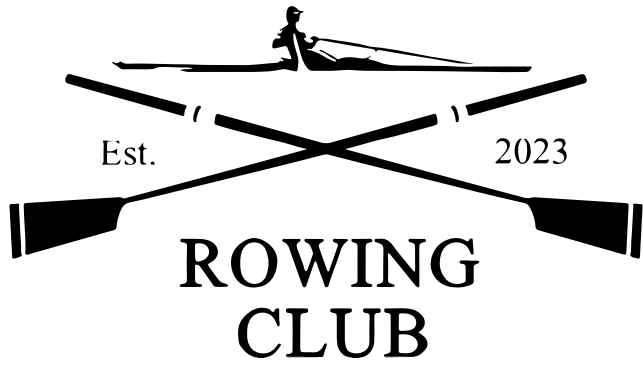
OSEP has consistently dedicated resources, time, and efforts to ensure that all student societies at the Aga Khan University remain fair and representative of the diverse student body. OSEP introduced several new societies in 2023 to cater to evolving student interests, including the Rowing Club, Society for Climate Conservation & Health (SoCCH), and the Entrepreneurship Society. To establish a strong identity and purpose for these societies, OSEP worked closely with each to develop their

unique logos, mission, and vision statements. Notable collaborations with the Arts and Culture Committee, Aurora, and Synergy resulted in creating and redesigning distinctive logos for their own brand identity for promotion on various platforms and events, further distinguishing these societies and strengthening their presence.

OSEP's introduction of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and templates for society manuals and annual activity calendars showcases OSEP's commitment to providing resources that will guide them in effectively managing their society. These resources, strategically placed in the Student Life section of the university website, equip societies with guidance on effectively managing their operations and achieving their stated objectives.

The collective efforts of OSEP in facilitating the establishment of new societies, promoting individual society identities, and providing essential resources demonstrate the department's unwavering commitment to creating diverse opportunities and fostering holistic student development at AKU.





Rowing Society



Public Speaking Forum



Sports Society



Society For Climate Conservation & Health (SoCCH)



Student Research Forum



Arts and Culture Committee



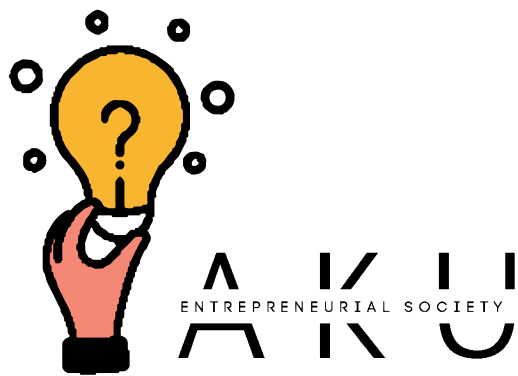
Synergy



Falah



Drama Society



Entrepreneurial Society



Publications and Literary Society



Music Society



Aurora



Class Representatives



Yearbook Committee

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