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# Independence Day Celebration

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Student Synergy Society MC in collaboration with AKU Publications and Literary Society celebrated the spirit of Independence on the night of 13th August. The event, which had over 200 attendees, started with a fun game of Tambola. It was followed by poetry recitation, speeches, and a patriotic skit in remembrance of the events of separation. The night ended with a cake cutting ceremony and flag raising at midnight for Pakistan's Independence Day.



# Mentor Mentee Breakfast



The Counseling Services and Wellness Office organized a Mentor-Mentee Breakfast Event at the university, attended by 240 participants including dignitaries Dr. Adil Haider, Dean - Medical College, and Dr. Laila Akbarali, Interim Vice Provost - Student Affairs and Services. Held on the male hostel lawn, the event aimed to foster strong connections between mentors and mentees, encouraging open dialogue and the exchange of insights. The Dean and Interim Vice Provost delivered impactful speeches, underlining the significance of mentorship. The event successfully cultivated a sense of shared purpose, with participants networking over breakfast, creating a positive and enriching experience that contributed to personal and academic growth within the university community.

# MBBS Traditional Night

*Class of 2023*

The MBBS batch 2027 had its welcome party during the 2nd week of June. The welcome party is a long-standing AKU tradition for Medical College students in which the seniors host an event for their juniors. It is meant to foster a sense of community between the two batches. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Welcome tradition was also put on hold for the last few years. It was restarted by the Arts and Culture Committee this year and was revived for the academic year 2023.

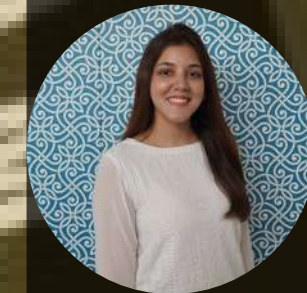
The night started with performances, including dances, musical performances, and more. The event concluded with a dance party inviting all attendees on stage. The event highlighted inter-batch unity and allowed students to revive a long-standing Welcome tradition.



# Spotlight

This year, the diligent efforts of medical college students bore fruit in the revival of the AKU Public Speaking Forum. Serving as a conduit for dedicated individuals, the club has provided a platform to nurture their enthusiasm for public speaking, debating, and cogently expressing their perspectives. Remarkably, within the first half-year of its resurgence, the club actively participated in two interuniversity competitions, showcasing their prowess, and engaged in a parliamentary debate alongside the student SoCCH society.

Such outstanding accomplishments have not gone unnoticed, earning them well-deserved recognition. As they continue to tread this path, their agenda is teeming with ambitious plans and further endeavors. The reinvigoration of the AKU Public Speaking Forum stands as a testament to the students' dedication, promising a future brimming with more remarkable achievements.



# MC Inter-Batch Futsal League

The AKU Champions League, an inter-batch futsal tournament for students of the Medical College, was held during the fourth week of July. The event featured the participation of 11 teams, showcasing an exceptional array of talent and exemplary sportsmanship.

In the female category, the batch 023, won Gold while the runners-up hailed from batch 025. Saniya Waseem earned the title of Player of the Tournament, while the Goalkeeper of the Tournament distinction was awarded Rameen Bajwa. The victors of the tournament from the male category were from batch 025, closely followed by the runners-up from batch 023. Shahier Paracha claimed dual honors as the Player of the Tournament and the Top Scorer, while Ali Azan was recognized as the Goalkeeper of the Tournament.



# Science of Inquiry Session

The Student Research Forum (SRF) conducted a recent series of sessions for the students of the AKU Pre-university summer program, under the name 'Science of Inquiry: Exploring the fundamentals of research'.

The sessions focused on teaching participants some essential research skills, ranging from structuring a focused research question to acquiring the skillset needed to carry out a comprehensive literature search. The sessions aimed to impart any knowledge needed by these young minds to enhance their scholarly growth.

The attendees were all students from the AKU Pre-University Summer Program, and the speakers included both faculty and medical students that were as follows: Dr. Sadia Fatima, Dr. Zahra Hoodbhoy, Dr. Sehar Virani, and students Asad Fatimi and Omar Mahmud from MBBS Class of 2025.



Thank you for  
your time.



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.

Among approximately 90 participants, Hamza Sohail earned a notable #4 rank in the best speaker rankings. Ali Azan secured a commendable 13th position, reflecting the depth of talent within the Public Speaking Forum.



# Launch of the Entrepreneurial Society

AKU Entrepreneurial Society hosted its orientation for the entire study body at AKU, in Multipurpose Hall, 11th floor UC Building. The event was attended by students across multiple disciplines including MBBS, Nursing, Dentistry and MPhil programs.

During the orientation, the society introduced its vision of inspiring and fostering a culture of entrepreneurship amongst students at our university, and encouraging them to explore their innovative and creative ideas; with their mission being the creation and growth of student-led startups and ventures, by providing young leaders access to resources such as mentorship and networking opportunities.



# Parliamentary Debate



In the third week of July, as a collaborative effort by Society for Climate Conservation and Health (SoCCH) and the Public Speaking Forum (PSF) delivered a spirited debate on the fight against climate change and the international community's stance.

The debate consisted of two teams, with each team featuring speakers from both SoCCH and PSF. The two teams engaged in a parliamentary style 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". After a compelling exchange of arguments, the opposition was declared as winners, advocating for addressing climate change primarily through discourse rather than immediate action.

The content of the debate centered around two pivotal points. Firstly, the participants debated whether the international community should prioritize dialogue or immediate action to tackle climate change. Secondly, the debate brought up the issue of responsibility for climate change. Participants questioned who should bear the burden of taking action: individuals, corporations, or states.

The event succeeded in stimulating intellectual curiosity and fostering meaningful conversations about the global fight against climate change. The debate offered a comprehensive and multi-faceted approach to addressing the complex issue at hand.

# Waterballoon Fight!



The Synergy Society organized a vibrant water balloon fight, fostering camaraderie among medical college students and providing a refreshing break from academics. Students engaged in friendly battles, breaking down barriers between different academic years and programs. Beyond the fun, such gatherings contribute to holistic college experiences, promoting social interaction and stress relief. The initiative reflects the Synergy's commitment to enhancing campus life and sets a precedent for future inclusive activities that enrich student life.



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