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Dear Students

Welcome again to this new and exciting issue of FP Chronicle. This issue is indeed special, as it deals with the theme of belonging and affiliation to the Foundation Program in particular, and Dhofar University at large, the cultural edifice that was built to accommodate you and cater to your hunger for knowledge. As I see it, belonging is an overwhelming feeling that develops into a drive that, in turn, creates relentless motivation within the self. This source of motivation leads to self-esteem and self-actualization. In the belief that students are the key stakeholders in the whole educational process, the FP started viewing students in a different light, making them

ownership of their work and met the day-to-day challenges. The recurrent motivational speeches and bi-weekly Class Reps' meetings have placed emphasis on making students part of the decision making in FP. Here in FP, we do not so much believe in communication as we do in connection, an empowering strategy that feeds the culture of commitment and dedication. This is why the open door policy is strongly adhered to and the Whatsapp service is in place 24/7. It is, indeed, in the Foundation Program where you, as students, can start carving your identity, shaping your dreams and finding your voice. Once you have done that, the next step is to be infectious and inspire others to find their voices, i.e. find out who they are, what they want and what they want it to be like.

To close, I hope that this special issue of Chronicle, which has tried to capture the whole range of activities, be it curricular or extra-curricular, meets your expectations and aspirations. Surely, we are open to your views, suggestions and recommendations, so please let us know how you like it and what you enjoyed reading best. Wishing you all success in your studies and in life. Make sure you have a refreshing summer break, but do not miss out on upgrading yourself the way you would like to be, because there is always room for improvement.

*Kind regards,
Faiçal Ben Khalifa
FP Director*



Dear students,

The FP Chronicle team is very pleased to bring you the 9th issue of all the news, outlooks and information within the FP and more. As students you have uncountable experiences on and off campus. You will read about some of them here. You will also see some excellent artwork submitted by some of you! This issue is centered on the idea of 'being rooted' or being aware of your connection with the FP/DU. As students, you spend a good amount of time here, with us.

Your impressions, feelings and opinions are appreciated and we decided to dedicate this issue of the newsletter to them. FP has a lot to offer all its students. There's the FP English Club where you are encouraged to participate in a variety of competitions and activities. You can see more of it in this edition. Every student aspires to do the best he/she can and strives to excel in studies. The FP Student Outstanding Committee, too, has the details that you can follow to be recognized and be awarded for your endeavours. Hope you enjoy reading this issue with some fun-activities like the Math quiz & crossword and some more!

Send in your answers as soon as possible as there are prizes to be won!!

CAN DO! is our motto and we believe that anything is possible!



*Rehana Hussain
FP Chronicle*



YOUR SAY...

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I feel very happy to study here. I get to make new friends. I love studying here because it makes me strong in my language acquisition.

Lamyaa Salim

DU is a comfortable place to study. I feel proud to be here. It has strong teachers to give support. I wish I had studied here earlier to help me become better!

Raya Abdullah

The university and its system help me to score good grades that are important to me. Studying in this university is important to me. It has a variety of cultures.

Manahel Mohammed Al Sadooni

My teachers and my friends make me comfortable at the university. I like to study here for my family and my future.

Mallak Abdullah Jadad

One of the most important places in Salalah is DU. It's near my house and it has great teachers to teach me. The experiences I have here are good.

Rudaina Nasser Ali Al Gassani

I like studying at DU because I have an ambition to achieve. It is for my future. The university is an enjoyable place. I want to study here because of my degree which is Social Work. It is easy to study here.

Rana Al Shahoomi

I feel very happy and proud for joining DU. It is one of the biggest and most famous universities in Oman. I like to study here because the teachers are very friendly and well-educated. This is my first step towards success. The courses are easy and taught in English so it is easy to understand.

Afzal Ahmed

I chose to study at DU because of the exciting disciplines it has. I met my new friends here who share interesting things with me. We learn together! We are all learning a new language and here we learn to be fully independent and see what we can do ourselves. At DU, I have experienced a different educational system.

Fatma Abdullah Ahmed Al Rawas

There are many reasons for me to study at Dhofar University. The most important one is that DU graduates find employment easily. I got access to new skills and expertise from my teachers. All the students are very friendly and helpful. The education here is very strong and good.

Fatma Ahmed Mohammed Al Khatib

Joining Dhofar University was always my dream. It is a famous university in Salalah. There are many reasons for choosing it. The students at Dhofar University are very good and qualified. Students want to have good jobs in the future. The teaching staff is very good and helps the students to study well. Dhofar University graduates are successful in their jobs because of all these things. I think I will be able to do well and graduate with high marks.

Afnan Abdul Hamid Ahmed Al Ghassani



YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS...

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Learn as much as you can while you are young, since life becomes too busy later.

FP OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROGRAM

Inspires you to aim high!

The Outstanding Student Awards Committee of FP proudly presents the Outstanding Students for 2015-2016 (Fall Term)

Are you ready for the next term?



Maroa Mohammed Juma Al Mammari
(All-rounder)

Maryam Awadh Ahmed Al Ujaili
(English-1st)

Noor Ahmed Hassan Kashoob
(English-2nd)

Hanadi Khalifa Ali Walad Hassan
(Math)

Amani Said Zaaid Al Saifi (IT)



Eligibility Test -The Outstanding Student Award –best essay

Technology is very important in our life. It is very useful for us. There are many people who use technology today. There are many types of technology such as computers, phones, etc. it makes our life easy. It also helps us in our education. In this essay I will write about how technology has changed education. In the past, we studied all subjects in the schools and universities just in books. We didn't have technology like the internet to search for information and to get more education. Nowadays, technology has changed education. We have many types of technology like computers that help us to get more information about anything we want. Now in the schools, we have electronic devices to study. Some schools don't use books now. They use electronic devices like laptops to study any subject. Also, in universities we use technology. We study in the IT class with computers. When we have presentations or exams, we can get information and study it. In conclusion, I believe that technology is very important in our life because it has changed education for the better. In my opinion, we must improve technology to become better and learn a lot of new things.

Mallak Awadh Musallam Al Bajari/L3

English

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English Club Competitions: A Student Report

The following competitions were held by the English Club in Term 3. I wish to write about them. There was Jeopardy for Level 1 students. There were teachers for each team who helped to keep the scores. The rules were explained and the teams were excited to answer. But sadly, their answers were not always correct. It was exciting to see the students answer. The next game I saw was Kahoot for Level 2 and 3 students. This was a challenging game. We used technology – our mobile phones, to answer the quiz. It was a bit confusing at first, but we completed the activity with enthusiasm. We had to enter a pin number, give a name for our team and answer the questions. The scores showed up on the screen. In the first half, Team LM, were in the lead. Then my friend and I caught up, and we ended up winning the game. It was an exciting moment!

Malak Mohammed Bait Said Level 3

JOIN TODAY !
FP ENGLISH CLUB

ENGLISH CLUB

Turn your can't into can and your dreams into plans

Level 2 & 3 Speaking contest

Level 2 & 3 Writing contest

Level 2 & 3 Kahoot -technology in learning English

Movies- enjoy & learn English (for hostel inmates)

Level 1 Game: Jeopardy

Visits Museum / airport

Club

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Speaking competition



Winners of Kahoot- a game using mobile phones



Winner -Speaking competition



The Prizes awaiting the winners



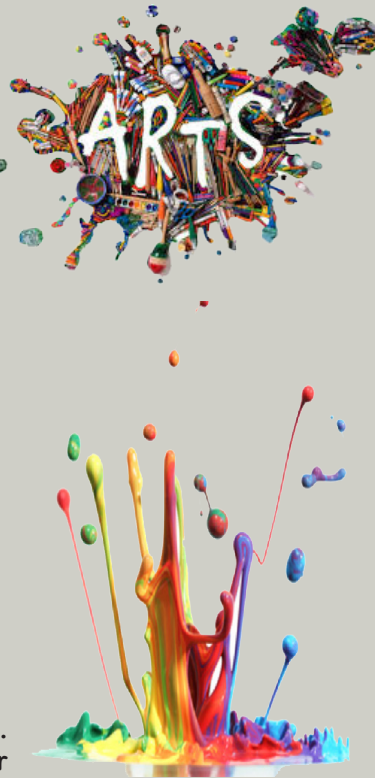
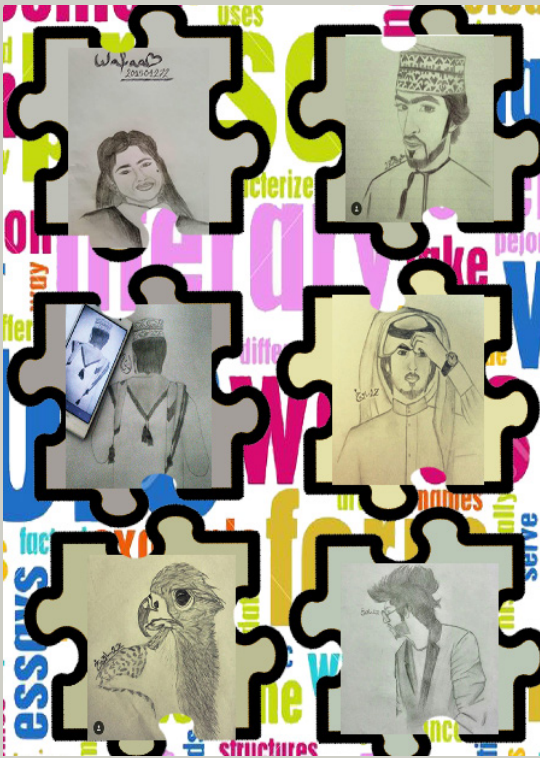
a. Certificate -Health and Safety - First Aid and Fire fighting



b. Winner of Certificate -Health and Safety -First Aid and Fire fighting

YOUR ART...

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Muneera Salim, CE

I love drawing a lot. I draw real people. When I'm bored, I draw. I drew teacher Hridhya because she's very beautiful. I draw people to make them smile.

Wafa Al Shahri/L1

PHOTOGRAPHY!



MATH UNIT

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Education isn't something you can finish." ~ Isaac Asimov"

Message from FP Math Unit



It is an immense pleasure to know that yet another edition of FP Chronicle is ready. FP Chronicle has established its role as a bridge between the FP students and FP faculty.

FP Math Unit Team

We would like to take this opportunity to give everyone about the academic update from Math Unit, which is, the introduction of Pre-Foundation Math Course for English Level-1 students. This Pre-Foundation Course is overwhelmingly accepted by the FP students as it proves itself to be a reinforcement of Math concepts learnt in Arabic at school through English medium of instruction. It also ensures that there is a smooth transition for students in learning higher level concepts in Math.

FP's motto, "Together We Succeed", is implied in principle and practice in every dimension of FP. The initiative of having FP Chronicle every semester establishes the sincere effort by the FP administration to ensure that students are actively consulted and they express their feelings on various issues related to their study.

I love my university for many reasons. It is a good place to study and learn and also prepares us for a better future. My university is a good place to study. It is well furnished with the most modern furniture. Also, it provides all the learning resources that should be available in a modern university. We have everything we need. Also, we have good places to relax and have fun in our breaks. Moreover, my university prepares us for the future. I am very optimistic about my future because they are teaching us important and up to date subjects. They are taking care of our training and scientific performance. I feel I will be an important person in the future. To sum up, being a student at Dhofar University is a privilege for everyone who wants to enjoy studying and wants to have a good future.

Fatima Said Ahmed Tamoon Al Amri

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Afnan Abdul Hamid Ahmed Al Ghassani.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

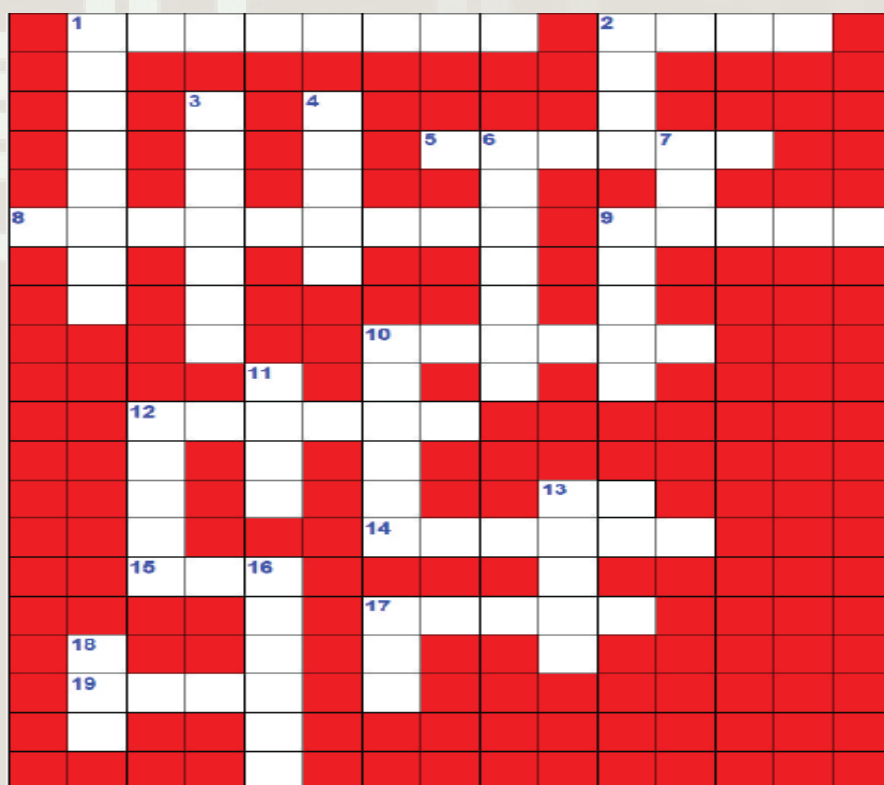
- Nelson Mandela



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MATH CROSSWORD

The answers should be written in words



Across:

1. $100 \times 10 =$ thousand
2. $2 + 3 =$
5. $24 + 6 =$
8. $12 + 5 =$
9. $10 \times 4 =$
10. $5 \times 4 =$
12. $8 + 3 =$
14. $20 \times 4 =$
15. $3 + 7 =$
17. $1 + 6 =$
19. $3 \times 3 =$

Down:

1. $9 + 4 =$
2. $2 \times 2 =$
3. $35 + 35 =$
4. $5 \times 12 =$
6. $99 + 1 =$
7. $2 + 0 =$
9. $25 + 25 =$
10. $8 + 4 =$
11. $33 \times 0 =$
12. $5 + 3 =$
13. $0 + 3 =$
16. $30 \times 3 =$
17. $2 + 4 =$
18. $1 \times 1 =$

Note: the first two correct entries will receive prizes (meant for L1/L2 only).

University study is different from one person to another in terms of perspective and benefits. Some view university study as a way to improve their material conditions and others look to it as a means to realize dreams. I am Noura. I am a student at the Dhofar University. I study in level 2 of the Foundation Program. If you ask me why I chose Dhofar University for my studies, I will say the study in this university is easy because the teachers are collaborators and help the students. The university does many activities to raise the level of the students and make them better, such as choosing a group of students to explain to their peers issues like grammar. There are also meetings to help students with problems. They give us awareness about the importance of studying. Finally, I thank Dhofar University for all these efforts because now I have acquired skills through experience and I have improved my level. I hope to achieve what I want which is to find my desired job.

Noura Rajab Adaf Al Amri

I love my university because it is my second home. They do excellent work at Dhofar University to help the students know what they need to do in their colleges. There are good teachers, classrooms, library and mosque. It is near my house. My father got a Master's degree there in Management in 2013. In my opinion, Dhofar University is the best private university because it owns considerable infrastructure, it has easy access and it is located in a country of temperate climate. There is accommodation for the students. They come here in order to fulfill their dreams of studying Business Administration and having a good job in the future.

Laila Salim Said Al Shakri



Education is not the preparation for life; education is life itself.”

~John Dewey”

Message from IT Coordinator

It is an immense and exceptional effort for the FP/Chronicle team to bring out the newsletter this summer with the theme “BE ROOTED”, and on behalf of the IT Unit, I thank the team.

In the IT Unit, the teaching and learning systems are designed to provide the basic concepts of Information Technology to the students stepping into the University. The young minds come from varied levels of school education. The FP - IT curriculum has been designed to target all kinds of students to help acquire the fundamental & essential concepts in

FP, IT Team

IT. The practical approach with usage of modern equipment aims to enhance the students’ knowledge and facilitate their studies in the Colleges. The knowledgeable, forward-thinking, creative and responsible team players of the IT faculty team guide the students to enrich their competencies. Students get experience through various activities in FP, which is the guiding factor in ensuring well-equipped graduates of Dhofar University. Teaching quality is also assured through an internal moderation process to ensure compliance with Oman Academic Standards (OAS).

I like Dhofar University. Why? Because it has beautiful buildings and many good majors. It also has good teachers from different cultures and countries. I can learn different information about different cultures from those teachers. Dhofar University can help me in my future. I can study the major that I like and I can get a lot of information about employability, about how I can communicate with others and how I can do good presentations in my job. By studying at Dhofar University and getting my degree, I can find a good job in my future. Those are the good things Dhofar University can help me with.

Mohammed Abdullah Mohammed Ba Omer

Dhofar University has become one of the most important universities in Oman. The lecturers are very efficient. The content of the books is suitable to the students of the Foundation Program. It can help us in the future by improving our English skills as well as our major skill. At university, we also learn manners, how to behave well in the outside world and give a good impression.

Mohammed Ahmed Hafidh Barham

I study at Dhofar University. I am happy because it has different majors. Also, it has excellent teachers. They give us support to learn anything. Also, management provides many services for students to be successful in work in their future. I hope all the students study at this university so they can have a nice future. I can grow like a beautiful tree here.

Fatema Mohammed Mustahil Al-Hilali

"Everything we do not have at our birth and which we need when we are grown is given to us by education."



My name is Hanaa Salim Al Mashani. I study at Dhofar University in the Foundation Program level 2. Studying at Dhofar university is an interesting thing because we can use the library and the university offers many facilities. Our lecturers are helpful so we can progress and gain knowledge. The buildings are modern and beautiful. Finally, I hope to graduate with excellent grades. I want to be a teacher in the future.

Hanaa Salim Suhail Al Maashani

Dhofar University is the first private university in the Sultanate of Oman. It offers two-year diploma courses and four-year bachelor's degrees. Dhofar University has three colleges. The university has helped me to take advantage of the educational opportunities available for the development of intellectual and professional skills.

Asma Ahmed Said Jabooob

After finishing grade 12, it took me a long time to choose which university to study in. Finally, I chose Dhofar University because it has many advantages. It is the most popular university in Salalah. There are varieties of subjects to choose from for studying. The teachers are well qualified. Many of them are native speakers. I like the way they are teaching us. They use modern teaching techniques. I enjoy studying at Dhofar University very much.

Ashwaq Said Nasser Al Ghassani

Computer Quiz

1. Which one is the first search engine on the internet?
a. Google
b. Archie
c. Alta Vista
d. WAIS
2. The first Computer Virus is known as
a. Email
b. Creeper Virus
c. SCA Virus
d. Rabbit
3. 1024 bits is equal to how many bytes?
a. 1 Bytes
b. 128 Bytes
c. 32 Bytes
d. 64 Bytes
4. gif is an extension of
a. Image file
b. Video file
c. Word file
d. Excel file
5. Which of the following is the most powerful type of computer?
a. Mainframe computer
b. Super computer
c. Desktop computer
d. Mini computer

