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### MS. ALISON DARNBROUGH APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF NAMAL COLLEGE



We are pleased to announce that Ms. Alison Darnbrough has joined Namal College as Director from July 1, 2014. She brings with her a vast experience of leading the function of academic administration in UK Universities. Ms. Darnbrough has served as Director of Academic Administration at the University of Bradford in UK and was instrumental in establishing the academic collaboration between UoB and Namal College. We are confident that under her guidance Namal will be able to achieve new standards of excellence.

### LAUNCH OF ADMISSIONS FOR SESSION 2014-15

Admissions for the academic session of 2014-15 were launched in April. Our admission advertisement appeared in major newspapers such as Dawn, Jang, Nawaiwaqt and Daily Express. We received an overwhelming response in terms of the number of applications. Almost 1,500 applications were received for the two offered programmes; BEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and BSc in Computer Science.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

### Junaid Akhtar's PhD Completion



Our faculty member Junaid Akhtar passed his PhD Defense in the Department of Computer Science at LUMS held in May, 2014. His dissertation work was on **'Evolutionary Algorithms based on non-Darwinian Theories of Evolution: The Peircean Perspective'** under the guidance of Dr. Mian M Awais and Dr Basit Koshul of LUMS. According to one of the testimonials, he has not only met the attributes and requirements expected and required from a PhD thesis but has also exceeded these in a number of cases. His thesis abstract and publication list is available at: <https://sites.google.com/site/junaidakhtar/>

### Jalaluddin Qureshi's PhD Completion



Another faculty member of Namal College Dr. Jalaluddin Qureshi also recently completed his PhD. The title of Dr. Qureshi's Thesis was **"Achieving Reliability for Wireless Multicast Transmission Using Network Coding"** and it was supervised by Assistant Professor Foh Chuan Heng and Associate Professor Cai Jianfei (co-supervisor) and awarded by Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. The focus of Dr. Jalaluddin Qureshi PhD thesis was on the use of network coding technique, which also encompasses erasure coding techniques, to improve reliability in wireless multicast network. He is one of the few academicians in Pakistan to specialize in coding theory.

## NAMAL STUDENTS ATTEND SUMMER PROGRAMMES IN TOP UNIVERSITIES



Oxford University has offered Summer School Internships to two bright students of Namal College. Israr Mehmood (BEng Electrical Engineering) and Adil Azeem (BSc Computer Sciences) have been selected to attend the Oxford Experience Summer School Programme (27 July- 9 Aug, 14) in Oxford, UK.

National University of Singapore has also selected a very talented student of Namal College, Ahmar Khan (3rd year BEng Electrical Engineering) to attend the Summer Entrepreneurship Programme in Singapore in July 2014. The Sajjad Foundation and JS Bank have jointly sponsored Ahmar Khan to avail this golden opportunity of international exposure.



## NAMAL START-UP CUP WORKSHOP

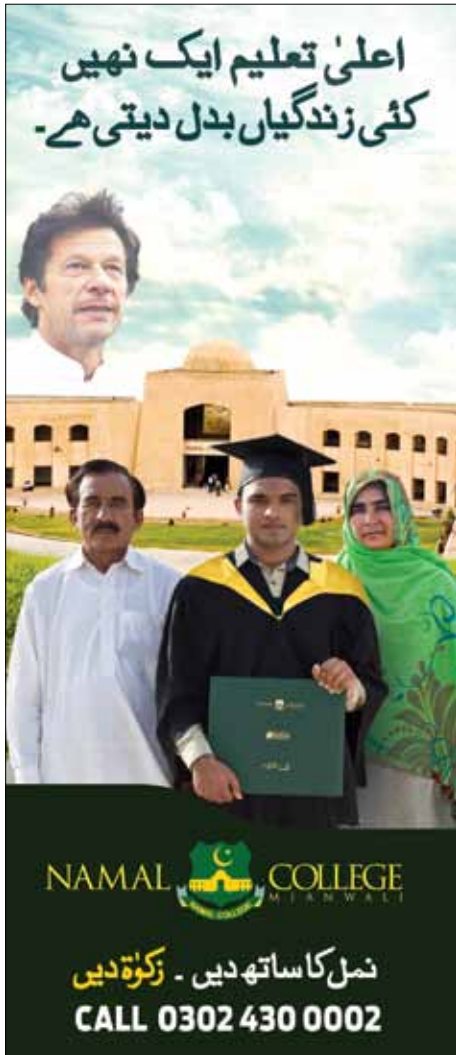
Namal believes in giving students a chance to explore their hidden talents and take part in extra curricular activities along with their academic studies. Namal Idea Club recently arranged an entrepreneurial Namal Start-up Cup workshop which was conducted by Arslan Haider, President Namal Idea Club. Arslan apprised the students about the various forms of entrepreneurial startups that either had already been initiated or were in the process of initiation in Pakistan. He also briefed the students about the latest trends of financing methods for new startups in developed countries such as the USA. Moreover he also explained how to make a business plan and the judges' criteria in a start-up competition for such a plan.



## FACULTY TRAINING WORKSHOP

Namal College aims to develop quality academicians who are well versed in the latest teaching methods and techniques to produce high quality graduates in different fields of academic learning. We arranged a series of training workshops for the faculty members at the end of the academic year.

Dr. Arif Iqbal Rana and Dr. Adnan Zahid from SDSB LUMS were invited to conduct a two day workshop on Vision and Philosophy of Teaching which was attended by the faculty of GIFT University along with the Namal College faculty. The workshop provided a good opportunity to the participants to discuss various aspects of teaching such as vision and mission of an educational institute and curriculum development in various fields of education. These sessions were highly appreciated by the faculty members as it gave them new perspective in their respective fields of teaching.



## NAMAL COLLEGE ORGANIZES IT'S FIRST EVER OPEN HOUSE

The Faculty of Computer Sciences conducted an Open House, the first of its kind, in May, 2014 to showcase Final Year Projects (FYPs) of the outgoing class of 2013. Some of the leading software companies in Pakistan including representatives of Confiz Ltd., Expert Flow, Systematic Bytes and Comaea International AB, Sweden, attended the open house. All of these representatives have significant experience in the software industry. A total of eighteen FYPs relating to various fields of the software industry were showcased and attracted keen interest from the industry participants in terms of buying innovative ideas from the students. Six FYPs were judged to be the best projects transferrable to industry. Internships were offered to the student members of the leading projects. The students were given feedback on each project encouraging them to dedicate effort and time into their future projects and professional assignments. The faculty members were pleased to interact with the industry experts as it enabled them to become familiar with new and practical aspects of the software industry that could be incorporated into the curriculum. The following guests participated as representatives from four different software companies:



NAME	DESIGNATION	COMPANY
Mr. Ahsan Saleem	Engagement Manager	Confiz Limited
Mr. Akeel ur Rahman	Software Architect	ExpertFlow
Mr. Jawad Bokhari	Co-Founder	Systematic Bytes
Mr. Muhammad Rashid	System Architect	Comaea International AB, Sweden

## JASHN-E-BAHARAN

The Namal Campus presents an ideal place to welcome the advent of the spring as it is located right in the lap of picturesque Namal Lake with the mountainous Salt Range stretching behind it from the North to the South. Namal Society for Social Impact (NSSI) arranged Jashn-e-Baharan to celebrate the festivities of the spring. The active participation of students along with the staff members made it a memorable event. Activities like "Billu Pakora Point", "NSSI da Dera" and "Eat & Win" truly depicted the various socio-cultural values of the Pakistani society being observed across various regions. Such colorful events in academic institutions help students assimilate and own cross-cultural values that go a long way towards the development of a progressive and vibrant society.



### CODING GURU COMPETITION



IEEE conducted its annual programming competition that was named Badar Munir Programming Competition in the memory of late Badar Munir who was the first coordinator of IEEE student branch. The objective of the event was to provide a healthy competitive environment to the students to polish their programming and problem solving skills. The winners of the competition were awarded sponsorships to participate in nationwide programming competitions.

### NAMAL ALUMNI HOME COMING



Namal College recently held a social gathering on campus for their alumni, fulfilling their desire to make alumni feel "they are a family" no matter how far away they are. It was a friendly and pleasant gathering. Smiles and friendly conversations, cherishing old times created priceless amusing memories. The event truly was an epitome of success not only on the alumni's part but also on the part of Namal College to nurture in their graduates a socially responsible community and ensuring that they have a social spark, a glow and a spirit of community building in them.

### NAMAL SPORTS SOCIETY



Namal College attaches great importance to extra-curricular activities for personal growth of its students. Namal Sports Society (NSS) organized its annual Sports Gala attended by students with great enthusiasm and fanfare. A large number of students participated in different sporting activities like football, cricket, badminton, table tennis, basketball, volley ball and athletics. A prize distribution ceremony was arranged where prizes were distributed by the Dean of Namal College to the winning teams.

### NAMAL PHOTO WALK



Namal Club of Arts & Media organized a "photo walk" that was led by the famous photographer A.R. Bucha. The walk started from the Namal Campus and ended at the scenic Namal Lake. Students who aspired to become professional photographers utilized this golden opportunity by clicking and capturing some amazing scenes of the area and shared their pictures with Mr. Bucha. He gave his expert opinion on various aspects of photography and advised on technical elements. He was pleased to see the interest and enthusiasm of the students for photography and encouraged them to capitalize on this talent in professional life.

## SUMMER WORKSHOPS AT NAMAL COLLEGE

Namal College arranged a series of Summer Workshops in which professionals from various industries were invited to train the students on aspects of their academic learning and discuss their potential future professional careers. Though the workshops were designed to have a focus on technology related issues, the guest speakers had interactive sessions with the students and the faculty members to also discuss some practical aspects of professional life.



## CREATING SOCIAL IMPACT



Cleanliness is half of our faith that stands true to every aspect of social and professional life. Namal Society for Social Impact (NSSI) is proud bearer of the values of Namal College in terms of making concrete efforts towards making this world a better place to live. In order to do this NSSI launched a "Clean Namal Lake" campaign. All members of the Namal family actively participated in this noble cause as they volunteered to cleanse the surroundings of the lake.

## ARCHERY COMPETITION



Namal Adventure Club (NAC) staged yet another successful event with an archery competition under the auspices of Shaheen Air Adventure. It was designed to expose the students to some less common sports in Pakistan so as to encourage them to consider becoming participants in future life. The instructor of Shaheen Club guided the participants about the technical aspects of archery and appreciated the natural talent of the students.

## NAMALOID

Namaloid was a mega event staged by all the student societies as a combined effort to provide the student community with a common platform to exhibit their talent and skills in different fields of academic as well as non-academic learning. Guests, speakers and professionals from different walks of professional life were invited to share their experiences and knowledge and the challenges that they faced during their careers. Events like debates, concerts, drama festival, and sports were the hallmark of Namaloid.



## NAMAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL SYSTEM INAUGURATED

Namal Education Foundation launched its first Montessori school in Rikhi, Miawali on April 21, 2014. The objective of establishing Namal Montessori school system is to impart education on the pedagogy of Activity-Based Learning. Its core premise includes the requirement that learning should be based on doing some hands-on experiments and activities. The idea of Activity-Based Learning is rooted in the common notion that children are active learners rather than passive recipients of



information. If a child is provided with the opportunity to explore on his own and is provided with an optimum learning environment then the learning becomes joyful and long-lasting.

## NAMAL NOW ON MCB'S DIGITAL BANKING CHANNELS

MCB has joined hands with Namal Education Foundation, and we are now live on all the three digital banking channels (MCB Lite Wallet, MCB Mobile Banking & Internet Banking). Now MCB customers can make donation to "Namal Education Foundation" directly through all of these digital channels.

### Web links:

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MCB internet banking : <https://www.mcb.com.pk/personal/mcb-internet-banking>







## LAUNCH OF SMS COMMUNITY

**W**e are glad to announce that an SMS based community has also been created for Namal College supporters and followers. People interested in subscribing to the service are required to type NAMAL and send sms to 8001. By doing this, they will become part of Namal Community where they can receive updates about Namal College through regular sms messages on their phones. This service is being provided with the help of SMSall.pk

## PEEF HOSTS NAMAL COLLEGE STUDENTS IN MURREE

**I**n these summer vacations, Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) planned a 3 day workshop for PEEF scholars of Namal College. The students were hosted at the Youth Development Centre in Murree where experts belonging to different areas of life conducted training programs in the areas of Communication, Leadership, Critical Thinking, and Presentation Skills. While the rest of the country was experiencing rising temperatures, the students had a great time learning in the pleasantly cool environment of Murree. The hosts also entertained the students by taking them around Murree.

## ZAKAT COLLECTION FOR SCHOLARSHIP- LAUNCH EVENT IN LONDON



**A** launch event was held in London, UK in presence of Mr. Imran Khan for the purpose of the collection of Zakat to give scholarships to deserving students of Namal College. A total amount of 100,000 British Pounds was raised on the occasion. In addition to that the President of the Overseas Pakistani Chamber of Commerce has pledged to award five scholarships to the deserving students, worth PKR 5 Million total. This event was organized by friends of Namal College including Mr. Sardar Muhammad Ghalib, Mr. Sajid Bashir and Mr. Zulfiqar Bukhari and was attended by leading overseas Pakistanis in UK.

## PRESENCE AT THE LUMS MARKETING COLLOQUIUM



**N**amal College was the Strategic Platinum Sponsor at the LUMS Marketing Colloquium 2014. In the event students from all over Pakistan attended seminars, marketing competitions and workshops. The theme of the event was Branding Pakistan and notable speakers such as Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar (Former Finance Minister), Mr. Khalid Mirza (Former Chairman SECP) and Mr. Asad Umar (Currently MNA and former CEO of Engro Group) spoke on the topic and answered questions raised by participants. One of the most popular feature of the

occasion was the Ad Effect Competition in which several teams from various Colleges and Universities participated by making Video Ads for Products with the combined objective of Branding Pakistan. In the final round of Ad effect competition, participating teams were required to make an Ad on Namal College. Students came up with very interesting concepts in this round but two Ads completely stood out because of their creativity and effectiveness of conveying the message of Namal. These Ads have been shared on our facebook page as well.

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