

74 students awarded certificates on securing positions in Spring and Fall 2010 semesters at Lahore Campus



Rector FAST-NU, Dr. Amir Muhammed is addressing parents at certificate awarding ceremony held at Lahore Campus

A ceremony to award Certificates of Academic Achievements was held on March 26, 2011 at FAST-NU,

Lahore campus. Rector, FAST-NU Dr. Amir Muhammed graced the ceremony as Chief Guest. The

certificates were awarded to 74 students who secured positions in Spring and Fall 2010 semesters.

The ceremony was attended by the position holders, their parents, Heads of Departments, faculty and staff. In his speech, the Rector emphasized the importance of nation building and urged upon students to work hard to be able to play their due role in overcoming the tough challenges faced by the country these days.

He congratulated the parents and wished students success in their future endeavors. The ceremony was concluded with a group photograph of the position holders with the Rector.

FAST-NU Islamabad Campus students win E Ericsson - PTA Excellence Award

Muhammad Bilal Junaid and Talha Shabib Ahmed, final year students of BS (Telecom) at FAST-NU were conferred E Ericsson – PTA Mobile Excellence Award for their exemplary efforts in developing a SMS SPAM Interceptor application under the Supervision of Dr. Mudassar Farooq. The award-giving ceremony was attended by Mrs. Ewa Björling, Minister of Trade of Sweden, a high level Swedish business delegation visiting Pakistan, Dr. Mohammad Yaseen, Chairman PTA, Mohsen Tavakol, President of Ericsson Pakistan, and senior management of the company. E Ericsson - PTA Mobile Excellence Award 2010 was launched in September 2010 to honor students who have developed the most innovative user generated or professionally produced content that engages the mobile user and enhances

the traditional mobile content experience. It aimed to reward the best mobile content development in the

areas of entertainment, social networking/online communities and location based service.



Winners of Award with Swedish Trade Minister, Mrs. Ewa Björling

FAST-NU Islamabad Campus wins Quiz Competition in SOFTCOM-2010 at GIKI



FAST-NU Islamabad Campus team participated in SOFTCOM-2010 and won the Quiz Competition which was organized by the Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute (GIKI) from November 5 to 7, 2010.

FAST-NU, Islamabad team "Shivon" having four undergraduate

students namely Khalid Usman, Aqeel Haider, Abdul Sattar and Faisal Abbas were able to spectacle their knowledge and stood first in the Quiz Competition.

This event was attended by over 300 engineering students from various universities across Pakistan.

It has evolved into a platform that inspires innovative ideas, solutions and generates immense sense of positive competition.

The event was targeted at students in the field of Computer Science and Software Development.

Various competitions included Speed Programming, Quiz, Software Development and Poster Design.

SMART Project wins Silver Medal at 26th IEEE P All Pakistan Student Seminar

The 26th IEEE P All Pakistan Student Seminar was held at Pakistan Naval College of Engineering (PNEC), NUST, Karachi on March 03, 2011. Two groups from final year batch of CS-07 presented their respective research papers in the seminar amongst 30 other presentations from all over the country. The top six papers were awarded medals.

The SMART project team of FAST-NU Islamabad Campus, represented by Ms. Mahwash Makhdoom, Sana Aslam and Madeeha Khan, presented their work entitled 'Semantic Based Multimedia Analysis and Retrieval' and won the silver medal.

It was a tough competition dominated by over 80 papers from electronics, robotics and AI related project papers from more than 10 top universities of Pakistan, including NUST, GIKI, Bahria, UET and Mehran. Ms Qurat ul Ain from the same batch also presented her work entitled, 'Ontology driven Information Extraction from the Holy Qur'an related Documents' which was warmly appreciated by the panel of judges and audience alike.

FAST-NU Rector attends Roundtable Discussion

Rector FAST-NU Dr. Amir Muhammed attended the Roundtable Discussion on Agriculture and Water in Pakistan in Islamabad on March 8-9. The roundtable discussion was led by the Planning Commission with the support of the World Bank. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), The Royal Netherlands Embassy and USAID were also co-sponsors of the roundtable discussion.

Dr. Amir Muhammed chaired the session 'Managing Agricultural Productivity (Part-I)'. He also summed up the session after presentations by the national and international researchers and the general discussion on the topic.

Maryam Arshad selected in Pakistan Young Leaders Conference in the UK

Maryam Arshad of BBA (Batch 08) FAST-NU Peshawar was one of the eight students selected from all over Pakistan to represent FAST-NU and Pakistan at the University of Oxford (UK) in Pakistan Young Leaders Conference (11th to 13th February, 2011). PYLC is NUPSA's flagship event, hosted this year by Oxford University Pakistan Society.

The conference aimed to gather 200 students from all over the UK (besides the eight from Pakistan) where they were asked to discuss vital issues relating to Pakistan, such as religious extremism, women empowerment, importance of democracy, minority rights, disaster management in flood relief efforts etc. Not only did Maryam enthusiastically participate in her respective committee (Education) but brought laurels back home by being the best delegate.

Her success maneuvered her position in NUPSA further ahead when she was later asked to chair the Education Committee for PYLC Pakistan held from 25th to the 27th of

February 2011 at Convention Center Islamabad.



Maryam Arshad during Pakistan Young Leaders Conference in UK



Pakistani students with Pakistan High Commissioner in London



FAST-NU VOICE Team at 'Qutab Minar' Delhi and Wagah Border

Saif Ullah wins Salik Tayyab scholarship for year 2010-11

The FAST-NU Lahore Campus administration has declared Mr. Saif Ullah (Batch 2010) of Electrical Engineering Department as the winner of Salik Tayyab Scholarship for the year 2010-11.

The cheque amounting to

The students of Batch of 2004 of FAST-NU Lahore Campus have created a financial aid package to honour their friend Salik Tayyab who died on May 13, 2007.

The financial package is awarded to a deserving student every year



Saif Ullah winner of Salik Tayyab Scholarship is receiving a cheque of Rs. 70,000 from Salik's family friends and students of Batch 2004

Rs. 70,000 was handed over by Salik's family, friends and FAST-NU Lahore Batch 2004 students to the Scholarship Winner on February 26, 2011 in presence of Director FAST-NU Lahore Campus, Dr. Arshad Hussain and Manager Academics, Mr. Saif Ullah.

enabling him to continue his studies unhindered by financial constraints.

It has been suggested that the procedure to award this scholarship be formalized in collaboration with the OSAF (FAA-Lahore) Foundation, with the funds being contributed by the Batch of 2004.

FAST-NU to maintain Alumni Directory

FAST-NU would maintain Alumni Directory of its graduates spread all over the world to provide a common platform to enhance interaction among them. Those alumni of FAST-NU who want their names to be included in the Directory, may send their contact details especially, designation, company name, salary package and email address to the Registrar, FAST-NU, Dr. Mohammad Latif Virk, at his email address - registrar@nu.edu.pk or the university's website www.nu.edu.pk.

Dr. Amir Muhammad presented shield by UAF

Dr. Amir Muhammed, Rector, FAST-NU was presented a shield for his lifetime achievements in the inaugural session of 'Alumni Meet' held on March 16, 2011 in connection with Golden Jubilee Celebrations of University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

The Rector also chaired the International Seminar on 'Vision for Pakistan's Agriculture: Challenges and Options' and shared his lifelong experiences and research in the field of agriculture. Commenting on current economic scenario of the country, he opined that the agriculture is one sector of the economy that can pull the country out of the economic morass in a relatively short period inspite of all the constraints.

FAST-NU team wins Windows Phone 7 Challenge

A team from Pakistan (Pi Maxies) has won the Round 1 of Windows 7 Mobile Development Challenge for their App Kick Now. FAST-NU Karachi Campus has initiated a vigorous training program for its students especially in the field of Mobile Space. Another team from the same institute has won Round 2 of the Windows 7 Mobile Development Challenge. This team comprised Imab Asghar, Musa Ali, Saad Zamand and Asad Memon.

FAST-NU student elected first Graduate Class Ambassador for University of Calgary

Nauman Saeed Anwar, a candidate of MBA 2011/Early Stage Technology Analyst (UTI) Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary has recently been elected the first Graduate Class Ambassador for the students of the University.

He was a student at the Lahore Campus of FAST-NU from 2001 to 2005. The student, staff and faculty, comprising over 35,000 members voted in the elections.

He was elected after a 10-day campaign and voting spree. The undergraduate ambassadors have been elected in previous years as well,

but this was the first year that a Graduate Ambassador was also to be elected. This virtually means that for the years to come, a student of FAST-NU, Lahore Campus and more importantly a Pakistani student will be remembered as the first Graduate Ambassador at this prestigious university in Canada. The title means that Nauman Saeed Anwar would be the face of the entire student body graduating from different disciplines at the University of Calgary in the year 2011. He, along with the undergraduate ambassadors will speak on behalf of the graduating



students in front of Faculty, the Board of Governors and the media. He will also have a number of other responsibilities over the next few months.

Business Ideas Competition 2011 held at FAST School of Business, Lahore Campus

Best Practices - FAST Business Club (FBC) organized 2nd edition of Business Ideas Competition at FAST School of Business. This year's event focused on three areas, Agricultural, Social and Technological entrepreneurship and was participated eagerly by more than 75 teams from all over Pakistan. Participants included students from FAST-NU, Comsats,

interacted with the students to evolve upon their ideas.

So while the event was a competition among brightest minds with their entrepreneurial ideas, it also offered a strong learning opportunity to students to evolve their ideas and plans. Top 7 teams went ahead to the final round which was judged by an elite panel of judges. At the end of the



LUMS, GIK Institute, UET Lahore, Islamia University Bahawalpur, NUST, Kinnaird College for Women University and other leading institutions of the country. Round two and three were held on March 11, 2011 at FAST School of Business. Selected teams from Round one presented their business ideas to a panel of judges consisting of industry professionals and faculty members who also

event, winning teams were awarded shields. Business Ideas Competition 2011 proved to be a wonderful success on different accounts. It not only hosted teams from all over Pakistan, but also proved to be a networking platform for students with eminent industry professionals, including CEOs of leading organizations and explore opportunities of putting their ideas to work.

BS Civil Engineering Degree Program starts at FAST-NU Lahore Campus

FAST-National University intends to start BS Civil Engineering degree program at Lahore campus from Fall 2011 Semester with proposed intake of 80 students. The University has already appointed Dr. Waris Ali, Professor and Head of Department, Civil Engineering Department at Lahore campus. The process of developing labs and hiring qualified faculty members as per Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) requirements is in the process. The University has already submitted application for Zero/Interim visit of PEC for BS in Civil Engineering at Lahore campus.

Paper published in International Journal

A research paper titled 'Plane Symmetric Vacuum Bianchi Type III Cosmology in $f(R)$ Gravity' by Muhammad Farasat Shamir, Lecturer (Mathematics), FAST-NU, Lahore, has been published in International Journal of Theoretical Physics, Volume 50, Number 3, Pages 637-643, DOI: 10.1007/s10773-010-0587-8. In the paper, the crucial phenomenon of expansion of universe has been discussed in the context of $f(R)$ theory of gravity.