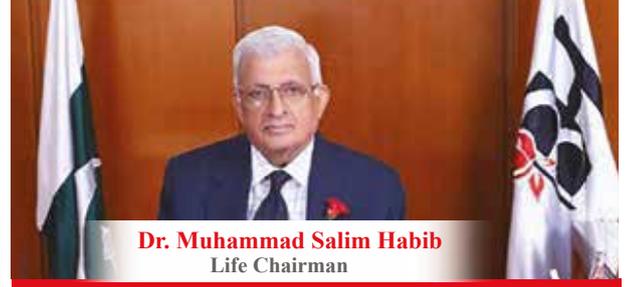




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Dr. Muhammad Salim Habib
Life Chairman



Dr. Iram Afaq
Chancellor

WHO ARE WE?

Salim Habib University (SHU) is a not-for-profit institution of higher learning committed to providing quality university education to the Pakistani youth, no matter what their financial constraints.

Established through a charter granted by the Provincial Assembly, Sindh, in 2015, Salim Habib University is supported by The Salim Habib Education Foundation (TSHEF), a not-for-profit organization that focuses on providing the people of Pakistan with safe and easy access to international-standard educational and healthcare facilities. At present, TSHEF's large-scale projects in Pakistan include the Salim Habib Education Complex, Toba Tek Singh, Salim Habib University, Karachi, and its upcoming Fatima Business School, Karachi.

Salim Habib University, founded by the dynamic Dr. Muhammad Salim Habib (Founder of TSHEF and Life Chairman, SHU), and the charismatic Dr. Iram Afaq (Chief Executive Officer and Founding Member, TSHEF, Deputy Chairman, Barrett Hodgson Pakistan, and Chancellor, SHU), is located at Korangi Creek, Karachi, and spans over six acres of lush landscaping. It boasts ultra-modern infrastructure featuring a five-story academic block with thirty-three state-of-the-art labs, a uniquely-built four-floor library, and world-class sports facilities.

The University focuses on ensuring that its graduates emerge as well-rounded, competent individuals who harbor the passion to engage in continual learning and have the ability to lead future generations to prosperity.

In this issue, we introduce you to...



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Librarian

OUR PROGRAMS



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OUR 1ST CONVOCATION

Salim Habib University held its first Convocation on Saturday, June 3, 2023, in the MBB Auditorium, in which degrees were conferred upon our graduates of the years 2021 and 2022 for the programs Doctor of Pharmacy, BE Biomedical Engineering, BS Computer Science, BS Biosciences, BS Accounting & Finance, BBA, and MBA.

Degrees were awarded to 113 students, while 14 high achievers received gold medals, and 12 were awarded silver medals. Successful graduates expressed their joy of being a part of the historic first Convocation of Salim Habib University, of witnessing their hard work paying off, and of now being a proud member of our alumni network.

The ceremony was hosted by Registrar Prof. Dr. Kaleem Raza Khan, who also led the academic procession.



Chancellor Dr. Iram Afaq, Deputy Chairman of Barrett Hodgson Pakistan and Chief Executive Officer and Founding Member of The Salim Habib Education Foundation, addressed the audience in a powerful and moving speech. She expressed her happiness and pride at seeing her students graduate, and in her talk, celebrated their academic achievements. She encouraged them to dream big and to follow their passions, and assured them that through hard work and perseverance, nothing is impossible.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Khan addressed the present graduates, faculty, and dignitaries as well, taking the audience through the history of the University and its significant accomplishments, as did Prof. Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, LUMS, who gave an inspiring Keynote Address that captivated the audience, and Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, Minister for Universities & Boards Department, who lauded the graduates for their achievements and urged them to continue to seek knowledge, as education is the only way to a better tomorrow for all.

Mr. Shahid Khan Afridi, Former Cricketer and Captain, Pakistan National Cricket Team, also graced the event with his presence. Also present were members of the Board of Governors of Salim Habib University, including Mr. Muhammad Abbas, Chief Operating Officer of The Salim Habib Education Foundation and Director Finance of Salim Habib University, Dr. Muhammad Hussain Habib, Director Education & Admissions, Marketing, HR & Admin, Mr. Tariq Amin, Director & Company Secretary, The Salim Habib Education Foundation, Prof. Dr. A Q Mughal (SI), Mr. Ali Naqvi, and Dr. Hasan Tharani, as well as dignitaries from all over Pakistan, including Vice Chancellors of universities and personalities of note from both education and industry.



MEET THE EXPERTS II - PAKISTAN'S FINANCIAL CRISIS AND A WAY FORWARD: A PRE-BUDGET DISCUSSION

Meet the Experts II - *Pakistan's Financial Crisis and a Way Forward: A Pre-Budget Discussion* was organized by Salim Habib University's Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Management Sciences, and held on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

The Chief Guest of the event was Dr. Miftah Ismail, Political Economist, Former Federal Minister of Finance, Former Advisor of Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs, and Chairman of the Pakistan Board of Investment. He highlighted the political and economic issues Pakistan is currently facing, especially the ongoing financial crisis, and brainstormed ideas for the way forward. The captivating discussion he initiated was moderated by Professor Dr. Muhammad Asif Shamim, Chairperson, Department of Business Administration, and was followed by an interactive question and answer session in which the audience expressed their views.



INAUGURATION OF SHU-PSTD RESEARCH CENTER

The Inauguration Ceremony of the SHU-PSTD Research Center was held on Monday, May 29, 2023.

The Center, established under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Salim Habib University (SHU) and the Pakistan Society for Training and Development (PSTD), and in collaboration with Salim Habib University's Career Placement & Industrial Liaison Office (CPILO), aims to provide a wide range of scholarly and research opportunities to researchers with focus on enabling them to carry out groundbreaking research that contributes towards understanding society better and solving pressing local and global issues.

The Inauguration was conducted by Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Khan, Vice Chancellor SHU, and Mr. Adeel Shareef, General Manager & Executive Head PSTD.



RECRUITMENT DRIVE BY BURQUE CORPORATION (PVT) LTD

The Career Placement & Industrial Liaison Office, Salim Habib University, organized a Recruitment Drive on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, for students about to graduate. The Recruitment Drive, conducted by Burque Corporation (Pvt) Ltd for their MTO Program 2023, received a great response.



BACKPACK TO BRIEFCASE: ALUMNI SUCCESS STORY

In this edition of SHU World's Backpack to Briefcase: Alumni Success Stories, the Career Placement & Industrial Liaison Office proudly features Minhaal Mukhtar, a BBA graduate of the Class of 2022, who is now a Senior HR Executive at Cambridge Garment Industries.



PHARMEVO CAREER CONNECT

PharmDeeS Science, the science club of PharmDeeS, the student society of the Faculty of Pharmacy at Salim Habib University, organized PharmEvo Career Connect, a counseling session featuring experts from PharmEvo Private Limited on Thursday, May 4, 2023, under the University's Center for Learning and Teaching (CLT).

The guest speakers at the event included Mr. Abdus Samad, Director Marketing & Sales, PharmEvo, Ms. Umaimah Muzammil, GM Pharmacy Services, PharmEvo, Mr. Jibrin Bin Yousuf, Chief Pharmacist, NICVD, Mr. Zubair A. Siddiqui, GM Corporate Marketing, Communications & Training, PharmEvo, and Mr. Aamir Nawaz, Senior Manager Production, PharmEvo. The event also featured a highly interactive panel discussion, moderated by Prof. Dr. Rahela Ikram, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy.

UNLOCKING THE POWER: STRATEGIES FOR WORKPLACE EMPOWERMENT - SERIES I

Unlocking the Power: Strategies for Workplace Empowerment - Series I, a full-day experiential learning camp, was held by the Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Management Sciences, Salim Habib University, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The camp, which focused on strategies for workplace empowerment, and included a safe motorcycle riding/road safety training session, a simulation camp for motorcycle riding, a motorbike test-ride camp, and complimentary maintenance of motorbikes, was conducted by experts from Atlas Honda Limited.



SINDH HEC'S RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE 2023

Computer Science, Biomedical Engineering, and Biosciences students from Salim Habib University presented their projects at the Research and Technology Showcase 2023, organized by the Sindh Higher Education Commission, which was held at Expo Centre, Karachi, from May 18 to 19, 2023.



VISIT TO JOB FAIR & EDUCATION EXPO ORGANIZED BY PAKISTAN HINDU COUNCIL IN COLLABORATION WITH HEC

Final year students from Salim Habib University visited the Job Fair and Education Expo organized at Karachi Expo Center by the Pakistan Hindu Council, in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC). The event took place on Thursday, May 4, 2023, and featured national and multi-national firms of renown, as well as multiple universities.

THE NEWS EDUCATION EXPO 2023

Salim Habib University was one of the leading participants in The News Education Expo 2023, held at Expo Center Karachi from June 17 to 18, 2023. This edition of the annual exhibition, a grand event intended to allow students, educators, and professionals to explore the latest trends and innovations in the education sector, brought together dozens of top universities and colleges, both local and international. Our booth received a great response!



COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS WIN THIRD POSITION AT HABIB UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Computer Science students from Salim Habib University presented their projects at the Habib University Research Symposium held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, which featured projects from students of several leading institutions, and we are immensely proud to announce that our student team working on Breast Cancer Analysis under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Rizwan Ahmed Khan, Dean, Faculty of Information Technology, Salim Habib University, won Third Prize. The students behind the prize-winning project, titled *Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) For Breast Cancer Classification* are Maryam Ahmed and Tooba Bibi.



COMPUTER SCIENCE FINAL YEAR PROJECT EXHIBITION: A SHOWCASE

The Department of Computer Science, Salim Habib University, held its Final Year Project Exhibition: A Showcase on Thursday, May 25, 2023. The showcase exhibited the incredible projects our Computer Science students have created, which awed the audience with their ingenuity. Winners included:



- **1st Position** - *The Virtual World of Undergrad* by Sabahat Zafar, Uroosa Jawaid, and Thanwar Das, supervised by Dr. Sheeraz Arif, Associate Professor & Chairperson, Department of Computer Science
- **2nd Position** - *Decision4HR* by Abdul Moiz Farooq, Abdul Samad Farooq, and Muhammad Tayyab, supervised by Mr. Muhammad Rahil, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, and *XAI-Based Breast Cancer Detection* by Maryam Ahmed and Tooba Bibi, supervised by Prof. Dr. Rizwan Ahmed Khan, Dean, Faculty of Information Technology
- **3rd Position** - *RL Applied for Dynamic Game Difficulty Adjustment* by Syed Muhammad Hasan Abbas Rizvi, supervised by Prof. Dr. Rizwan Ahmed Khan, Dean, Faculty of Information Technology and *Carpooling Application* by Ali Salman, Bushra Rubab, and Dileep Kumar, supervised by Ms. Sidra Nasir, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science



**SHU Faculty of Engineering
acquires
Pakistan Engineering Council
Re-Accreditation Level II
(Washington Accord)**



CULTIVATING HUMAN CAPITAL

The Salim Habib Center of Learning and Teaching (CLT) aims to foster academic excellence and to equip faculty, students, and staff with the best practices prevalent in national and international academic and professional circles through regular interaction with prominent members of industry and academia in order to cultivate quality human capital. For this purpose, the Center regularly organizes guest speaker sessions, seminars and conferences, ranging from departmental assemblies to university-wide events.

A number of CLT sessions were held in recent months, including a seminar on *Awareness and Prevention of Thalassaemia*, and sessions titled Industry-Academia Linkage by Prof. Tahir Mehmood Chaudhry, Executive Director, Hazza Institute of Technology, Islamabad, and Advisor, Higher Education Sector, Software Alliance Pakistan (DPS Group Company), *Connect & Convey - Mastering Communication Skills: Effective Listening Strategies for Better Communication* by Engr. Syed Rizwan Ali, Assistant Professor, Bahria University, Karachi Campus, and Manager Business Incubation Center (BIC), *Mapping Your Path to Success - Integrating Personality and Career Development* by Mr. Syed Huzair, People and Learning Consultant, Navigation Management Consulting, and others.

The Faculty of Information Technology also held an in-house Professional Development Workshop titled *Data Analysis for All: Transforming Data into Knowledge - The New Gold* on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, which was conducted by Mr. Nooruddin Surani, CEO, Awesome Technologies Inc.



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



Student Council

Student Societies:

- Arts and Literature Society
- Outreach & Public Relations Society
- Sports Society
- Public Speaking Society
- Event Society
- Marketing & Media Society
- Character-Building Society
- CSR Society - Pukaar



Departmental Societies:

- Pharmacy - PharmDeeS
- Computer Science - CS Cube
- Biomedical Engineering - We.M.E.
- Biosciences - BioSoc
- Management Sciences - NexGen Leaders

The following student events and activities also took place in the second quarter of 2023:

Grad Week - Spring 2023

Grad Week, held from May 20 to 27, 2023, was a series of events organized to celebrate the Graduating Class of Spring 2023 and to ensure that they bid a grand adieu to their university life.

The Week started off with an Adventure Day, which the Graduating Class spent at the theme park Adventure Land in Bahria Town, Karachi. Following this was the crowd-favourite Character Day, which had our creative students dressing up as the brightest, most colourful fictional characters they could think of. Then came Water Day, on which the graduating students had a splash with water guns, water balloons, and soap soccer. A Movie Night was also held, which they enjoyed immensely, as they did A Walk Down Memory Lane, which was a day they spent immersed in nostalgia as they looked back at their lives at SHU.

Altogether, this one week gave our graduating class a lifetime of memories of university life to hold on to and cherish as they make the tough transition from student life to corporate life.



Indus Yaqeen's Meer-e-Karwan Zakat Campaign

Dedicated volunteers from Salim Habib University participated in Indus Yaqeen's Meer-e-Karwan Zakat Campaign in Ramadan 2023. The volunteers also very actively used their social media platforms to spread Indus Hospital and Health Network's message and campaigned enthusiastically to make the Meer-e-Karwan Zakat Campaign a resounding success and to carry forward the mission of IHHN in providing quality, free of cost healthcare to the underserved people of the country.



Coca-Cola on Campus

Coca-Cola brought its magic on wheels to Salim Habib University on Thursday, May 4, 2023, and filled our campus with colour and melody. They had for us a fun musical day planned, with a Coke Studio karaoke setup that encouraged members of the audience to get up and sing.



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