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CLASS OF 2026:

A CELEBRATION OF

EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,

Welcome to the forty-second issue of our **UDST POST**.

As we conclude another remarkable chapter at the University of Doha for Science and Technology, I am proud to reflect on the many accomplishments that continue to shape our vibrant and forward-looking community.

This period has been marked by exceptional milestones that demonstrate the strength of our applied learning model and our commitment to innovation, student success, and societal impact. Most notably, we celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2026, honoring a new generation of future leaders equipped with the knowledge, resilience, and practical skills needed to contribute meaningfully to Qatar and beyond.

Innovation and entrepreneurship also remained at the heart of our journey. The Student Symposium 2026 showcased outstanding student research, applied projects, and entrepreneurial ventures, reflecting the creativity and talent of our students across multiple disciplines. Through UHUB initiatives, student-led startups continued to achieve remarkable success, reinforcing UDST's growing role within Qatar's innovation ecosystem.

We also take pride in achievements that reflect our people-centered culture and commitment to wellbeing. Being ranked 9th among Qatar's Top 10 Best Workplaces for 2026 and receiving Great Place

to Work® certification for the fourth consecutive year is a testament to the collaborative and supportive environment we continue to foster together. Additionally, the Student Mental Health Ambassadors program receiving the MENASA NASPA Silver Award for Innovative Practice highlights our dedication to student wellbeing and creating a psychologically safe and inclusive campus community.

Our students also continued to benefit from valuable industry-aligned learning opportunities through collaborations with leading organizations such as The Peninsula Qatar and Al Araby TV Network, allowing them to connect classroom knowledge with real-world professional experiences.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to advancing applied education, fostering innovation, and empowering our students and employees to excel in a rapidly evolving world.

Thank you to every member of our community for your dedication, passion, and contribution to UDST's continued success. Together, we continue to shape a future defined by excellence, innovation, and opportunity.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi
President,
University of Doha for Science and Technology



Honoring the Class of 2026 and Celebrating a New Generation of Future Leaders

Under the esteemed patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, the University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) celebrated the graduation of the first batch of the Class of 2026 at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

The ceremony was attended by Her Excellency Lolwah bint Rashid bin Mohammed Al Khater, Minister of Education and Higher Education, His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz bin Nasser bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, President of the Civil Service and Government Development Bureau and Secretary General of the National Planning Council as a speaker; alongside other Excellencies, Ministers of State, and with the attendance of UDST Board of Trustees' Chairman, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada and the Board members; His Excellency Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, the University's staff and faculty, and graduates' families.

The number of graduates this year is 1,321: 484 graduates from the College of Business, 285 graduates from the College of Computing and Information Technology, 341 graduates from the College of Engineering and Technology and 211 from the College of Health Sciences, reflecting the diversity of the university's academic programs and the breadth of its fields of specialization.

The graduating class also included more than 250 outstanding students.

First Cohorts from Several Academic Programs

The Class of 2026 is distinguished by the graduation of the first cohorts from several newly introduced academic programs. These include the Digital Communication and Media Production program, developed in collaboration with the Qatar Media Corporation, as well as the first graduates of Construction Engineering, the Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Cybersecurity, and the Master of Science in Process Safety. These programs reflect UDST's approach and alignment with emerging fields and national priorities.

The graduating class embodies the dynamic and future-focused nature of the University's academic offerings, spanning key fields such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, digital technologies, engineering, health sciences, and business innovation. Through experiential learning environments, advanced laboratories, simulation technologies, and industry-driven projects, students have developed the skills and competencies needed to confidently transition into the workforce.

This occasion marks a significant milestone in the journey of UDST graduates, representing the culmination of years of dedication, hands-on training, and personal growth. It also reflects the University's commitment to applied education that places students at the center of the learning experience and bridges theoretical knowledge with practical application to meet the evolving needs of the labor market.





Throughout their academic journey, students benefited from an applied learning model centered on innovation and problem-solving, which has contributed to the development of essential skills such as critical thinking, teamwork, adaptability, and leadership capabilities that are vital in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

Leadership Remarks Highlight the Power of Education and Innovation

His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz bin Nasser bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, President of the Civil Service and Government Development Bureau and Secretary General of the National Planning Council addressed the graduates: “Here in Qatar, under the wise leadership of H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of the State of Qatar, may Allah protect him, we are moving with steady steps towards a clear national vision and development strategies. Our goal is to uplift and empower individuals, and to build a more sustainable and prosperous future. This endeavour demands minds that are eager to learn and individuals who embrace responsibility and possess a genuine desire to make a meaningful impact on their society and nation.”

In his speech, H.E. Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of the University of Doha for Science and Technology, said: “Today, we celebrate a graduating class that can truly be described as exceptional. Our resilient students have persevered through a year marked by unprecedented challenges and now stand before us, alongside their professors and loved ones, as a testament to the

enduring power of education. Their journey reminds us that education extends far beyond classrooms and laboratories; it is fundamentally centered on people. It thrives in a nation that embraces education, dialogue, and knowledge as the foundation for progress and societal advancement.”



He further highlighted the university’s strategic direction, stating: “We recognize that success is not achieved through ambition alone, but through agile strategies and carefully designed plans that ensure readiness for every possibility. These efforts are driven by measurable performance indicators, sustained dedication, and an unwavering commitment to advancing a clear and enduring national vision.



In alignment with the State's strategic priorities, the university has introduced four new academic programs: the Master of Science in Midwifery, the Executive Master of Health Administration, and the Bachelor's and Diploma programs in Animal Health and Veterinary Science. With these additions, the university now offers a total of 80 academic programs, all developed in accordance with the highest national and international standards to address the evolving demands of both the local and global economy.

The University continues to place strong emphasis on advanced professional training and applied research in critical areas including sustainability and renewable energy, food security, health technologies, and digital transformation. We have also announced the development of a comprehensive strategy aimed at achieving carbon neutrality. This initiative extends beyond environmental responsibility; it represents a strategic investment in the future of the economy, public health, and national security, while reinforcing the goals of sustainable development under Qatar National Vision 2030."

He commended the students and praised their dedication, stating: "Before me stands an exceptional generation of innovators and emerging leaders in the world of business. I see pioneers shaping the digital future, engineers driving progress and innovation, and highly qualified professionals prepared to deliver the highest standards of healthcare.

Congratulations on this remarkable achievement. You are our pride and the finest ambassadors of the University wherever your journey may lead you."

Celebrating Student Success, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation

The second day of the graduation ceremony also featured a keynote address by Hamad Mubarak Alhajri, Founder and CEO of Snoonu, who congratulated the graduates on their achievement and encouraged them to continue pursuing their ambitions with confidence and perseverance. The ceremony further reflected the University's commitment to celebrating innovation, entrepreneurship, and student success across various fields and disciplines.

The Class of 2026 valedictorian, Mohamad Al-Qassabi, expressed his happiness to be representing all his fellow honor graduates during the ceremony and said: "It is a profound honor to graduate from an academic institution that spared no effort in supporting me throughout my educational journey. During my years of study, I had the opportunity to participate in international competitions, where my project, "OPAS", an Offside and Performance Analysis System for football, received international recognition and acclaim. I was also privileged to represent the State of Qatar and various youth organizations on global platforms such as the United Nations, in addition to participating in a range of workshops and lectures at both the local and international levels. I was subsequently



ranked among the top five inventors worldwide at the CIF Exhibition and among the top three inventors in the Arab world. I extend my deepest appreciation to my University, which nurtured my ambitions and empowered my achievements. My sincere gratitude goes to everyone who supported us throughout this journey, from our professors, who devoted their time and expertise to guiding us, to our parents, who remained a constant source of encouragement and support. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to our beloved State of Qatar for its unwavering commitment to education and innovation as fundamental drivers of national development.”

The Class of 2026 Salutatorian, Walaa Hassan, expressed pride in representing fellow graduates during the ceremony and said: “Today, we stand in a moment we have long dreamed of. A moment of pride and accomplishment that crowns years of dedication, perseverance, and ambition. The University of Doha for Science and Technology provided us with a comprehensive educational experience that combined knowledge with practical application, helping us develop our skills and empowering us to create meaningful impact within our communities. Each one of us carries a unique story of success, yet what unites us all is the belief that ambition and hard work can shape a brighter future. As graduates, we leave today carrying not only academic knowledge, but also the confidence, resilience, and sense of responsibility that will guide us as we contribute to our communities and pursue our aspirations with determination and purpose.”

Graduates Ready to Shape the Future

As the first cohort of the Class of 2026 embarks on its next chapter, the University looks ahead to tomorrow’s second graduation ceremony with great pride in its students, who now move forward into the next stage of their journey.

Graduates carry with them the University’s core values of excellence, integrity, and lifelong learning, and are fully prepared to contribute to the service of their communities and to addressing future challenges at both the local and global levels.”





WHO Assessment Visit Highlights UDST's Leadership in Campus Wellness

UDST recently welcomed representatives from the World Health Organization (WHO) and key health sector partners as part of the WHO Healthy Universities institutional assessment process. The visit followed the submission of UDST's self-assessment report and provided an opportunity to showcase the University's comprehensive approach to health and wellness across its campus community.

Representatives included Dr. Samar Elfeky from the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, Dr. Sadriya Al Kohji from the Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC), and Lolwa Salatt from the WHO Qatar Country Office. Throughout the visit, the delegation participated in presentations, stakeholder discussions, student engagement sessions, and campus tours.

Highlights included presentations on UDST's Wellness Strategy and its eight dimensions of wellness, visits to the student-led UHUB and Club Hub, tours of the College of Health Sciences and sports facilities, and discussions with students and staff. The visit underscored UDST's commitment to leveraging a healthy campus environment and further reinforced its position as a regional leader in wellness and student wellbeing.



Hosting Student Symposium 2026 Showcasing Innovation and Applied Learning

UDST organized the Student Symposium 2026, a dynamic event that brought together students, faculty, alumni, and industry guests to showcase student innovation, applied research, and entrepreneurial talent across various disciplines.

The symposium featured student poster presentations showcasing capstone, MSc, and QRIEP projects from across the University, alongside a dedicated startup zone supported by UHUB. The event also included keynote sessions focused on innovation, enterprise, and opportunities awaiting graduating students as they transition into the workforce.

Throughout the symposium, students presented projects spanning engineering, computing, business, and technology fields, demonstrating practical solutions, research excellence, and industry-aligned skills developed through applied learning experiences at UDST.

Interactive presentations and networking opportunities allowed attendees to engage directly with project teams and explore ideas with commercial and societal impact. The event concluded with an award ceremony recognizing outstanding student projects and achievements.

The symposium reflects UDST's ongoing commitment to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and experiential learning while empowering students to contribute to Qatar's future knowledge-based economy.



UDST Among Qatar's Top 10 Best Workplaces for 2026

UDST has been ranked 9th among the Top 10 Best Workplaces in Qatar 2026 (Large Category) and has also earned Great Place to Work® certification for the fourth consecutive year following an independent evaluation conducted by Great Place to Work® Middle East.

The recognition reflects UDST's commitment to fostering a workplace culture built on trust, collaboration, inclusivity, and continuous improvement. Based primarily on confidential employee feedback and an assessment of workplace practices, the recognition highlights the University's dedication to creating an environment where employees feel valued, supported, and empowered.

H.E. Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, emphasized that the achievement reflects the University's people-centered culture and its ongoing focus on professional growth, wellbeing, and excellence.

Through initiatives such as Professional Development Days, specialized training opportunities, wellness programs, and international engagement, UDST continues to invest in its employees while reinforcing its position as Qatar's national applied university and a leading workplace in the country.



DCMP Students Explore Digital Journalism at The Peninsula Qatar

Students from the Digital Communication and Media Production (DCMP) program at the University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) gained practical newsroom experience during an industry visit to The Peninsula Qatar as part of the applied component of the Future Digital Journalism course (DCMP 2040).

During the visit, students explored newsroom operations and learned about current trends shaping digital journalism. Distinguished Editor-in-Chief Prof. Khalid Mubarak Al-Shafi shared insights from his extensive media career, emphasizing the importance of credibility, accuracy, and ethical reporting in today's fast-paced digital landscape.

Students visited various news desks, including business, sports, and local news, where journalists demonstrated how stories are produced and adapted for digital-first audiences across online and social media platforms. The visit also highlighted the role of analytics, audience engagement, and social media journalism in modern news distribution.

The experience reinforced UDST's commitment to applied, industry-aligned education while strengthening collaboration with leading media organizations.



DCMP Students Gain Industry Insight Through Visit to AI Araby TV Network

Students from the Digital Communication and Media Production (DCMP) program gained first-hand exposure to the media industry during a field visit to AI Araby TV Network. Led by DCMP faculty members Dr. Zeynep Merve Uygun Azizoglu and Dr. Carolyne Lunga, the visit offered students valuable insight into professional broadcasting environments and contemporary newsroom operations.

During the visit, students explored advanced studios, production facilities, and newsroom technologies while engaging directly with media professionals. They also observed live editorial and production workflows, allowing them to better understand the realities of 24-hour broadcasting and connect classroom learning with practical application.

Representatives from AI Araby TV praised the students' professionalism, curiosity, and engagement throughout the visit. The initiative reflects UDST's commitment to applied, industry-aligned education and strengthening partnerships with leading organizations to equip students with the practical skills and experience needed for the evolving media landscape.



CCIT Strengthens Industry Collaboration Through Annual PAC Meetings

College of Computing and Information Technology (CCIT) held its annual Program Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings with industry representatives from the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Digital Communication and Media Production (DCMP) sectors. The morning session welcomed 10 ICT representatives, while the afternoon session included 15 representatives from the DCMP field.

To encourage active engagement and meaningful discussions, the meetings featured three dedicated roundtable sessions focused on key areas including student employment, research and graduate studies, and strengthening CCIT-industry partnerships.

The meetings provided an opportunity for industry stakeholders and academic representatives to exchange insights, discuss emerging sector needs, and explore opportunities for collaboration that support student success and program development. The initiative reflects CCIT's ongoing commitment to aligning its academic offerings with industry trends and labor market demands through continuous engagement with external partners.

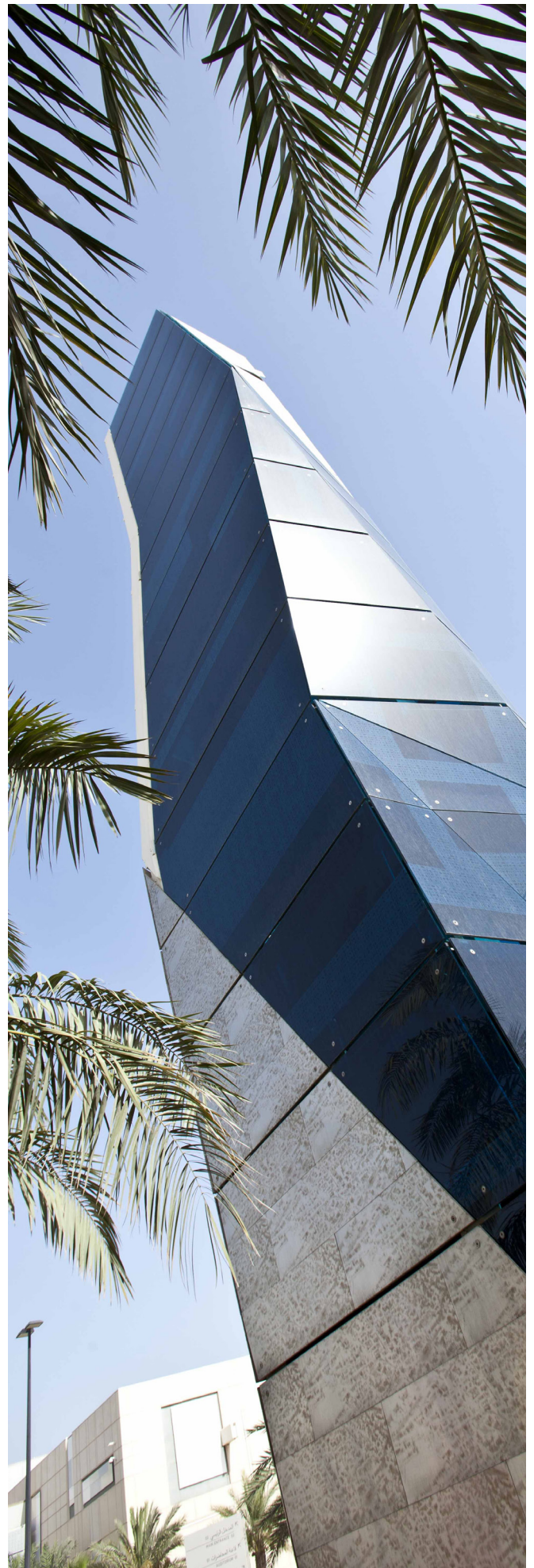


Student Mental Health Ambassadors Program Receives MENASA NASPA Silver Award

The Student Mental Health Ambassadors (SMHA) program at UDST has received the MENASA NASPA Silver Award for Innovative Practice, recognizing its impactful contribution to student wellbeing and peer-led mental health initiatives.

Presented by NASPA MENASA, the regional network recognizing excellence and innovation in student affairs across the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia, the award highlights the program's success in fostering a supportive and psychologically safe campus environment.

Operating under Student Counselling and Accessibility Services, the SMHA program promotes mental wellbeing through peer support initiatives designed to reduce stigma surrounding mental health and encourage students to seek support when needed. Key initiatives include the Wellbeing Café, awareness campaigns, and peer-led workshops that provide students with welcoming spaces to connect, engage in wellbeing activities, and build resilience.





AI Fashion Startup Labees Wins at Snoonu Startup Factory

UHUB is proud of its student founders, the Labees team, for being among the winning startups at Snoonu Startup Factory and securing incubation through the program.

Labees, founded by Youssef Soliman, Noora Al Hajri, and Noora Al Marri, is introducing a new AI-powered fashion experience through its Virtual Try-On technology and intelligent styling assistant, allowing users to preview outfits before purchase while supporting local designers with AI-driven insights and trend forecasting tools.

This achievement reflects the strength of UHUB's entrepreneurial pipeline and the growing potential of UDST student-led ventures within Qatar's innovation ecosystem. Proud of Labees founders and excited to see their next chapter of growth and impact.

16 Teams Pitch at the Scale AI x UHUB Finals

The Scale AI x UHUB Sprint / Malomatia Hackathon concluded with an exciting final pitch competition, where 16 student teams presented their AI-powered solutions to a panel of judges and industry experts, competing for the top positions.

Winners of the General Track, Fadi Muhammed and Khaled Mhirs, secured first place for "Eshrahli" — a bilingual AI-powered study platform designed to make technical learning more accessible for Arabic-speaking students.

The platform allows students to upload course PDFs and receive slide-by-slide explanations in Arabic while keeping English technical terms highlighted inline. It also features AI-powered follow-up Q&A, cited answers, and automatically generated quizzes based on the uploaded course material.



Meanwhile, participants in the Malomatia Track developed AI solutions addressing a real industry challenge presented by Malomatia. Winners of this track will be announced by the end of the month following a deeper evaluation conducted by the Malomatia team, with selected teams receiving a QAR 5,000 prize and an internship opportunity.

UHUB Welcomes Sophie Besitka as May Entrepreneur in Residence

As part of the UHUB Entrepreneur in Residence Program, startup mentor and innovation consultant Sophie Besitka delivered an interactive workshop on Early-Stage Go-to-Market Strategies, where students explored key approaches for successfully launching and positioning products in the market.

With over 10 years of experience supporting startups, incubators, and innovation programs, Sophie shared practical insights on target audience identification, market positioning, customer acquisition, and early-stage growth strategies. Drawing from her background as a startup founder and ecosystem mentor, the session provided students with hands-on perspectives on building and scaling ventures within competitive markets.



Sophie is also a mentor under UHUB’s Entrepreneur in Residence Program, where members of the UDST community can book one-on-one mentorship sessions with her throughout the year.

UHUB Investor in Residence Mohamed EIMalik Launches “Investing 101” Workshop Series

UHUB’s Investor in Residence, Mohamed EIMalik, hosted his first workshop, “Investing 101,” introducing participants to the fundamentals of startup investment and what investors look for in early-stage ventures.

The session covered topics including startup valuation, SAFE notes, fundraising stages, equity and dilution, investment readiness, and pitching to investors, offering practical insights for aspiring founders and innovators.

This workshop marks the beginning of an ongoing series under UHUB’s Investor in Residence Program aimed at supporting and educating the startup community.



10 UHUB Startups Compete for the Entrepreneurship Award at the 1st UDST Student Symposium

As part of the 1st UDST Student Symposium, ten UHUB-supported startups, including active capstone projects, pitched their ventures at the Startup Zone to a panel of judges and industry experts, including Dr. Hanan El Basha, Abdulla Al Naimi, and Anjum Sharif.

The Startup Zone provided founders with the opportunity to showcase their ideas, receive feedback, and connect with attendees from across the university and Qatar’s innovation ecosystem.

The symposium also included the UHUB Entrepreneurship Award which recognized student founders based on their startup progress, traction, engagement with UHUB, and commitment to advancing their ventures. This year’s recognized startups included Matbakhli from the College of Computing and IT, ScaleIoT from the College of Business, and QAIPA from the College of Engineering.



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