



Special Edition on

The Graduation of the First Batch of Master's Degree Students

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business / The German Jordanian University



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Dr. Khadra: The College offers an advanced curriculum matching those offered by the world's leading colleges

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**Under the Patronage of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research,
and Minister of Education,**

**Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business / the German Jordanian University
*Celebrates the Graduation of its First Batch of Master's Degree Students***



Under the Patronage of His Excellency Prof. Dr. Walid Maani, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Minister of Education, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business (TAG-College) / the German Jordanian University (GJU) celebrated on June 25th, 2009 the graduation of its first class of Master's degree students.

The ceremony was held at the Royal Cultural Center in the presence of H.E. Dr. Khalid Touqan, Chairman of Jordan Nuclear Energy Commission (JNEC), Dr. Labib Khadra, GJU president, Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of TAG-College Advisory Board, members of the College's Advisory Board, faculty members and the graduates' families and relatives.

Dr. Edward Gress, TAG-College's Senior Advisor and the master of the ceremony announced that fifty students have attained the Master's degree, constituting of ten graduates in Intellectual Property, and forty graduates in Business Administration.



The Recommendation of the Higher Education Committee and the Approval of the Council of Deans

Before handing out certificates to the graduates, Dr. Nizar Abu Jaber, Dean of Graduate Studies at the German Jordanian University read the following statement:

These students have completed the requirements for obtaining the Master's Degree in Business Administration or Intellectual Property; and hence, upon the recommendation of the Higher Education Committee of the German Jordanian University, the Council of Deans agreed to grant these graduates the certificates they are entitled to.

Afterwards, H.E. Prof. Dr. Walid Maani, Dr. Labib Khadra and Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh handed out the certificates to the following graduates:

Master's Degree in Business Administration, with concentration in Management

- Ali Hamdallah "Darwish Ahmad"
- Amer Nihad Samaneh
- Dima Farid Salah
- Eman Nart Abida
- Huzama Awni Fakher
- Loma Saleh Mashne
- Maha Abdelrahim Ali
- Maher Shabaan AlZaeem
- Mira Yacoub Al-Qura
- Nour Ahmad AlKhudari
- Nour Fuad Atari
- Rania Tawfiq Ayoub
- Reem Sami Hamdan
- Shadi Abd-Al-Muati Nejem
- Shatha Fakhri Hazinah
- Taghreed Ali AlZaeem
- Tamer Kamel AlNasser

Master's Degree in Business Administration, with concentration in International Accounting

- Ammar Bader Qutteineh
- Bilal Mahmoud Alkhalili
- Hasan Darwish Abu-Rous
- Lubna Ahmad Abdallah
- Razan Yousef AlMideneh
- Samer Izzat Daghmarsh
- Samer Karim Dallal
- Tala "Moh'd Ziad" AlNajjar

Master's Degree in Business Administration, with concentration in Marketing

- Mohammad Tawfiq AlBashiti
- Muhanad Abdel Halim AlHourani
- Nada Fadhil Dawoud
- Najwan Abdel Munem Jaradat
- Yousef "AbuRajab Tamimi"

Master's Degree in Business Administration, with concentration in Quality Control

- "Mohammad Sami" B. Al-Kharouf
- Ala'a Ibrahim Elayyan
- Aline Hamparasoum Haladjian
- Amjad Ahmad Jaber
- Farida Rafiq Alayan
- Ghadah Abdel Rahman Al Omari
- Lara Khalil Sumrain
- Mohammad Hasan AlAmleh
- Mohammad Nimer Al-Khalili
- Reem Mufid El-Saqqa

Master of Arts in Intellectual Property

- Ahmad M. Abu Ghosh
- Ahmad Hussein Noubeh
- Hamdi Aref Balbisi
- Lina George Haddad
- Manal Adel Hallaq
- Marah Majdi Al-Abweh
- Sahar Ahmad Hadieh
- Sereen Marwan Abdeljawad
- Thamer Mohammad Obeidat
- Zein Jebriel Al_Razem

Awards and Shields



TAG-College Shield to H.E. Prof. Dr. Walid Maani

Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh presented TAG-College's Shield to H.E. Prof. Dr. Walid Maani in recognition and appreciation for his patronage of the ceremony and for his leading role as a member of the TAG-College Advisory Board before assuming his ministerial position.

Honoring H.E. Dr. Khalid Touqan

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh also presented TAG-College's Shield to H.E. Dr. Khalid Touqan in recognition and appreciation for his role in establishing the College.

Honoring Outstanding Students

Dr. Talal-Abu Ghazaleh presented awards and shields to a number of outstanding students:



- **Hasan Abu-Rous** received a reward of 2,000 Jordanian Dinars and TAG-College Shield for attaining the highest cumulative average.
- **Reem El-Sagqa** received a reward of 1,500 Jordanian Dinars for attaining the second highest cumulative average.
- **Reem Hamdan** and **Mira Al-Oura** each received a reward of 1,000 Jordanian Dinars and TAG-College Shield for attaining the third highest cumulative average.

Honoring Members of the Advisory Board

Members of TAG-College's Advisory Board were awarded TAG-College's Shield in recognition and appreciation for their efforts and the time exerted in developing policies and approving programs, through which the College achieved leadership and prominent reputation making it a model for quality according to international standards.



Speeches Delivered During the Ceremony

Speech by H.E. Prof. Dr. Walid Maani

This college is the first of its kind... and endeavors to provide expertise and capacity building skills

We are overwhelmed with feelings of pride and joy in this grand celebration marking the graduation of the first batch of Master's Degree students from Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business of the German Jordanian University.

This College is the first of its kind in modeling partnership between governments and the private sector in the Arab world. TAG-College endeavors to provide expertise and capacity building of human resources, as well as to offer an appropriate educational environment and ensure career opportunities to its students after graduation.

The world has realized the high importance of business administration. There is a life secret behind the term "business administration". The administration touches the life of every human being and affects his behaviors. It makes every individual aware of his capabilities and guides him to the best route to fulfill his goals, in addition to eliminating obstacles in his way.

The contribution of administration to the development of human civilization stems in the impact it yields on human efforts in terms of improving efficiency, which thereby leads to mastering and improving one's business, enhancing productivity, incubating and unleashing the gifts of creativity, imagination and development, which are the prime bases of human advancement.

Business administration has become an urgent need for the developing countries which seek to achieve development and growth, and wish to catch up with contemporary civilization. We need modern and effective management that is based on scientific and objective foundation and which aims at simplifying procedures and utilizing sound planning.

You, dear graduates, are the future leaders; and we need administrative leaders armed with high levels of skill, competency, understanding, awareness, and sense of national responsibility. We need leaders who serve and care for people, and lead them towards achieving the goals and developing the policies which systemize the business, secure the best returns and provide the best services, through optimum utilization of available financial and human resources to reach the highest targets with the highest degree of achievement and efficiency.

Good management draws on the principles of scientific intellect: analytical, critical and creative thinking. It makes shrewd decisions, and seeks to improve human capabilities and promote team work attitude. It represents the dynamic driving force that plays an effective and noticeable role in problem solving, enhancing productivity, and selection of intelligent, honest, competent and skilled employees.

Success of our institutions and companies requires creativity, substantial improvement, renovation, excellence, attention to applied research, enhancement of efficiency and productivity, proficient leadership and administrative skills and optimal utilization of resources and capacities.



We need a new class of managers with high efficiency, and higher levels of academic qualification, professionalism, cultural and ethical readiness. We need qualities of effectiveness and capability for proper decision making; and quality leaders who are willing to learn and practice creative thinking, research and self-exploration skills; as well as the will and capability to control, guide, develop and motivate cooperation and competition towards excellent performance.

Dear graduates,

We expect you to exert sincere efforts, continue research and learning, hard work and keep pace with scientific progress so as to deploy your expertise and knowledge for the good of society. Soon you will embark on your careers as new creative capacities making the progress and contributing to the development.

A certificate provides a graduate with the tools and skills on demand in the labor market; but success at work requires knowledge, awareness, loyalty and integrity in performing duties while observing the values of knowledge and accuracy in order to help build our country, support its progress and insure its future. None of you would ever be successful unless his success is associated with a commitment towards serving his country and nation, a true contribution to their growth and development, and eagerness to disseminate values of honor and integrity while performing the job duties.

Believing in a promising future of ambition, willpower, hope, proper planning, creative thinking, enthusiasm, mastery of knowledge, time utilization and arts of knowledge management is the driving force behind a successful career.

Finally, allow me to express my warmest and sincere gratitude to these respected persons; the President of the University, the Dean and faculty of the TAG-College for their blessed efforts, and continuous care of the students, follow up and the facilitation of all learning and knowledge acquisition tools and means for the students to attain their noble and dignified objectives and goals.

I sincerely congratulate our dear graduates and their parents wishing them all success in their careers in a prosperous future with God's blessing.

Thank you.

Speech by Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh

Our College is a model for partnership between governments and the private sector

Today, we recall the launch of this University as a fruit of a partnership between the governments of Germany and Jordan in 2005 in response to the personal wish and initiative of His Majesty King Abdullah II during his Majesty's visit to the German Chancellor accompanied by H.E. Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research at that time, Dr. Khalid Touqan. We express our gratitude and congratulation to His Majesty on the occasion of graduating the first batch of this University. 'Affluent rain starts with one drop' as per the Arab proverb.

Under the Patronage of H.E. Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Minister of Education, Prof. Dr. Walid Maani; we are celebrating this joyful occasion today and we thank and appreciate his patronage of this ceremony and his active role in the Advisory Board of TAG-College before assuming his ministerial position.

We are also celebrating together with the Chairman of the Jordanian Nuclear Energy Commission, H.E. Dr. Khalid Touqan, to whom we express our appreciation for sponsoring the opening of TAG-College on February 27, 2006, and his support throughout his term in office as a Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Minister of Education.

Three days ago I delivered a graduation speech at Shenyang Normal University in China before six thousand graduates at the University's celebration hall. Today, in this first graduation ceremony for post graduate students at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business of the German Jordanian University, we celebrate the first batch of Master's degree graduates. Although we are still novel, the giant Shenyang Normal University invited us to establish an office within its campus and to have joint programs, which we proudly welcomed.

I would like to thank the President of the German Jordanian University, Dr. Labib Khadra and the Board of Trustees headed by H.E. Dr. Fayez Khasawneh for embracing, supporting and guiding our College. Dear Brother, Labib, you have been the best partner in our journey and have made our College a model of government-private sector partnership. Through our partnership, we thank the governments of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Germany for their support.

I also thank their Excellencies, the members of the Advisory Board for their endless contributions and for leading the College to become an example of quality at the highest international levels to meet our motto: 'Where the Gifted Become Leaders'.



To the Executive Director of TAG-College, Mr. Bassam Abu-Ghazaleh, its Dean, Dr. Hesham Gharaibeh, the Senior Advisor, Dr. Edward Gress, the honorable professors and the College staff I say: Marty Allah bless you all and thank you for achieving the high status for Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business and for instilling in its graduates the highest standards of education to face this world with confidence, and to contribute to its progress and development. You met our final objective of having a college for excellence. I promise you, our dear Minister, the patron and tutor; and the founding Minister, the members of the Advisory Board and the students, to maintain this high ranking status and this quality of education.

Today we celebrate and tomorrow our College, at its own discretion and initiative, will undergo an education quality assessment program by the Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA), Zurich - Switzerland as part of our concern to continue our journey of excellence.

I assure our dear graduates that there is a job for each of you, if you wish, in our organization. I congratulate you and your parents for your success; and would like to tell you that fortune is determined by effort and the future is owned by those who make it; so, make your own future.

Finally, knowledge is like an island in the sea of the unknown. The wider this island of knowledge gets, the longer its borders with the unknown become. Likewise, we are; the more knowledge we possess, the more we realize how little we know of the unknown. That is the greatness and beauty of science; it's endless. The more we learn, the greater our need to learn becomes.

Thank you.



Speech by Dr. Labib Khadra
President of the German Jordanian University
(GJU)

**The GJU highly appreciates
Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh's contribution
to and belief in comprehensive
development and in serving the
Jordanian and Arab youth despite
the huge financial burdens involved**

Dr. Kharda addressed the patron, audience and students saying:

The German Jordanian University is pleased to welcome your Excellency and thank you for your patronage of this graduation ceremony for the first batch of TAG-College graduates in Business Administration and Intellectual Property.

Your Excellencies,

Since its inception, the German Jordanian University has been offering unique disciplines in various areas. Two weeks ago, the University celebrated the graduation of the first batch of students of Master's in German language for non-native speakers; and today we gather to celebrate the graduation of the first batch of TAG-College/GJU students. This novel College, established just three years ago, but despite all internal and external challenges, managed to gain a prominent status among the business colleges in the region in general and Jordan in particular; and to offer a new model of academic curriculum and various pioneering programs. Thus, it was capable of attracting outstanding students in all disciplines and offering them advanced curricula matching those offered by the most prestigious business colleges in the world such as Harvard University, Canisius College and other international universities.

This College, as one of the key colleges of the University, is an example of the distinctive relationships between the public sector represented by the German-Jordanian University and the Jordanian private sector represented by the reputable Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization. We together have materialized part of the vision of His Majesty King Abdullah II to build up strategic partnerships between the higher education and private sectors. It is also a practical translation of the Jordanian higher education strategies which call for consolidating mutual links between the Jordanian higher education institutions and the private sector.

We consider this College as a model for Jordanian universities to embark on similar partnerships with the Jordanian private sector for their own mutual interests and for the positive impact of such partnerships on the labor market, which will certainly support the national economic development and bridge the gap between national industry requirements and higher education outcomes.

Respected guests,

The German Jordanian University was established in 2005 to be the only university of its kind in the region because it follows the model of German applied universities which proved successful all over Europe. This model offers unique univer-



sity education which directly associates higher education outcomes with local industry requirements by focusing on education and practical training in a balanced manner in addition to developing the individual skills of graduates so that they can directly and effectively meet the industry requirements; which would produce competent graduates with professional trained skills capable of actively contributing to economic and social development in Jordan in particular and in the neighboring region in general.

Respected guests,

We take the pride of the testimony of His Majesty King Abdullah II when His Majesty met the German Chancellor, Mrs. Angela Merkel, in Berlin last month. He said that the German-Jordanian University was a success story of the German Jordanian relations. We are also proud of his Majesty's words as an incentive to all of us to continue our hard work and contribution in order to achieve His Majesty's visions.

Despite of its novel age, the University is also proud that it has managed to build up productive partnerships with the Jordanian private and industrial sectors represented by this College which was the fruit of such partnerships.

The University highly appreciates the contribution of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization, represented by its Chairman Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, and its ongoing support despite of the huge financial burden incurred by TAG Organization. Nevertheless, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh's belief that it is essential to contribute to comprehensive development and serve Jordanian youth in particular, and Arab youth in general, has overpowered all such challenges and effectively contributed to the success of this College.

Dear graduates,

I congratulate you and your parents for passing the graduation requirements and I would like to let you know that we receive so many persisting calls from local corporations which are eager to contract you; however, the University had to apologize to most of them due to your engagement in other contracts.

We know for a fact that you will be the best ambassadors for TAG-College wherever you go, thanks to the superior academic level you have acquired by successfully completing the non-traditional graduation requirements in this College. We wish you all more success and achievement; Thank you.

Graduation Speech by Marah Alabweh

Your Excellency Prof. Dr. Maani, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

Your Excellency Dr. Labib Khadra, President of the German-Jordanian University.

Your Excellency Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business

Dear Faculty, Members of the Administration, and Honored Guests

Dear Families and Friends of the Greatest Graduating Class of 2009

My Dear Fellow Graduates

I am honored to address you this evening on behalf of the graduating master's students of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business. Today's date 25/6/2009 will always be memorable for us as graduates from this renowned educational institution. From now on, the mark of achievement is upon us all academically and professionally, so let us rejoice in that. It is a special day for all of us graduates as we commence with our careers armed with the tools of a first class education. This day is special for another reason; we are the first class to graduate from the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business. We are the pioneers, Congratulations to the first class of 2009.

This occasion, with no doubt, is a great moment to the founder of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business, the Chairman of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization, Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh as his efforts and goals to prepare young and aspiring Arab business leaders pay off as he sees us all dressed in these gowns. Mr. Chairman, thank you for providing a unique educational institution that opens a window to a world of knowledge and develops intellect, critical thinking, and communication skills. I also believe that our education accomplishes even more than that: it builds character.

During our studies, the faculty has mentored, encouraged, & inspired us to show our best as students of TAG-College. We have studied not only the theoretical aspects of our fields, but we've also seen its application put to practice. TAG-College's distinguished faculty members are our role models. With their dedication & perseverance we were guided to the breadth of possibilities in our various fields. It has been a privilege & an honor to be a student at the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business.

Fellow graduates, remember those difficult assignments and nerve-wrecking exams and tough projects. We struggled but we did hang in there and eventually succeeded. No matter how



difficult the task was we learned to be patient, stayed focused, and worked hard. We are going to meet several challenges during our careers and I believe that we have been prepared to meet those challenges.

Today we have achieved an important milestone; we reached a vital goal in our lives. But graduation must not be our last goal. Let us as graduates of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh College of Business set another goal for ourselves. Aristotle once said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit". Let us strive for Excellence for ourselves and for the people who have supported us to get to this point.

On behalf of the class of 2009, I extend my deepest appreciation for our families and friends who encouraged and supported us as we worked towards attaining our degrees. Let us also take a moment to thank the outstanding administration, staff, and professors of this college who encouraged us to work towards excellence and brought the best out of us.

My fellow graduates, Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "The world is all gates, all opportunities". TAG-College has prepared us to enter the gates and embrace those opportunities. We will move forward as responsible citizens ready to contribute to our society.

I wish you all the best of luck as you continue your voyage towards success. Congratulations to all.

Thank you for your presence and kind attention.



Photos from the ceremony

