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Rector's Update

The latest news and announcements from Dr. Jonathan S. Addleton

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Dr. Roger Dermody, Executive Director of Friends of Forman, visited Lahore for five days during September, accompanied by Kristen Boyer from 100 Fold Studios which is working on FCCU's revised *Campus Master Plan*. The timing for their visit could not have been better and they participated in a number of activities:





The annual *Welcome Dinner* on September 18 on North Field for more than 2,000 first-year College students, our biggest entering class ever. The College Choir also performed on this memorable evening, marking the first time that most of the entering College students will have heard our inspiring School Song. Estd. 1864



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WELCOME DINNER

CLASS OF 2027



Celebrations on September 19 marking the *Tenth Anniversary of Light of Hope School*, providing a quality K-10 education for the children of our service workers. Thanks especially to Founding Principal Furry George and her team who have played a vital part in the establishment, growth and development of Light of Hope while also making a difference in hundreds of young lives. Already Light of Hope graduates have begun to distinguish themselves, furthering their education at Forman, Kinnaird and elsewhere, even as the first Light of Hope graduates are now beginning to launch their professional careers.



The *St. Anthony's High School Annual Job Fair* on September 20 to which FCCU also contributed a stall. Walking through St. Anthony's, I noticed hallways featuring portraits of at least two prominent St. Anthony's graduates who later attended Forman including war hero Cecil Chaudhry and retired Major General Dr. Noel Khokhar who now heads Forman's Center for Public Policy and Governance (CPPG). As for the Forman stall, it was visited by more than 150 prospective students, many asking questions that were ably answered by Assistant Manager Postgraduate Admissions and Recruitment Nasir Gill along with several FCCU work/study students.



A reception sponsored by the American Business Forum (ABF) to welcome new US Consul-General Stetson Sanders to Lahore, providing an opportunity to meet with several members of the Consulate including the new CG as well as CEOs and others associated with US investment in Pakistan.



The launch of two impressive booklets by our Marketing and Outreach team, one honoring Formanite doctors (*"Notable Formanite Doctors"*) and the other highlighting high achieving Forman students making their mark in a wide range of academic, extracurricular and other activities (*"Formanite Achievers, 2024-2025"*).

Several prominent doctors spoke on the occasion (including Dr. Akhtar Sohail Chughtai, Dr. Tariq Salahuddin, Dr. Saqib Shafi Sheikh, Dr. Ali Arshad, Dr. Farrukh Zaman and Dr. Syed Azfar Zaidi), invariably noting with appreciation the impact that specific professors had on their subsequent lives and careers.



As for student speakers, they included World University Games swimmer Eesha Shafi; Wheaton College scholarship awardee Ezza Haroon; Rafi-ul-Shan, president of the Young Peace and Development Corps; Tahoor Bari, the sole Pakistani listed for the 2025 Commonwealth Short Story Prize out of nearly 8,000 entries; and Kamran Noor who detailed his inspiring journey from Panjgur in the far southwest corner of Balochistan to Forman Christian College (A Chartered University).



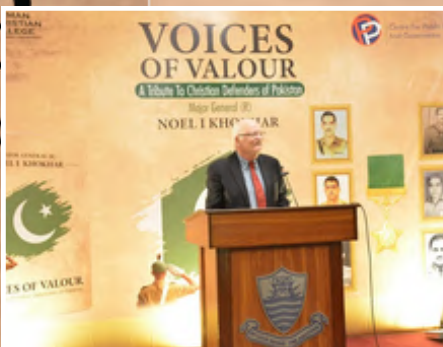
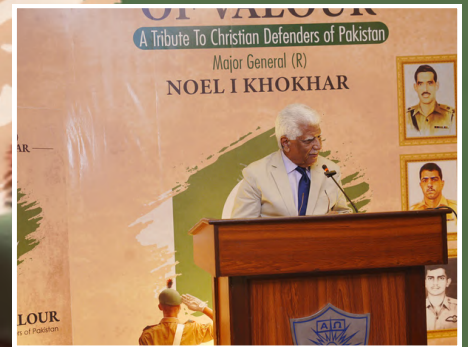
I was especially intrigued by one of the speakers who referenced Dr. Al Schlorholtz as a favorite teacher during his time at Forman, given that Esther Schlorholtz, one of the Schlorholtz daughters, continues to contribute to the Forman scholarship fund regularly, providing yet another example of the many ways in which Forman connections extend across the generations!

A special thanks to Board Chair Dr. Rukhsana David and several other Board members for joining the Friends of Forman team in attending a number of these events!

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES



CPPG Director Major General (R) Noel Khokhar (who also served as Pakistan's Ambassador to Ukraine) launched his new book *Voices of Valour: A Tribute to Christian Defenders of Pakistan*, providing important details on the lives and contributions of countless Christian soldiers, sailors and airmen who have served Pakistan, defended Pakistan and in some cases made the ultimate sacrifice for Pakistan.





Associate Sociology Professor Dr. Sara Rizvi Jafree's research on chronic liver disease was recently published in the open access journal *BMC Gastroenterology* under the title "Predictors of Health-Seeking Behaviour in Patients with Chronic Liver Disease and a Comparison of Health-Seeking Based on Patient Type".

Poignantly, she recalls that two significant people in her life -- her father and Dr. Muhammad Hafeez, her professor and mentor -- both suffered from chronic liver disease: "It was an emotional journey for me, working on this for the last three years, and I can't forget the difficulties in managing this disease".

Assistant Pharmacy Professor Dr. Usman Akhtar's most recent publication is available online in *Nature Communications Chemistry* (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s42004-025-01629-5>), highlighting FCCU's presence on the esteemed Nature publications platform (<https://www.nature.com/nature-index/institution-outputs/generate/all/global/all>).

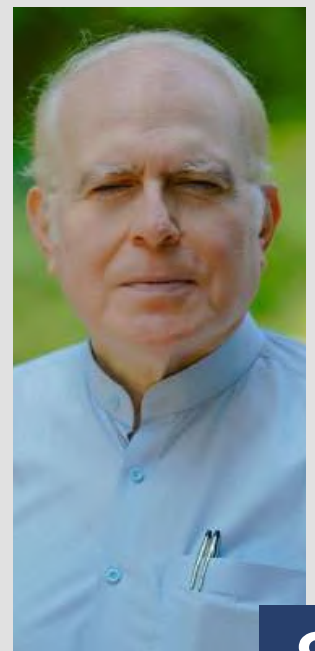


Assistant Political Science Professor Dr. Abeed Qureshi's latest article, this one on the Punjab Mental Health (Amendment) Act 2014, was published in *World Medical & Health Policy*, an international impact factor journal: <http://doi.org/10.1002/wmh3.70046> and <http://doi.org/10.1002/wmh3.70046>.



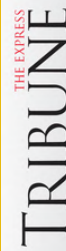
Several faculty members publish regularly in *Minute Mirror*, providing an opportunity to share their perspective and academic expertise with a wider public audience. This includes Dr. Adeel Ahmad Aamir who has recently written on issues ranging from provincial and administrative structures in Pakistan to changing global perceptions of India.

Also, Dr. Farid Malik wrote for *Minute Mirror* on "Learning from our Brothers in Indonesia" (<https://minutemirror.com.pk/learning-from-our-brothers-in-indonesia-437089/>); "Learning to Respect Nature and Humanity" (https://youtu.be/1qH34ritA6ssi=E9kJx01CB9s_wWELs&t=542); and "An Ounce of Prevention is Needed" (<https://minutemirror.com.pk/an-ounce-of-prevention-is-needed-440256/>).





The *Friday Times* has been another receptive media outlet for Forman faculty reaching out to a wider audience, in this case publishing Usama Malik's article on flooding: <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/29-Aug-2025/mawakhat-stories-of-hope-and-resilience-in-the-wake-of-pakistan-s-2022-floods>.



In addition, here is an article in the *Express Tribune* contributed by Sadia Pasha Kamran, another member of faculty: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2567648/an-environmental-awakening>.

Environmental Sciences Associate Professor Dr. Shazia Ilyas was interviewed by NEO News on the flood situation in Pakistan: <https://youtu.be/1qH34ritA6s?si=E9kJx01CB9swWELs&t=542>.



Meanwhile, Dr. Farid Malik views on Pakistan's mining potential for a popular audience is available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcT4NrNY7zM>.



Finally, the KAM School of Life Sciences proudly celebrates the remarkable achievement of Professor Samina Mehnaz who has been recognized for the fifth straight year on the Elsevier/Stanford University index as ranking among the "top two percent of scientists" in 2025, based in part on her publications record.



CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Mass Communication Associate Professor Dr. Syed M. Saqib Saleem spoke at the Conference on Climate Journalism Under Pressure, hosted by Oslo Metropolitan University in Norway in late August, bringing together journalists, media leaders, scholars and others from the Nordic countries and around the world.



As the only speaker from Pakistan, Dr. Saqib presented at a plenary session along with voices from Tunisia, Greenland, Turkey and Sweden, reflecting on the challenges that Pakistani journalists face at a time when extreme weather and heavy flooding are dominating the headlines.



Economics Professor Uzma Hanif attended the *Himalayan University Consortium Academy on Climate Change and Migration*, held in Nepal in August in partnership with the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). Given floods and other natural calamities this summer, the research she presented on *Climate-Induced Migration in Karakoram, Pakistan: Displacement and Adaptive Capacity* was especially timely.



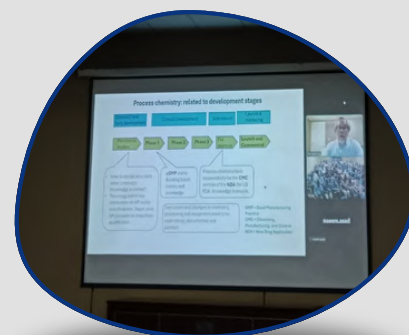


Forman's Sociology Department implemented its 7th Conference on Marginalized Populations on September 25, this one focused on *Aging and Gerontology: Examining Inequality and Pathways to Inclusion*, providing an opportunity to explore critical issues related to Pakistan's aging population. A special thanks to Chairperson and Sociology Associate Professor Dr. Shamaila Athar as well as members of her team for organizing this event.



Forman's Chemistry Department organized a talk on September 17 on *Pharmaceutical Process Chemistry: Introduction and Case Study*, delivered by Dr. Tai-Yuen Yue, a PhD graduate from Imperial college in London who has 30 years of commercial experience as a synthetic organic chemist.

Dr. Ayesha Khan from Forman's Computer Science Department participated in the *Meta AI Master Trainers Workshop* held in Islamabad in early September. The initiative involves a partnership involving META, the National Computer Education Accreditation Council and Pakistan's Higher Education Commission (HEC) and is aimed at developing a cohort of highly qualified Master Trainers in Artificial Intelligence (AI).



Forman's Population Research Center (PRC) in partnership with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute and UN Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) hosted a Policy Dialogue on September 23 on *Harnessing the Demographic Dividend: Forging Action Plan for Punjab*, bringing together policymakers, development partners, academic civil society and private sector representatives.



Dr. Abdullah Khosa from Forman's Center for Public Policy and Governance (CPPG) participated as a discussant in a session on AI and Environmental Sustainability as part of the Third National School of Public Policy conference on AI and Public Policy and Governance, organized by Pakistan's National School of Public Policy in partnership with Information Technology University.

For my part, I appreciated the opportunity to attend an excellent seminar sponsored by CPPG and chaired by both Dr. Shafqat and Dr. Noel on *AI Revolution in Health Care: Transforming Diagnostics and Shaping Policy*. Guest speaker included Dr. Muhammad Zubair Yousaf and Dr. Isaac John.



In addition, CPPG organized a seminar on September 18 on *Women and Child Protective Policies for Environmental Change and Natural Disasters*, delivered by Dr. Sara Rizvi Jafree to explore the intersection of gender, child protection and environmental change.

Finally, I appreciated the report prepared by CPPG Assistant Professor Dr. Rabia Chaudhry on the training she received in Karachi on *Importance of Safe and Regular Migration Pathways*, organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in partnership with GTZ, the German aid agency.

Among other details, she notes that Pakistan ranks among the "top ten" emigration countries worldwide, with over 800,000 people formally registered as overseas workers in 2022 (the number of unregistered workers would of course add to this number), the majority coming from Punjab and most migrating toward the Gulf region as well as EU countries.

Dr. Rabia's reflection on this training offered by IOM in Karachi also brought back memories of my own research many years ago, culminating with both a PhD and a book published by Oxford University Press under the title *Undermining the Center: the Gulf Migration and Pakistan!*



OTHER ACADEMIC NEWS



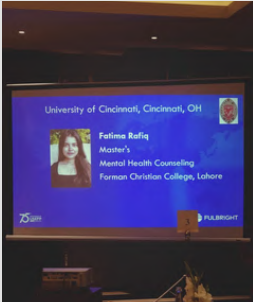
I was honored to recognize Dr. Saeed Shafqat, Distinguished Professor and Founding Director of Forman's Center for Public Policy and Governance (CPPG) on his retirement. In addition, Dr. Sikandar Hayat, Dean of Social Sciences, hosted a dinner at the Lahore Gymkhana in Dr. Shafqat's honor. We also welcome Dr. (as well as former Ambassador and Major General, retired) Noel Khokhar as the new head of CPPG, building further on Dr. Shafqat's inspiring, impactful and enduring legacy.

Associate Environmental Sciences Professor Dr. Shinho Chung has been appointed as the first Director of Forman's EPA/Punjab-certified Water Analysis Center following successful completion of the *Scientific and Sustainable Application of Groundwater Treatment Technology for Safe Drinking Water Supply in Punjab, Pakistan* project in June 2025.



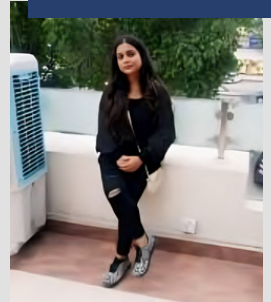
As part of the Korean-supported project, Forman's Water Analysis Center is now equipped with cutting-edge analytical instruments valued at \$400,000 that can analyze 25 regulatory parameters (and an additional 10 non-regulatory parameters), ensuring prompt and high quality water testing, services that are also being made available to others outside of Forman.

This initiative also includes establishment of a pilot water treatment plant on campus, making tested water available to members of the Forman community at a modest cost under the brand name *Aqua Bliss*. For more details, email watertreatmentplant@fccollege.edu.pk

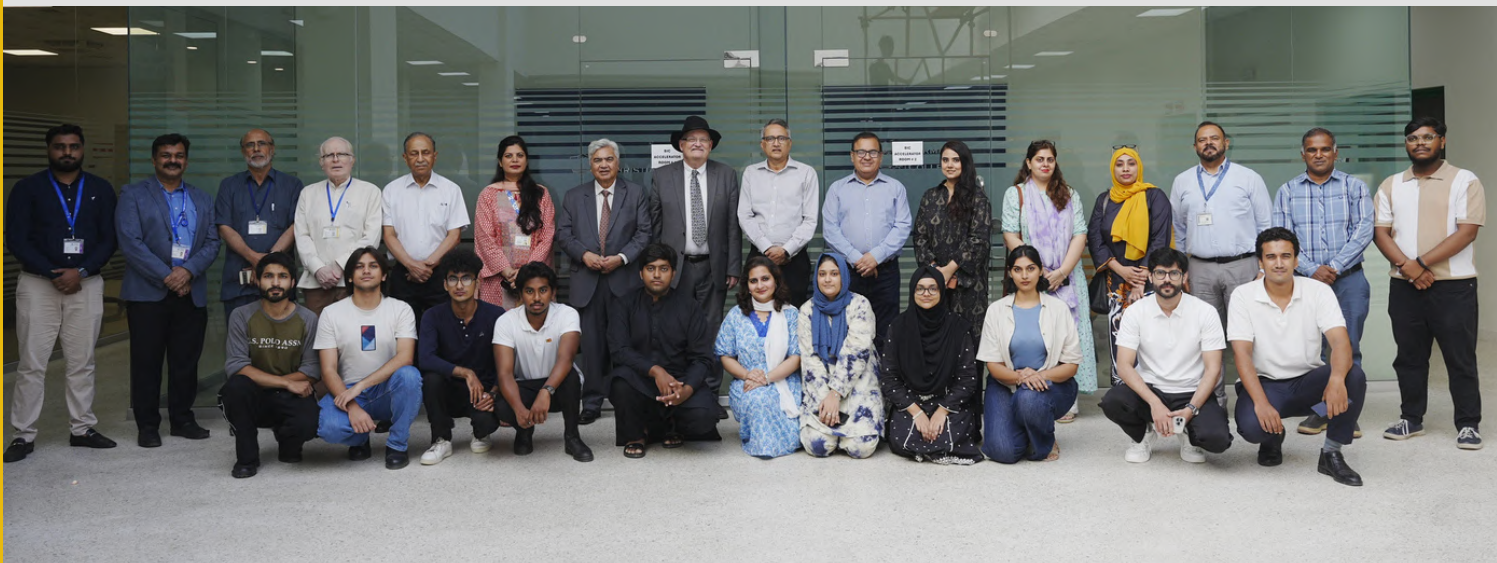


Fatima Rafiq from our Psychology Department has started her MSc program in Mental Health Counseling as a Fulbright scholar at the University of Cincinnati.

Zunaria West who teaches at Forman's Center for Biblical Training and Research (CBTR) has been awarded a scholarship to pursue her PhD in Biblical Studies at Ridley College in Melbourne (Australia). She has already completed two semesters, passing both with distinction.



Forman's Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) headed by Dr. Kauser Abdulla Malik and managed by Haroon Samson convened its 4th Annual Steering Committee Meeting in late August, inviting a distinguished panel of senior academics and industry leaders to review ORIC research and other activities over the past year while also planning innovative new programs for the year ahead.



ORIC also announced the first cohort of Forman's Business Incubation Center (BIC), situated on the top floor of the Jim Tebbe Campus Center and headed by Waqar Azeem, BIC Manager. Eight start-up teams were selected to participate in this "Inaugural Cohort": Naya Khawab; Jewelography; Genesis Horizon; Pointify; Legal Connect; PRERA, NeuroCalm; and Digital Parchi.

Also, on September 13 ORIC organized a training for members of FCCU's Institutional Review Board (IRB) provided by Dr. Isaac John on *Roles and Responsibilities of IRB*, designed to strengthen understanding of the IRB Code of Conduct in light of the ethical principles set forth in the Belmont Report, US Federal Regulations and FCCU Policies.

Against this backdrop, let me also express thanks and appreciation to Dr. Isaac John who serves as Deputy Director of Research and Development at Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals in the UK and as Honorary Lecturer at Royal Holloway University in London for his many contributions to FCCU, sharing with us on several occasions his extensive experience in health care, teaching and research in molecular genetics across both the UK and US.

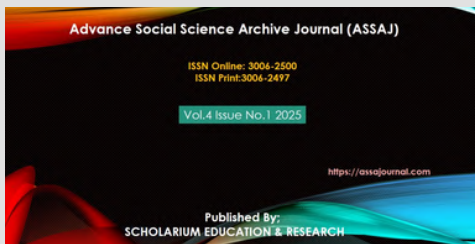


STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Incoming student Achima Alphonse (Computer Science) was awarded the Rector's Scholarship for this year while Obed Philemon (Business) received the Vice Rector's Scholarship, recognizing their academic excellence, vision, confidence and alignment with FCCU's mission and values. Both students are from Lahore.

Muhammad Shahzaib Khan represented Forman at the University of Punjab Center for Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB) workshop on *Transgenic Algae in Green Biotechnology* in September, engaging in hands-on modules related to media preparation, algae culturing, chloroplast transformation, and transgenic screening.



Muhammad Usman Khan notes that his co-authored article, written while a student at FCCU's Center for Public Policy and Governance (CPPG) and titled "The Impact of Urbanization on Internal Freshwater Availability: A Country-Level Analysis of Pakistan, India and Bangladesh", was published in the HEC-recognized *Advance Social Science Archive Journal* (Volume Four, Number One, 2025).

Faculty Advisor Dr. Hira Khalid reports that the American Chemical Society (ACS) Punjab Student Chapter hosted by FCCU has just been recognized with a *Commendable ACS Student Communities Award for the 2024-2025 Academic Year*, garnering recognition for Forman among the [ACS Student Chapter Award Recipients](#).



ALUMNI NEWS



I am delighted to share news from Forman's Writing Center about the success of Mareeha Ahmad, a Forman graduate who double majored in Psychology and Chemistry and was recently awarded the Commonwealth Shared Scholarship to pursue an MSc in Mental Health Studies at King's College in London. While at FCCU, Mareeha tutored fellow graduates at the Writing Center, supporting other Forman students in their own academic journeys.

Forman Graduate Qazi Muhammad Affan Haider ('21) travelled to New York in late September to represent Pakistan as a Youth Parliamentarian at the 12th International Youth Conference, held alongside the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly. While a College student at Forman, Qazi was part of the English drama team and also participated in the Intermediate Social Sciences Club, actively engaging on issues related to the environment. He subsequently studied at the HRPC School of Law and is now serving as Health Ambassador for the Pakistan Youth Parliament.



Associate Professor Dr. Muhammad Ali Bhatti, Chair of our Economics Department, reports that one current student (Anum Abdullah) and two Forman graduates (Hassam Shahid, '13 and Yasir Zada Khan, '16) participated in the 8th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on Economics recently held in Lindau (Germany), connecting young economists from around the world with notable Nobel Laureates. Only four students from Pakistan received this rare honor following a highly competitive selection process -- and three of them were from Forman!

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Forman Psychological Services Center (FPSC) organized a number of seminars and workshops throughout the month at the TSA campus off Race Course Road as part of the ongoing FCCU/TSA partnership. This included a session on *Assessment and Management of Non-Suicidal Self-Harm* organized by Associate Psychology Professor Dr. Saima Majeed.



Other sessions included a program on *Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) for Trauma-Related Disorders* attended by 35 participants and led by Dr. Ali Akbar Mansoor, a consultant Psychologist with EMDR qualifications. Also, FPSC organized a free webinar on *The Resilient Mind: Growing Through What You Go Through* that attracted more than 110 viewers and was led by Ms. Minahil Khan Niazi, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Lecturer in FCCU's Psychology Department.

Forman's Human Resources (HR) Office organized two interactive sessions in late September on *Sexual Harassment Awareness*, ensuring that FCCU staff are familiar with our sexual harassment policy. Dr. Sarah Shahed and Ms. Aisha Ateeq, full-time FCCU faculty members with qualifications from Pakistan and the UK, served as resource persons for both sessions. See also the FCCU website on this issue: <https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/policy-on-sexual-harassment/>



In addition, our Campus Counseling Center sponsored a workshop on September 29 on *Finding Your Footing: Adjusting to Campus Life*, delivered by Campus Counselors Malik Muhammad Omer and Hamna Tahir.



Working with the FCCU Campus Counseling Center and the Institute of Legal Studies, the Student Discipline and Support Office hosted an interactive training session on *Management and Active Listening*, led by Associate Chemistry Professor and Deputy Chief Proctor Dr. Seemal Jelani with support from Alina Tiwana, Nabila Khan, Elisha Qamar and Shahbaz Bhatti. The main purpose of the session was to strengthen communication, cultivate empathy, and encourage active listening.

Finally, Our Student Affairs Office introduced a confidential new Student Complaint Form, hopefully streamlining the process for students wishing to express concern or offer suggestions about particular aspects of campus life, with a view toward making the Forman experience better for all of us: [Student Affairs Complaint Form](#)

REMEMBERING DR. PETER ARMACOST

"By love serve one another"

FCCU will host a memorial service for Dr. Peter Armacost (1935-2025) on October 9 in Sinclair Hall. Later this Fall, Associate Rector Dr. Douglas Trimble (who along with many others was first hired by Dr. Armacost to serve at Forman) will travel to Florida to represent FCCU at a memorial service organized by the family at First Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg.

I have received many moving tributes dedicated to Dr. Armacost including this one from Syed Hashim Hasan, President of the Karachi Formanites Association: *"Dr. Armacost's name will forever remain etched in the history of Forman Christian College University (FCCU) . . . he provided the institution with the vision, courage, and direction that shaped its transformation into the world-class liberal arts university we know today . . . The Karachi Formanites' Association pays tribute to Dr. Armacost not only as an exceptional educator and visionary leader, but as a cornerstone of the Forman Christian College legacy".*



Also, this is the obituary for Dr. Peter Armacost, as it appeared in his hometown newspaper, the Tampa Bay Times: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/tampabaytimes/name/peter-armacost-obituary?id=59330509>. As mentioned in that account, *"He guided the university through a remarkable period of renewal, launching a four-year baccalaureate program unique in Pakistan, adding five new Master's programs, nearly doubling enrollment, recruiting a faculty with a higher percentage of PhDs in all but three universities in the country, and expanding its facilities with eight new major buildings".*

Finally and as mentioned at the end of that article, *"A celebration of life will be held in Dr. Peter Armacost's honor at First Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, Florida on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Rotary Foundation".*

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

FCCU Receptionist Ms. Bertilia Marcellus, affectionately known as Ms. Dolly, is retiring. One of our most senior colleagues as well as one of the most recognized faces at Forman, she worked alongside all three post-denationalization Rectors, having joined Forman in 2002 when Dr. Armacost launched us on our transformative journey! Recalling this remarkable history, the Retirement Tea that Chief of Staff Eileen Dass arranged to honor Ms. Dolly in the Rector's Boardroom on September 29 was especially memorable.



I spent the first few days of September at Effat University in Jeddah (Saudi Arabia), the first of two visits that I will make there as head of a New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) accreditation team. Meanwhile Vice Rector Dr. Douglas Trimble is part of a NECHE team visiting the American University of the Middle East in Kuwait while Associate Vice Rector Dr. Gloria Calib has been selected to participate in a similar team visiting the American University in Athens later this year.

Such visits are invaluable and benefit Forman as well, both with respect to

preparation for our own NECHE accreditation process and to gain a better understanding of the challenges facing peer institutions in other countries. As an aside, while at Effat University I met Muhammad Khan, formerly on the library staff of Forman for seven years, who fondly recalled his time at our institution.

I also attended my first Board meeting at the US Educational Foundation (USEF) in Islamabad, a useful engagement given that USEF oversees the Fulbright program as well as other educational exchanges and support programs across Pakistan.



Thanks to the College for organizing a panel discussion in Sinclair Hall on September 24 on Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges. Moderated by College English Professor Mohsin Manzoor, the event aimed at exploring how individuals and institutions can overcome challenges, foster understanding, and create meaningful connections.

Panelists included Syeda Shehribano Naqvi (distinguished Police Officer); Ahmed Suleiman Ghaznavi (Co-Founder, Third Culture Coffee); Suleman Khan (Co-Founder, Third Culture Coffee); and Zanaya Chaudhry (Victim Support Officer). Suleman mentioned to me afterwards that his father had attended Forman during the 1970s, among other things serving as captain of Forman's football, cricket and basketball teams; according to Suleman, this was the first year that Forman defeated Government College in all three sports in a single year!



I also appreciated the thoughtful way that the College introduced our record-breaking first-year Intermediate class numbering more than 2,000 to their new institution, noting especially the role that our various College clubs -- including the Tycoons, Shakespeares and Freuds, among several others -- played in welcoming the incoming class.



Reflecting a further commitment to service, the College Einsteins Club with support from faculty advisor Dr. Ayesha Saleem Siddiqui organized a much appreciated *Respect and Kindness Campaign* to raise awareness among second-year College students about harassment and bullying.

Various university offices and departments also welcomed new students in a variety of ways including our Psychology Department which attracted an especially large number of student applications this year. Also, our Pharmacy Department arranged a program that included both an orientation to our five-year Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program and a certificate ceremony to honor current students who have successfully completed their clinical clerkships at Evercare Hospital.



Several academic and administrative departments including our Computer Science Department recently held annual faculty meetings or retreats to review progress and set priorities for the Fall semester; other items on the agenda included an Interactive Outcome-Based Workshop led by Dr. Aasia Khan, providing practical guidance on teaching and evaluation.

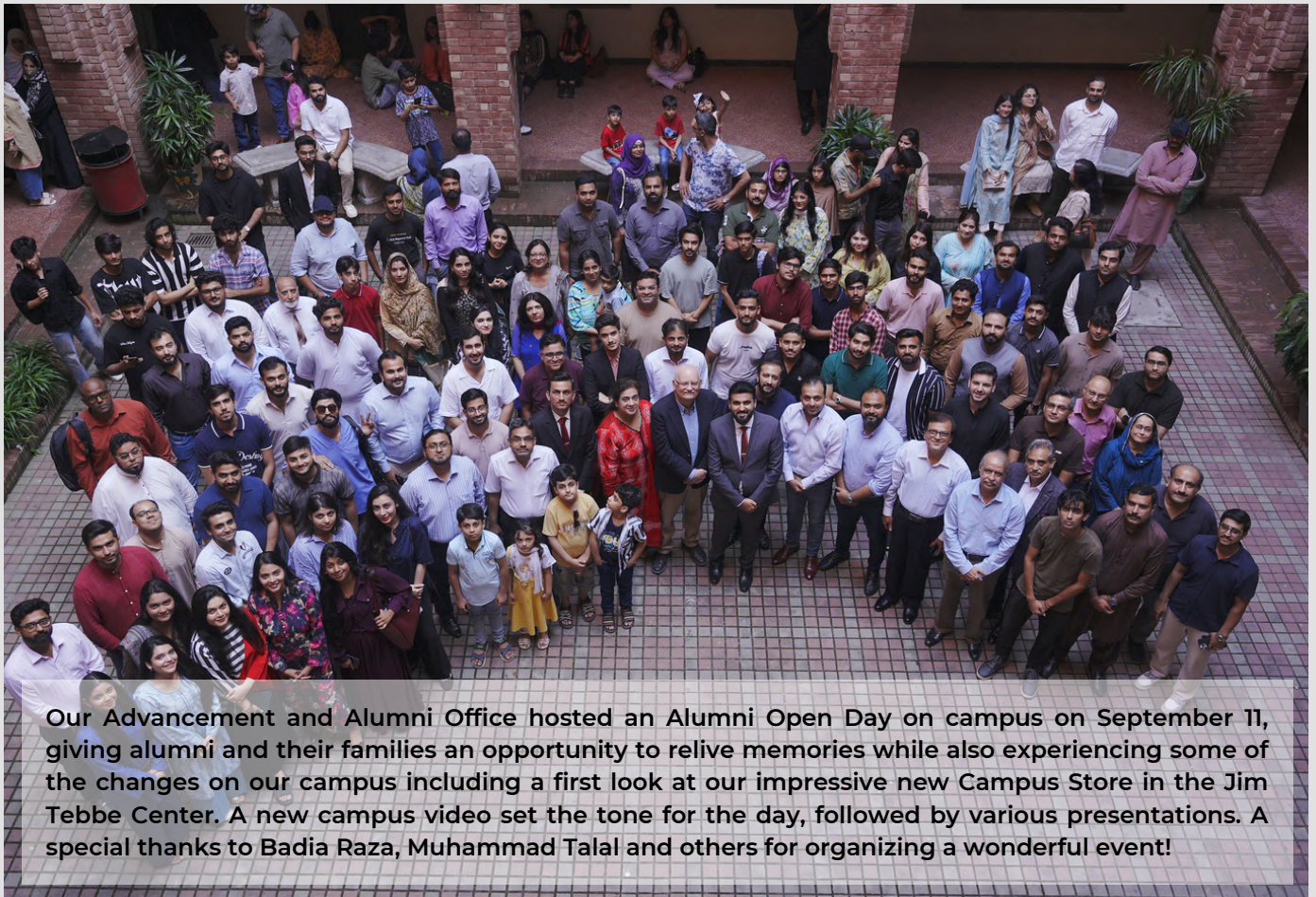


Forman's Career Service & Internships Office hosted an Employer Appreciation Ceremony on September 2, recognizing the contributions of our partners who provide internships and employment while also strengthening FCCU's connections with industry. Thirty organizations participated, sharing feedback while also highlighting internship, mentorship and other opportunities. As noted in the September *Rector's Update*, our Career Services & Internships Office headed by Adnan Ilyas successfully placed approximately 500 Forman students in internships last year.



Under the mentorship of Deputy Commission (IRS) Waqar Karim, Forman's Career Services & Internships Office also launched a CSS/PMS Study Circle to support students preparing for Pakistan's highly competitive civil service exams. The Study Circle will meet every Tuesday from September through December to discuss such topics as essay writing, exam techniques, and handling pressure. Thanks especially to Waqar Karim for volunteering his services, making this much appreciated initiative possible.

We signed several Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) during September including one with Fountain House (providing important internship opportunities for our MS and BS Psychology students) and another with Engro Corporation (providing similar internships as well as research opportunities for our Biotechnology students and faculty).



Our Advancement and Alumni Office hosted an Alumni Open Day on campus on September 11, giving alumni and their families an opportunity to relive memories while also experiencing some of the changes on our campus including a first look at our impressive new Campus Store in the Jim Tebbe Center. A new campus video set the tone for the day, followed by various presentations. A special thanks to Badia Raza, Muhammad Talal and others for organizing a wonderful event!



While I hesitate to single out specific gifts because of concerns that I might inadvertently fail to acknowledge other ones, I was honored to accept a generous two million rupee contribution to the already established Muhammad Basit Hassan Endowment Fund.

This gift was made possible by the wife and children of Muhammad Basit Hassan, together with the support of Muhammad Basit Hassan's father Shaukat Hassan, Distinguished Forman Alumnus, Forman Alumni Association Board Member and Director of the MAS Group of Companies. What makes this addition to this endowed scholarship even more special is that his granddaughters Eshaal Hassan and Nawaal Hassan chose to contribute from their own personal savings in loving memory of their father.



Please do visit the Campus Shop recently opened in the Jim Tebbe Campus Center. Stocked with an impressive collection of branded Forman items such as polo shirts, scarves, umbrellas, thermoses, baby items and much more, you will surely find an FCCU souvenir for family and friends back home. Snacks, soft drinks and other items of interest are available as well. A special thanks to Shop Manager Numan Hadayat and his team for a successful launch.



Shumaila Nadeem, Acting Head of our Advancement and Alumni Office, also reports on the recent visit of Dr. Akmal Bhatti (whose mother was also a proud Formanite) to the Forman campus on September 13. Currently a professor at Queen Mary University in Lahore (and previously Dean of Faculty at Qarshi University), Dr. Bhatti has emerged as one of our most dedicated supporters, starting with the sponsorship of one student involved in Biotechnology or Computer Science.

Encouraged by annual impact reports shared by Shumaila and others in our Advancement and Alumni Office, this financial support has now been expanded to include fully funded scholarships for three students each year. Beyond that, Dr. Bhatti's interest in meeting students that he supports lends an important mentorship aspect to his contributions, ensuring personal involvement on the part of both donors and recipients.



Another major update includes the launch of Forman's official [WhatsApp channel](#). This platform reflects FCCU's enduring legacy and will keep you connected with our latest updates, events, and initiatives. We look forward to engaging with you and celebrating the spirit of the Forman community together. You can scan the QR code to join or click on this link: <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbB4IUmDJ6GvDKK> [SRL3L](#)



Finally, if any readers of the *Rector's Report* enjoy browsing through used book stalls as much as I do, you may want to check out this article by Akhuwat researcher Usama Malik on the Sunday Anarkali Book Bazaar in *The News International*: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/tns/detail/1343402-the-70-year-old-sunday-book-bazaar!>



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