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Rector's Update

The latest news and announcements from Dr. Jonathan Addleton

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I spent part of July in Crans-Montana (Switzerland) at the biennial New England Commission for Higher Education (NECHE) International Conference hosted by the Les Roches School of Hospitality, one of the first international institutions of higher education accredited by NECHE. More than 80 other participants from 43 institutions in 16 countries also attended, along with senior members of the NECHE leadership team.

Routinely ranked among the best hospitality schools in the world, Les Roches extended its wonderful hospitality to all its guests while also making full use of its spectacular setting high in the Swiss Alps. Habib University in Karachi was the only other school in Pakistan represented; other participants arrived from Abu Dhabi, Bangladesh, Bermuda, France, Greece, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, and elsewhere.



As the key focal point for Forman's NECHE accreditation journey, Associate Vice Rector Dr. Gloria Calib also attended, both of us using the various meetings and discussions to help prepare for Forman's penultimate NECHE team visit, scheduled for October 11-14. Most readers of this newsletter – including Faculty, Staff, Students, and Board members – will be asked to engage with members of that team during their visit so please keep those dates open on your calendar! If all goes well, Forman's candidacy for potential full NECHE membership will be presented before the Commission outside Boston during its Spring 2027 meeting.



As an aside, the six-person NECHE accreditation team scheduled to visit Forman in mid-October will be led by Dr. Ross Gittel, president of Bryant University in Rhode Island; other individuals and institutions represented include the Provost of the American University in the Emirates; Associate Vice President of the American University of Greece; Associate Dean at the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Massachusetts; Associate Professor at Northeastern University in Massachusetts; and Assistant Provost at the New England Institute of Technology in Rhode Island.

Also, Dr. Gloria who participated as a panelist at the Les Roches conference was invited to join the NECHE Advisory Group on International Data Dashboards, making Forman one of only five (out of 43 eligible institutions) to be selected to join this group.

OUTREACH 1: BRINGING THE WORLD TO FORMAN

More than 40 prospective undergraduate students participated in this summer's FEAT preparation course held on the Forman campus including nine from the Christian community; 19 from the Hindu community; and 14 from the Kalash community.

As for geographic origins, these young people grew up in places ranging from Chitral to Umerkot, Kunri to Tharparkar, Chachro to Tando Allahyar. With regard to occupations, their parents worked variously as carpenters, farmers, laborers, rickshaw drivers, security guards, waiters, shopkeepers, and watchmen, among other occupations.

As I often mention (and as this brief summary underscores!) Forman students reflect many varieties of diversity including faith communities, geographic regions, and socio-economic backgrounds.



Underscoring this point still further, fourth-year Political Science student Mueez Khan wrote to provide details about a career counselling session that he conducted in his home village in Gilgit/Baltistan, bringing together prospective students from a variety of educational and socio-economic backgrounds: *"The response from the students was overwhelmingly positive and many expressed a strong interest in applying to FCCU"*.

In addition, Forman's Church Relations Office headed by Dr. Farzand Masih continues to implement Pre-College Summer Coaching classes for students from the Christian community. This year the program ran from May 7 to June 19 and included 231 students and 21 volunteer teachers.



OUTREACH 2: BRINGING FORMAN TO THE WORLD

FCCU's International Chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) was awarded an ACS Festival Grant titled *"Breaking the Barrier for Girls of the Mountains"*, resulting in an innovative program to promote hands-on chemistry learning as well as STEM education for female students in northern Pakistan.

Part One introduced scientific concepts and practical chemistry activities to more than 50 students from the STEM School System (Gilgit) while Part Two involved outreach to another 50 female students, in this case from Uswa Public High School (Hunza).



In addition to promoting chemistry education, STEM awareness, and an interest in science among female students, the initiative proved to be a memorable experience for the Forman student volunteers, providing them with an opportunity to engage in service while also experiencing the natural beauty, culture, and communities of northern Pakistan.



A special thanks to the several people who made this program possible including Department Chair Dr. Shazma Massey Azeem; ACS Faculty Advisor Hina Abid; and ACS International Chapter student officers including Ahmed Bilal Khan (President); Muhammad Azam (Vice President); Noor Fatima (General Secretary); Riza Khalid (Treasurer); Tahmina Hijab (Event Coordinator); Riya Khalid (Treasurer); Zeshaur Abbas Kazmi and Zohaib Ameen (Outreach Managers); Shrakat Shoukat (Membership Coordinator); and Shakeel Ashiq (Media Manager).

As Associate Vice Rector for Faculty Affairs Dr. Song commented afterwards: *"Your collective efforts to serve these underserved communities while advancing FCCU's mission are truly commendable. They bring us great joy and make us very proud!"*

CAMPUS VISITORS

HE Kheal Das Kohistani, Pakistan's Minister of State for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, visited the Forman campus for the first time in early July. A member of the National Assembly, he is from Jamshoro and was delighted to meet several Hindu students from Sindh participating in Forman's summer FEAT preparation program.



We were also privileged to host High Commissioner for Bangladesh HE Iqbal Hussain on our campus on July 3, accompanied by Fazle Lohani Babu, Deputy High Commissioner of the Bangladesh Embassy in Islamabad.



Formanite Alumni Association President Attiazaz Munawwarud Din and Formanite Alumni Association Board Member Dr. Sohail Chughtai also participated in the visit which was arranged by our Advancement Office and included a campus tour.

In addition, our meeting included a discussion of potential scholarship opportunities for students from Bangladesh interested in pursuing their higher education in Pakistan – including a new Intermediate scholarship opportunity for prospective Bangladeshi students to study at Forman, fully funded by the Formanite Alumni Association!

Finally, we were honored to host a visit by HE Paulo Miguel Guedes Domingues, Ambassador of Portugal to Pakistan; this was one of his first visits outside Islamabad, given that he had only just presented his credentials to President Asif Ali Zardari in April 2026. Thanks especially to Assistant Professor Sylvia Machado from Portugal for helping to ensure that Ambassador Domingues was introduced to Forman early in his tenure in Pakistan.



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE GLOBAL LIBERAL ARTS ALLIANCE (GLAA)

Associate Political Science Professor Dr. Shehzadi Zamurrad Awan was one of seven FCCU faculty members to attend the Global Course Workshop initiated by the Global Liberal Arts Alliance (GLAA) and hosted by the American University in Cairo in late June.

In addition to meeting other faculty from around the world, the visit helped prepare for her upcoming course on Conflict Analysis and Resolution that will be taught in partnership with Dr. Lisa Gibson, Director of Conflict and Resolution studies at Washington & Jefferson College in Pennsylvania.

As Dr. Zamurrad notes, *"This collaboration represents an interdisciplinary connection between political science and conflict studies. It is especially timely as the world continues to grapple with diverse conflicts. The initiative will provide FCCU students not only with awareness of these issues but also with the ability to critically evaluate conflicts from multiple dimensions"*.

Furthermore, *"students will also gain valuable cross-cultural exposure by engaging with an international professor and classmates, strengthening FCCU's commitment to intercultural learning and global visibility"*, all of which are part of our continuing partnership with the Global Liberal Arts Alliance.

Assistant English Professor Adeel Khalid also attended the Cairo conference on behalf of Forman, describing it as *"an inspiring experience that reinforced the value of international collaboration in higher education"*.

Partnering with Professor Yasmine from the American University in Cairo, the two of them will jointly teach courses in Fall 2026 designed to promote meaningful cross-cultural experiences for students from both Egypt and Pakistan.

Dr. Khadija Shakrullah, Geography Department Chair, participated in the Cairo program as well, describing it afterwards as a *"true honor and a rewarding professional experience"*, adding that *"This opportunity reflects FCCU's ongoing commitment to academic excellence, international collaboration, and innovative teaching . . . this experience will help enrich our classrooms, strengthen research collaborations, and better prepare our students to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world"*.



Having emerged as one of the most active participants in the GLAA Global Course Connect program, members of the Forman faculty are engaged in ways that span several disciplines as well as a large number of partner institutions including:



- Hina Abid (*Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry*) is working with Sherif Fakher (*Earth, Energy, Environment, and Economy*) from the American University in Cairo (Egypt)
- Syeda Burhan (*Introduction to Educational Psychology*) is working with Katherine Higgs-Coulthard (*Introduction to Teaching in a Multicultural Society*) from Saint Mary's College (US)
- Khadija Shakrullah (*Tourism Geography*) is working with Sam Pak (*Anthropology of Tourism*) from Kenyon College (US)



- Rimesha Farooq (*Educational Psychology*) is working with J. Gibson (*Introduction to Counseling Psychology*) from Earlham College (US)
- Shamila Athar (*Introduction to Sociology*) is working with Severine Minot (*Principles of Sociology*) from Al Akhawayn University (Morocco)
- Adeel Khalid (*Research Writing*) is working with Yasmine Salah El-Din (*English for the Liberal Arts*) from the American University in Cairo (Egypt)
- Ammar Khan (*Educational Psychology*) is working with Nathaly Maldonado (*General Genetics*) from the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (Ecuador)
- Abeeda Qureshi (*Research Methodology*) is working with Katerina Diamantaki (*Communications Research Methods*) from the American College of Greece
- Syed Saqib (*Introduction to Communication Studies*) is working with George Kyparissiadiis (*Foundations of Contemporary Media*) from the American College of Greece
- Ayra Patras (*Current Political Issues*) is working with Dawn Chisebe (*Black Feminisms Revolutionary Rhymes: Hip Hop, Gender and Social Change*) from Ohio Wesleyan University (US)
- Zamurrad Awan (*Introduction to Political Science*) is working with Lisa Gibson, (*Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution*) from Washington & Jefferson College (US)
- Ammar Yasir (*Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology*) is working with Severine Minot (*Principles of Sociology*) from Al-Akhawayn University (Morocco)
- Farheen Saeed (*Writing and Communications*) is working with Laila Kamal (*Academic English for Liberal Arts*) from the American University in Cairo (Egypt)

OTHER FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Shazma Massey Azeem and Dr. Anam Muzamill participated in the 2026-2027 United Board Summer Leadership Institute, held at Singapore Management University from July 13 until July 18.



Organized under the theme “*Adapting to Disruption: Forging Resilient and Inclusive Higher Education in Asia*”, the program brought together academic leaders from across Asia to explore contemporary challenges as well as emerging opportunities in higher education. A wide range of issues relevant to Forman were covered including AI, innovation, entrepreneurship, strategic planning, and fund-raising.



Assistant Professor of New Testament Studies Dr. Keneth Pervaiz travelled to Cairo (Egypt) and Nairobi (Kenya) to present papers at conferences involving theological leaders from Africa and the Middle East; as head of Forman's Center for Biblical Teaching and Research (CBTR), his visits will hopefully also help develop Forman's global connections in both Africa and the Middle East.



Associate Professor and Environmental Studies Department Chair Dr. Shazia Ilyas participated in the CoP-ASIC National meeting held on July 10 in Islamabad, bringing together members of SPAR6C Knowledge Network and Research Mentorship Program to discuss carbon markets and knowledge-sharing in Pakistan under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

Launched in 2022 and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, the initiative involves four partner countries (Colombia, Thailand, Zambia and Pakistan), hence the designation CoP-ASIC (Community of Practice for Article 6 Implementing Countries).

Under arrangements put forward at the meeting, Forman will serve as the focal institution in Punjab for training trainers knowledgeable about both carbon and climate finance, potentially leading to a five-day program in February 2027 involving Forman as well as faculty from other universities in Punjab.



Congratulations to Forman School of Management Assistant Professor Maryyam Khan for having been named the South Asian Social Entrepreneurship Leader at the South Asian Women Leadership Awards Ceremony 2026 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Acknowledging the importance of the Forman Motto ("By Love Serve One Another") in introducing community service in each of her courses, she also credits her parents with her urge to "raise your voice for those who cannot raise their own" as well as her commitment "to give back to my community and to share whatever knowledge I have".



School of Management Instructor Professor A.W. George invited banker Shamwail Sohail to address his summer Financial Management Class on July 10 on a range of essential issues including Regulatory Compliance, Enterprise Risk Management, Corporate Governance, Anti-Money Laundering, and Financial Crime Prevention. An accomplished banker, his sixteen years of experience include positions with the State Bank of Pakistan, Standard Chartered Bank, United Bank Limited, and Bank of China.



Finally, congratulations to School of Management Lecturer Dr. Misbah Habib who successfully completed her PhD from the University of Putra Malaysia (UPM) Business School, based on her dissertation titled *Promoting Employee Sustainable Behavior through Green Human Resource Management, Environmentally Specific Transformational Leadership, and Green Organization Culture with Mediating Role of Sustainable Attitude in Higher Education in Institutions in Pakistan*.



FIELD TRIPS

Forman's Kauser Abdulla Malik (KAM) School of Life Sciences organized a visit to the scenically situated National Tea & High Value Crop Research Institute in Shinkiri near Mansehra, providing Food Safety and Quality Management MPhil students with first-hand exposure to tea cultivation, production and processing.

The field trip included a tour of the tea plantations and nursery, followed by a visit to the pilot tea processing plant. Thanks also to the University of Haripur which arranged for the students to stay on their campus. In addition, the itinerary included a visit to the Dharmarajika Stupa in Taxila, one of Pakistan's most significant Buddhist archeological sites.



OFFICE OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION (ORIC)

Forman's Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) convened its Fifth Annual Steering Committee Meeting on June 23, providing a useful forum for reviewing ORIC activities over the last year with senior academics and industry leaders.

Recent ORIC achievements include the submission of ten copyright and four trademark applications to Pakistan's Intellectual Property Organization (IPO). The copyright submissions were from Forman's Computer Science Department while the trademark submissions stemmed from the first cohort of startups supported and assisted by Forman's Business Incubation Center (BIC).



Those of us attending the ORIC Steering Committee meeting also took the opportunity to thank founding ORIC Director Dr. Kauser Abdulla Malik for his significant contributions over many years while also welcoming Dr. Hassan Shah as the new Acting ORIC Director.

Finally, Forman's ORIC-supported Business Incubation Center (BIC) is soliciting innovative and impactful ideas from FCCU students on initiatives related to Countering Violent Extremism under the Prime Minister's Youth Program as well as the Poverty Alleviation Fund, Provincial Department for Youth Affairs and Sports and other stakeholders. Please scan the QR code to access the application forms.



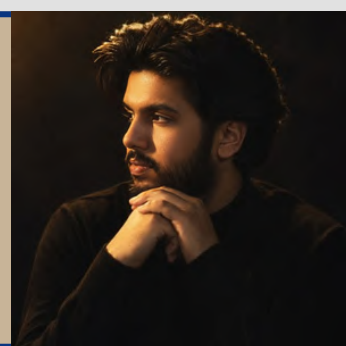
PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES



Chemistry Professor Dr. Dildar Ahmed and his research student Mariyam Asif published a paper titled "Microwave-assisted extraction of phenolic and antioxidant compounds from *Eucalyptus citriodora* leaves using hydrophilic and hydrophobic natural deep eutectic solvents" in *Discover Green Chemistry* (2026).

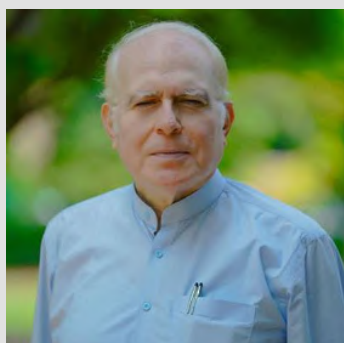


Forman Psychology graduate student Ahmad Hassan published an article titled "Gender Differences in the Intergenerational Transmission of Emotional Regulation: A Moderated Mediation Model of Attachment Styles" in March 2026 in *ACADEMIA (International Journal of Social Sciences)*, an HED-approved Y category journal.



Muhammad Shahzaib Khan reports that his chapter titled "Biotech Innovation in Cotton: Enhancing Crop Resilience through Precision Pest Control" has been published in *Explicable Agriculture: Microbial Ecology, Bio-Innovations and Crop Production*.

Several Forman students participated in various episodes of *Discover Islam*, hosted by the television program *Discover Pakistan*, including this one.



Forman Professor Emeritus Dr. Farid Malik continues to publish informative and thought-provoking op-eds on a wide range of topics: *Surrender at Srinagar's Bakshi Stadium*; *Investment in Technology is Lacking*; *Semiconductor Startups in India*; *Missing my University*; and *Energy Self-Reliance*.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

I appreciated joining the Forman Debating Club – one of the oldest university Debating Societies in South Asia – for their Annual Photograph, after which Faculty Advisor Dr. Ambreen Javed provided me with more details on some of the highlights for the year.



Perhaps most impressive, those highlights include five team “Best Delegation” awards at competitions hosted by several other leading universities including Government College University; Fatima Memorial Hospital Medical College Lahore; University of Engineering and Technology Lahore; and University of Veterinary Sciences.



Also, the Forman Debating Society ranked second in the Fatima Jinnah Medical University Women's Parliamentary Championships. In addition, Daniya Ahsan was declared as Best Speaker in the Model UN category and Noor Fatima was declared as Best Speaker for Parliamentary Debate.



Several of our hostels hosted “Farewell” events at the end of the semester and I was privileged to attend some of them. In particular, a special shoutout to the Residential Life Office for working with the relevant Guardians, Assistant Guardians, and Hostel staff to organize and support Farewell Dinners, Social Nights and similar events at West Hall, Shirazi Hall, and the nearby TSA/FCCU Women's Hostel, among others.



Syed Hassan Abbas Bukhari, back from his semester abroad at Lingnan University in Hong Kong, was invited by Dr. Abid Naeem Wathra to speak to entering University 100 students about his experience. Click [here](#) to see his presentation slides. Click [here](#) to watch him give the presentation.

ALUMNI UPDATES



Forman Biotechnology graduate Dr. Ghazia Abbas (Class of 2015) who later earned her PhD in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from Wesleyan University was recently appointed as a Lecturer in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale University.

According to the Yale University website, *“(Dr. Ghazia) favors a Socratic method of teaching, utilizing a series of probing questions to encourage students to examine their beliefs and assumptions. This method is designed to foster critical thinking and a deeper comprehension of the subject matter”.*



Dilawar Hussain who graduated with an MS in Political Science in 2017 and an MPhil in Political Science in 2019, now serves in the Punjab Government as Assistant Director for Colleges in Vehari.



Noor Fatima Cheema who graduated from Forman with a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communication in 2015 serves as Consultant for Digital Media at the Government of Punjab's Directorate for Public Relations.



Zainab Mohsin who graduated from Forman with a Bachelor's degree in English in 2009 now heads Student Affairs at Lahore College for Women University.

Forman graduate Qazi Muhammad Affan Haider reports that he has been selected as an “Official Ambassador” to the International Organization of Youth (IOY), providing an opportunity to engage in youth-focused initiatives sponsored by a variety of international platforms including the UN, EU, and World Bank. His selection builds on his earlier participation in the 12th International Youth Conference organized by IOY in New York.



It was a privilege to welcome distinguished travel writer and painter Mohammad Akhtar Mamnuka (Forman '64) back to the Forman campus for a brief but much appreciated visit.

As long-time readers of the *Rector's Update* are aware, many entries in this monthly newsletter are based on letters and e-mails received from members of the Forman community living across Pakistan and beyond. Earlier this month I received an unexpected letter from Zia un Nabi, retired Pakistan Air Force Wing Commander who now lives in Karachi.

Mentioning that he attended Forman Christian College from 1962 to 1966, he added that he had just turned 80 – but had not received the usual Forman birthday greeting. Against that backdrop, let me conclude this Alumni section by thanking Wing Commander Zia un Nabi (retired) for his contributions to Forman's Zakat Scholarship Fund over the years -- and by also wishing him a very Happy Birthday!



Forman graduate Khabeer ul Tanwir who earned his Bachelor's in Mass Communication from Forman in 2014 and his Executive MBA from Forman in 2023 kindly invited me to attend the Pakistan Investment & Trade Summit, hosted by the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry on July 24.

As I learned, Khabeer is founder of KAT Helix, a Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Consultancy group; over the past several years, he has also been involved in several start-ups as well as other initiatives involving innovation, entrepreneurship, and strategic communications. As often happens on such occasions, I also met a number of other participants who either attended Forman or who have children who are currently attending Forman!



ADVANCEMENT NEWS

On July 27 we signed a truly pioneering Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Balochistan provincial government, launching a World Bank-funded initiative that will provide up to 50 fully-funded scholarships for female students from Balochistan to obtain Bachelor's degrees in Education at FCCU, forming a cadre of well-trained teachers that will hopefully make contributions in some of the most remote areas of the province for years to come. A special shoutout to Head of Financial Aid Phool Shahzad who visited Balochistan and played a major role in this initiative, supported throughout by CFO Furqan Seith Mall.



Representatives from the provincial government present for the occasion included HE Minister of Education Raheela Hameed Durrani; Education Secretary Lal Jan Jaffar; and Project Director Hafiz Muhammad Qasim who signed the document, among others. Several members of the Forman executive also attended, along with Dr. Martin Thomas and Dr. Asher Johnson from Forman's Education Department which will play a major role in implementing this program.





On July 2 our Advancement & Alumni Office signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Citizens Foundation (TCF), one of Pakistan's leading non-profit organizations; under the terms of the MOU, Forman and TCF will co-sponsor scholarships for 30 eligible students. A special thanks to Senior Fundraising Officer Sarah Aman, Head of Financial Aid Phool Shahzad, and others for turning this prospective partnership into a reality.



Also, our Advancement & Alumni Officer launched a long-term education-focused partnership with Pakistan's Oil & Gas Development Company (OGDC), providing scholarship opportunities for students from the various areas across Pakistan in which OGDC operates. Valued at 31 million rupees, this support will provide funding for at least 20 Intermediate students from these far-flung areas to attend Forman. In this regard, we also appreciate the strong support of Forman graduate Zafar Masud -- President of Bank of Punjab, Chair of the Pakistan Banking Association, and Chair of OGDC -- in guiding FCCU through this process.



Finally, a special thanks to the Outreach and Advancement team which visited legendary businessman and philanthropist Syed Babar Ali in his home on his 100th birthday to wish him all the best on behalf of FCCU! The Forman delegation included Chief Marketing and Outreach Officer Badia Raza; Head of Advancement & Alumni Relations Adnan Ilyas; Head of Corporate Relations Jaweria Iqbal; and University Videographer Raees Jamshed.

Among other things, discussions have included the possibility of establishing a scholarship at FCCU in the name of S.P. Singha, Speaker of the Punjab Assembly at the time of partition and a prominent Forman graduate who was influential in securing the support of Punjab's Christian minority for Pakistan. Anyone who meets Babar Ali walks away both inspired and impressed, and this visit was no exception. The Forman team was also able to record some of the touching remarks that Babar Ali said about Forman and its contributions to Pakistan. Click [here](#) to watch.

OTHER NEWS

At the request of the National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC), Forman hosted a training workshop on July 23 involving more than 200 faculty from across Punjab focused on *Implementation of Outcome-Based Education*. A special shoutout to Computer Department Chair Dr. Mubashar Mushtaq and his team for responding to the NCEAC request and planning, managing, and implementing this event on short notice.



As he commented afterwards, "Everyone commended FCCU's warm hospitality which truly exemplified our university motto, 'By love serve one another'". Dean of the Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Science Dr. Ahmad Mahmood Qureshi echoed those same sentiments, noting that "the event left a lasting positive impression on the participating faculty members from universities across Punjab as well as on the NCEAC team who highly appreciated the excellent organization and hospitality".



Forman's Department of Mass Communication hosted an impressive Capstone Project Exhibit in the Jim Tebbe Campus Center on July 9 for its Advertising and Public Relations students, providing a venue for final year students to showcase for professionals, faculty members and fellow students their skills in creating an integrated media campaign.



Dr. Sadia Safir Tarar, Head of the Department of Media Studies at Kinnaird College, served as the External Examiner, carefully reviewing each capstone project. From the Forman side, Mass Communication Chair Dr. Firasat Jabeen and Capstone Project Coordinator Dr. Zara Masood also attended.





Forman's Department of Statistics organized a three-day workshop from July 15-17, aimed at strengthening practical skills in programming, data management and data analysis. Sessions included one on Python led by Aqsa Sarwar; a second on SQL led by Dr. Muhammad Anwar Mughal; and a third on Advance Microsoft Excel led by Usman Khan. Thanks also to Dean of the Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences Dr. Ahmad Mahmood Qureshi for supporting this initiative.

Forman's Environmental Sciences Department hosted its fourth Advisory Board consisting of professionals from industry, government, and environmental organizations, reviewing Departmental progress and discussing a prospective PhD program that is being developed with strong industry backing.

Established in October 2023 to provide strategic guidance to the Department, it also brings together senior professionals from a wide range of organizations including the World Wildlife Fund, Punjab Planning & Development Authority, Punjab Environmental Protection Agency, Pakistan Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Pakistan Council for Research in Water Resources, Package Ltd., Interloop Ltd, and Sapphire Textile Mills, among others.

Feedback from Advisory Board members in prior meetings assisted the Environmental Studies Department in its effort to revise its BS and MPhil curricula to be more practical and skills-focused, responding in practical ways to the real-world environmental and industrial challenges facing Pakistan. Board members have also helped facilitate internship placements for Forman students interested in environmental issues within their organizations.



Forman's Department of Global Languages and Cultures is launching an exclusive IB-West German Language Examination Center in Lahore, offering internationally recognized written and oral German language testing for students and professionals. The first exam is scheduled for August 13 at FCCU, with online registrations accepted [here](#).

The Fifth Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MAOL) Residency was launched on July 6, bringing instructors Dhruba Raj Ghimire from Nepal and Victor Aliyu Umaru from Nigeria to the Forman campus for a week in early July.

The three-year part-time MAOL initiative involves a partnership involving Development Associates International (DAI), Zaraphath Bible Seminary (ZBS) in Rawalpindi, and FCCU. Based on a “servant leadership curriculum”, it is “designed for Christian leadership who want to balance full-time ministry or work with advanced theological and management training”.



The Forman Psychological Center organized a webinar on July 31 to explore issues related to *“Attachment, Loss and Healing: A Therapeutic Approach to Premarital Breakups”*. The session was conducted by Clinical Psychological Maha Sohail.

Finally, FCCU's Admissions Office hosted an Open House on the afternoon of July 17 in the Jim Tebbe Campus Center for Intermediate, O/A Level, International Baccalaureate (IB), Intermediate, and graduating Bachelor's and Master's/MPhil students interested in potentially studying at Forman.

At least 500 prospective students and their families attended, providing an opportunity to take a campus tour as well as explore Forman's academic programs, campus life, hostel facilities, and state-of-the-art teaching and research resources. Approximately 200 admission applications were filled out during the event.





Academic Departments offering undergraduate and postgraduate programs were available throughout the event to discuss possibilities with interested students. In addition, representatives from Admissions, Career Services & Internships, Church Relations, Financial Aid & Scholarships, International Education, Residential Life, and Student Activities were on hand to present their services and answer questions.



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