Dean’s Message

Warm greeting From Iran, Tehran,

We are so pleased that the first issue of newsletter was welcomed by you. This has caused us to make more efforts to release the second issue.

Our goal is to communicate with you and keep you informed about what we are doing and what is happening here at the School of Nursing and Midwifery after your graduation.

The year 2019 came to an end, during this time we saw a number of other international students graduated in different disciplines. Last year, also 5 new students were added to our MSc students in Midwifery, medical-surgical nursing and critical care nursing.

Our congratulations and warm wishes to our graduating students and their friends and families:

- Fatima and Maryam Mohammad Ibrahim PhD in Reproductive Health
- Waliu Jawula Salisu PhD in Nursing;
- Yisak Hagos Alemayehu, Frank Kiwanuka, Roghieh Mohammadi and Shah-Jahan Shayan MSc in Nursing;
- Adeleh Nazari MSc in Midwifery;
- Someyyeh Sani and Bushra sabiu Adam BSC in Nursing;

We will be pleased to hear from you and your current conditions, your career path, your scientific progress, and the steps you have taken to reach your goals in your own country by using your degree.

Welcome

Anyone who is graduated of school of Nursing & Midwifery is a part of the School's history and its traditions and we believe that we should take pride and pleasure in what our alumni achieve.

This newsletter is intended to establish better links with our graduates and to involve them more closely in the life of the School.

We like to think that there will be thousands of alumni with happy memories of the time they spent in Nursing school and who might wish to return to the School and take part in some of its activities.

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To celebrate the Christmas and New Year, a gathering event was held in the School of Nursing and Midwifery on December 28, 2019, with the presence of the University’s representatives of International Deputy, the school’s officials, the representative of supreme leader in the school, the marketing experts of international deputy and national & international students.

Prof. Alireza Nikbakht Nasrabadi, Dean of the School, congratulated the birth of Prophet Jesus and as well as the arrival of New Year, and referred to the gathering as an opportunity to share experiences between different cultures, explain the New Year’s customs, identify and introduce domestic and international students’ abilities and use of available resources to improve culture.

Dr. Arpi Manookian, a faculty member of the medical/surgical department gave some explanations about the New Year’s symbols and wished her fellow Christians a Merry Christmas and a good New Year.

At the end of the ceremony, Mrs. Sonia Arezo Mannians and Dr. Arpi Manookian the school’s Christian professors, and Mr. Joel Abraham Symbia and Harris Tocpa, the school’s Christian international students were presented with gifts, and international students offered everyone some local cuisine.
The First African Ph.D. graduate in Nursing

Waliiu Jawula Salisu, our first African Ph.D. graduate in nursing, has defended his doctoral thesis successfully.

Dr. Salisu Waliiu Jawula defended his doctoral thesis entitled “The process of medical treatment refusal among cancer patients in Ghana” on Wednesday, 15 January 2020. The thesis supervisors were Dr. Jila Mirlashari and Dr. Khatereh Seylani, while the advisors were Dr. Shokoh Varaei and Professor Sally Thorn.

Dr. Salisu Waliiu Jawula, comes from Ghana. Ghana, a country on the West Coast of Africa, is one of the most thriving democracies on the continent. It has often been referred to as an “island of peace” in one of the most chaotic regions on earth. It shares boundaries with Togo to the east, la Cote d’Ivoire to the west, Burkina Faso to the north and the Gulf of Guinea, to the south. A recent discovery of oil in the Gulf of Guinea could make Ghana an important oil producer and exporter in the next few years.

He left Iran after a goodbye party in the presence of the school dean, some friends, and staff of international deputy. He described his academic experience in Iran as highly desirable and thanked the Tehran University of Medical Sciences and the School of Nursing and Midwifery for the educational and research services he received during his studies and residency in Iran. He declared that the process of his empowerment in the field of research and publication in the school has been exceptional.
Interview

Please introduce yourself and tell us which year did you come to study in Iran? Why did you choose Iran to continue your education? Why did you choose Tehran University of Medical Sciences to continue your education?

My name is Waliu Jawula Salisu; am from Ghana, and I have been studying Nursing at the Ph.D. level here at TUMS since 2017. I decided to come to Iran to study because I had friends here at TUMS that recommended the school to me.

Tehran University is one of the best in the country, and beyond, based on its record of accomplishment, I was motivated to come have a feel of it

Why did you choose this course?

I chose this course because it has been my profession, and I have always wanted to attain the highest degree in it.

Have you acquired experience in Iran that you can use in your country?

Yes, I have acquired several experience and expertise here in Iran that will be applicable and useful to me in my country and other jurisdictions.

Have you enjoyed the university's facilities and services like dormitory?

Yes, the university’s facilities that I am privileged to have access to are useful and mostly meets my needs as an international student.

Tehran University of Medical Sciences is one of the hardest universities to get into for Iranian students. How was this condition for you?

Getting into TUMS could be challenging due to the high competitiveness and the school’s desire to maintain its standards. For me, I was fortunate to have met all the needed requirements for admission; so, it turned out to be less complicated for me. The process was smooth, devoid of any stress.
Could you give us one of your acquired experiences?

One of the outstanding experiences I acquired at TUMS is self-reliance. The learning environment is such that it encourages self-learning, which eventually builds students' ability and skills to carry out learning activities independently. Aside from learning activities, I built my social life and learned to live an independent life.

Tell us about your good or bad memories of your studies in our school. What is your best memory of our college? Do you have any bad memories?

I have several good memories from TUMS; in fact, I will not be able to list all if I even attempted to. One such memory that strikes me most is the supportive nature of the faculty members. Throughout my stay at TUMS, faculty members that I was privileged to work with were outstanding. I felt their support in every aspect of my studies. They would go the extra mile to support students. I felt that this attitude of the faculty brought out the best in me and encouraged me to do my best.

I do have a few bad experiences during my study period. For example, my inability to speak Persian limited my interaction with non-faculty members. While out of campus, I usually would wish to explore some parts of the city, but sometimes, I was stuck due to language barriers. This often got me embarrassed because I felt I could do more to learn the language since I had the opportunity to.

Do you have anything else to say?

I want to add that TUMS has been an excellent place for me, and it offered me the opportunity to develop and improve my professional skills beyond my expectations. I will forever remain grateful to TUMS and the amazing Professors who have been supportive and always ready to offer their assistance anytime I call upon them.
We hope that you have enjoyed this edition of Alumni Newsletter. If you have announcement, notices or suggestions for editorial pieces for the next issue of Newsletter, please contact us: fnmals@yahoo.com