

Foreword by the Honorable Dean, Dr. Abdullah Al-Melhi

In The Name of Allah
The Compassionate,
The Merciful

Dearest students, colleagues and readers, it is with a great sigh of relief that I can once again communicate with you through our treasured Mountain Top publication. I am sure that, like me, you too are very pleased to be back on campus. We are so fortunate to, once again, enjoy the benefits of face-to-face interaction with each other. Let us use this opportunity to make up for some of the losses we may have incurred during the long closure of on-campus classes.

As you all know, the Coronavirus Pandemic has led to major setbacks for people all over the world. In our case, many of our projects and plans had to be temporarily postponed. We consider these unavoidable hiccups as being small learning curves before we get back on track. We are still enthusiastically working on achieving the goals which we have set for our college.

Currently there are some major changes appearing on our immediate horizon. Firstly, we are on the verge of transitioning to a new, trimester system. Various committees and teams are in the process of developing new time frames and suitable academic materials to facilitate this crucial move. Secondly, as you may have heard by now, we will be moving to the new campus in the very near future. Although we do not have an exact date at this moment in time, it is important for all of us to be fully prepared for this inevitable move. I strongly encourage all affected persons to visit the new campus before we officially begin our classes and activities there. In this way you can ensure that you have familiarized yourself with such factors as: possible alternative accommodation, location, distance, travel time and routes.

Finally, as we enter this new era of change and innovation, I urge students to make full use of the opportunities which being an English scholar affords them. Always set your goals high and strive to constantly remain on track. At present, our country has ambitious plans for dramatic economic changes. The English Language skills you are now acquiring and developing are vital assets for our country to successfully achieve these goals.

Last but not least, many thanks to the students who contributed to this publication.

May Allah continue to bless us all, Inshallah