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FCCU Academics: Alive Beyond the Campus Gates

Dr. Jonathan Addleton reminds us that Forman Christian College, A Chartered University (FCCU) is very connected and influential inside and outside of Pakistan. Here is an update from campus:

Thirty-eight FCCU students were recently welcomed back to campus after spending the spring or summer terms studying abroad. Most were in Turkey, Malaysia, Belgium, Hong Kong, and the US. Sixteen students will spend their fall 2022 terms on other campuses. **FCCU students are routinely approved for the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD).** This "provides one semester scholarships to outstanding undergraduate students from around the world for non-degree full-time study combined with community service, professional development, and cultural enrichment."

We are often asked what happens to FCCU graduates. Some pursue graduate study outside of Pakistan. Here are three of their current best and brightest:

Aleezay Anjum Ahmed was awarded one of this year's prestigious Erasmus Fellowships, offered by the

European Commission. Her master's program focuses on Sustainable Biomass and Bioproducts Engineering, beginning in September 2022. She will study in Poland, Spain, and Finland.

Amna Maryam (FCCU Class of 2021) double majored in sociology and psychology. She was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship at Columbia University in New York where she will pursue a master's degree in clinical psychology.

Ajwa Zulfiqar, (FCCU class of 2020) majored in sociology and has been awarded a fully funded scholarship to pursue her master's in anthropology at the University of Toronto starting in Fall 2022.

Faculty reach and influence is also great:

FCCU is a member of the Global Liberal Arts Alliance (GLAA).

Recently, nine members of our faculty partnered with GLAA, specifically related to its Global Course Connections initiative.

These faculty members have been involved in either in-person or online linkages with various international institutions including the American College of Greece; the American College of Paris; Universidad San Francisco in Quito; Oberlin College (Ohio); Hope College (Michigan); and Antioch College (Ohio).

FCCU's Center for Learning and Teaching (CLT) continues to offer an impressive array of study opportunities aimed at strengthening learning and teaching.

CLT's success recently caught the attention of Pakistan's Higher Education Commission (HEC). With FCCU's concurrence, 175 universities across Pakistan were invited to participate in various online trainings. ❖



We are a 501(c)(3) organization formed to support the work of Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan.

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FCCU Campus Center Update:

When FCCU began this campus center project, COVID-19 wasn't on the horizon. With it came sickness, unemployment and increased poverty, supply chain shortages, inflation as high as 27%, and a pronounced devaluation of the rupee against the dollar. The year's floods came in like a schoolyard bully, taking away what little many of Pakistan's poorest had. This flooding will worsen the existing shortages in the country, affecting the planned December 2022 opening date by pushing it out several months. But there is good news. ***Thanks to you and your generous support to date, this campus center will be dedicated in the spring of 2023.***



FCCU is close to completing this influential project, but the last two years' events resulted in delays and unexpected cost overruns. ***Would you please consider an extra end-of-year gift to help FCCU completely finish and furnish the campus center in anticipation of a celebratory ceremony in early 2023?***



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Anticipating Next Spring's Dedication

This campus center is a milestone in Pakistan, where universities don't invest in facilities like this. It will provide the spaces one would expect to find on any campus with a western-style liberal arts curriculum. This center will house the following: a business incubation center, a digital library, an auditorium, rehearsal spaces, a cafeteria, a coffee shop, offices for all student life administration and student-led societies (clubs), a bookstore, a women's only lounge, and study space for the more than 6,000 commuter students who come to campus every day. ***This is what you are building. It is a first in Pakistan. What a gift you are giving to this generation and those to come! Thank you! ❖***



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Pakistan Flood Update

The 2022 floods rank in the top three of all Pakistani natural disasters since 2005. ***Thanks to YOU, \$16,500 has been raised through Friends of Forman for flood relief!*** Combined with contributions from campus, ***the total is over \$37,000!***

Additional gifts of food, toiletries, shoes, and clothing were collected at FCCU, a drive organized by two student societies, the Rotaract Club and the Islamic Society.

Thank you to our donors for living the campus motto, "by love serve one another." ❖



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Thank you from a FCCU Student

Huma - Sociology

I choose FCCU for my undergraduate degree because it was among very few Christian institutes with a strong reputation, which provided me with a sense of security and assured me that I would not be frightened. Second, while attending FCCU, I experienced a great campus life, on-campus activities such as joining societies, visiting the vast campus area, amazing instructors, and the option to work in offices through the work-study program.

My father, who works for the government, and my older brother, who formerly worked in Dubai, were my family's main sources of income. Since I don't come from an elite or upper-class background, I couldn't pay for FCCU's tuition out of our pocket, so I applied for financial aid. FCCU not only gave me financial aid but also gave me the chance to participate in its work-study program, which allowed me to gain experience in various departments and learn more about the working world. The fact that students from many cultural origins attend FCCU and can practice their religion and express their ideas without offending others contributes to the institution's diversity.

As we speak of COVID, it has significantly altered the world, having an impact both monetarily and emotionally. Since my brother was working in Dubai, it had an impact on me, my family, and my studies. It also caused us to worry about his health and put us in a financial bind because his income was reduced, and he had to return to Pakistan. He was funding my education, and due to this reason, I even had to take a semester off from school. However, FCCU once more allowed me to continue my studies by accommodating students through the COVID-19 relief fund. I owe FCCU a great deal of gratitude for all the significant favors they have provided for me, because without them, I could not be where I am today.

I'm now pursuing a sociology undergraduate degree in my junior year. My long-term objectives are to pursue higher education abroad and use my knowledge and abilities to help others, in keeping with FCCU's motto "By love serve one another." According to the Bible, there is nothing more fulfilling than helping others. ❖

