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## Celebrating Ms Nada Heggy: A Leader in Employability & Alumni Relations

I have had the pleasure of working with my esteemed colleague, **Nada Heggy, M.Ed., Ph.D**, for over two years in her capacity as Senior Manager of Employability & Alumni Relations in the Deanship of Students Affairs. Her passion for supporting students and alumni is exemplary. Nada is a distinguished Career Coach, Educator, and higher education leader whose dedication to student career development and alumni success continues to make a profound impact. With expertise in Talent Acquisition, Learning and Development, and higher education, she plays a pivotal role in bridging the gap between academia and the professional world. She leads a team that empowers students and alumni by providing career opportunities, industry connections, and lifelong professional support.

Her team facilitates internship placements for over 900 students annually, ensuring they gain valuable experiences from top-tier companies while receiving specialized training to enhance their employability. This proactive approach equips ADU students with the skills, confidence, and market readiness to secure their dream jobs after graduation.

Under her leadership, the Employability & Alumni Relations Office has built strategic industry partnerships, creating job opportunities and career pathways for graduates, designed high-impact career initiatives that equip students with essential skills for today's competitive job market, established strong alumni engagement programs, fostering a culture of mentorship, networking, and professional growth, and organized annual career fairs that connect students and alumni with top employers, opening doors to exciting job opportunities and industry collaborations.

In 2024, the department spearheaded a series of highly successful alumni reunions across Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, and Dubai, reconnecting over 1,000 alumni from various disciplines and campuses. These gatherings reinforced professional ties, celebrated achievements, and strengthened the lifelong bond between graduates and their alma mater.

Nada holds a Master's in Educational Leadership from **Abu Dhabi University** and is pursuing her PhD in Business Management at The **The British University in Dubai**. She is also a Master Trainer, NLP Practitioner, Certified Life Coach, and Happiness Coach, certified by the **University of Dubai** and the American Board of Neuro-Linguistic Programming.

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