

## **Press Release**

## Abu Dhabi University Celebrates Graduation of 18th Cohort Across Five Colleges

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 13 June 2025: Abu Dhabi University (ADU) proudly celebrated the achievements of its 18<sup>th</sup> cohort of students from the Class of 2025, including a distinguished group of graduates recognized for their outstanding academic achievements. The milestone event honored students from five colleges and more than 50 majors, reflecting ADU's over two-decade journey of shaping future-ready leaders from across the world.

This year's diverse class included graduates from over 100 countries, reinforcing the university's role as a global hub for inclusive, high-quality education that supports the UAE's vision for a knowledge-based, innovation-driven society. The ceremony was attended by Professor Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University, along with university leadership, college deans, and members of the academic and administrative bodies.

Professor Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University, said: "This year's graduation is not just a celebration of academic achievement, it is a celebration of diversity, resilience, and future potential. Our graduates have not only excelled in their fields but have done so during a transformative time for education, both globally and locally. Their success reflects ADU's strategic focus on equipping students with the multidisciplinary skills needed to lead in a rapidly evolving world. As the UAE continues to position itself as a global hub for innovation and education, we are proud to contribute by developing the next generation of thinkers, creators, and changemakers."



In a speech addressed to the graduates, Prof. Ghassan said: "ADU is proud of you, just as your families are. As graduates of one of the top 200 universities globally and the second-ranked university in the Arab world, according to the Times Higher Education Rankings 2025, you are exceptionally well-positioned for success. This academic milestone opens doors to exciting opportunities both here in the UAE and internationally."

Reflecting on the milestone, the graduates said during their speech said: "We are walking into the future shaped by challenges but also filled with possibility. ADU has not only given us knowledge but also the courage to lead, to question, and to create. Today, we don't just celebrate our academic success, we carry forward the values of integrity, innovation, and community that will guide us in building a better world."

They added: "Our journey at ADU will forever remain in our hearts. This university opened windows of knowledge and creativity for each of us in our respective fields, nurtured our talents, and enriched our experiences. We take great pride in the education and knowledge we have received at the university, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the faculty and administrative staff, our parents, and everyone who contributed to this journey."

Degrees were conferred across undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels in disciplines including engineering, business, administration, law, health sciences, and arts and sciences. The celebration also comes as ADU expands its academic portfolio with 20 new future-focused programs launching in Fall 2025, designed to prepare students for careers in emerging fields like artificial intelligence, digital transformation, public health, and more.



Since 2003, ADU has proudly graduated over 32,000 students, many of whom now serve in influential roles across a wide range of industries both in the UAE and around the world.

Through its multicultural academic community and future-forward programs, ADU continues to support the UAE's strategic goals in education, inclusion, and sustainable development, while fostering a culture of academic excellence and innovation.

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