

## **President's Note**





I welcome you all at the beginning of Campus Life, which documents the most momentous events of our community. I am certain that the community is aware of the immense effort Qatar University has exerted, to prevent students' academic journeys from being disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic, Covid-19, which struck the world and changed the course of our collective plans and strategies. QU administration, through support and dedication from all university members, as well as keenness from our students to continue their studies by way of distance learning, was able to achieve its goals despite the setbacks. I urge our students to continue exemplifying diligence and stay steadfast and focused on their future, and when we emerge from this crisis, I am certain our students will remain on the right educational track.

The University's current strategy focuses on the students, as we strive to propel QU forward as a leading educational institution that is at the forefront of entrepreneurship and the engine that steers higher education in the country. We do this with the aim of providing an outstanding level of education that addresses modern challenges and meets national needs in order to take confident steps towards a knowledge-based society. Our strategy focuses on a number of areas: enhancing opportunities for students to enter higher education, increasing flexibility of educational opportunities and programs for students, as well as ensuring that the programs meet the current and future needs of the labor market.

This edition of Campus Life highlights the University's efforts in the face of the current pandemic, based on the belief that QU plays a great role in addressing the repercussions facing the world due to Covid-19. The University organized a variety of academic and community events and activities to study and analyze the implications of this crisis on the local and global level. The magazine also encompasses a number of compelling topics that detail recent university projects and achievements, which will be of interest to you as a member of our vibrant community.

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