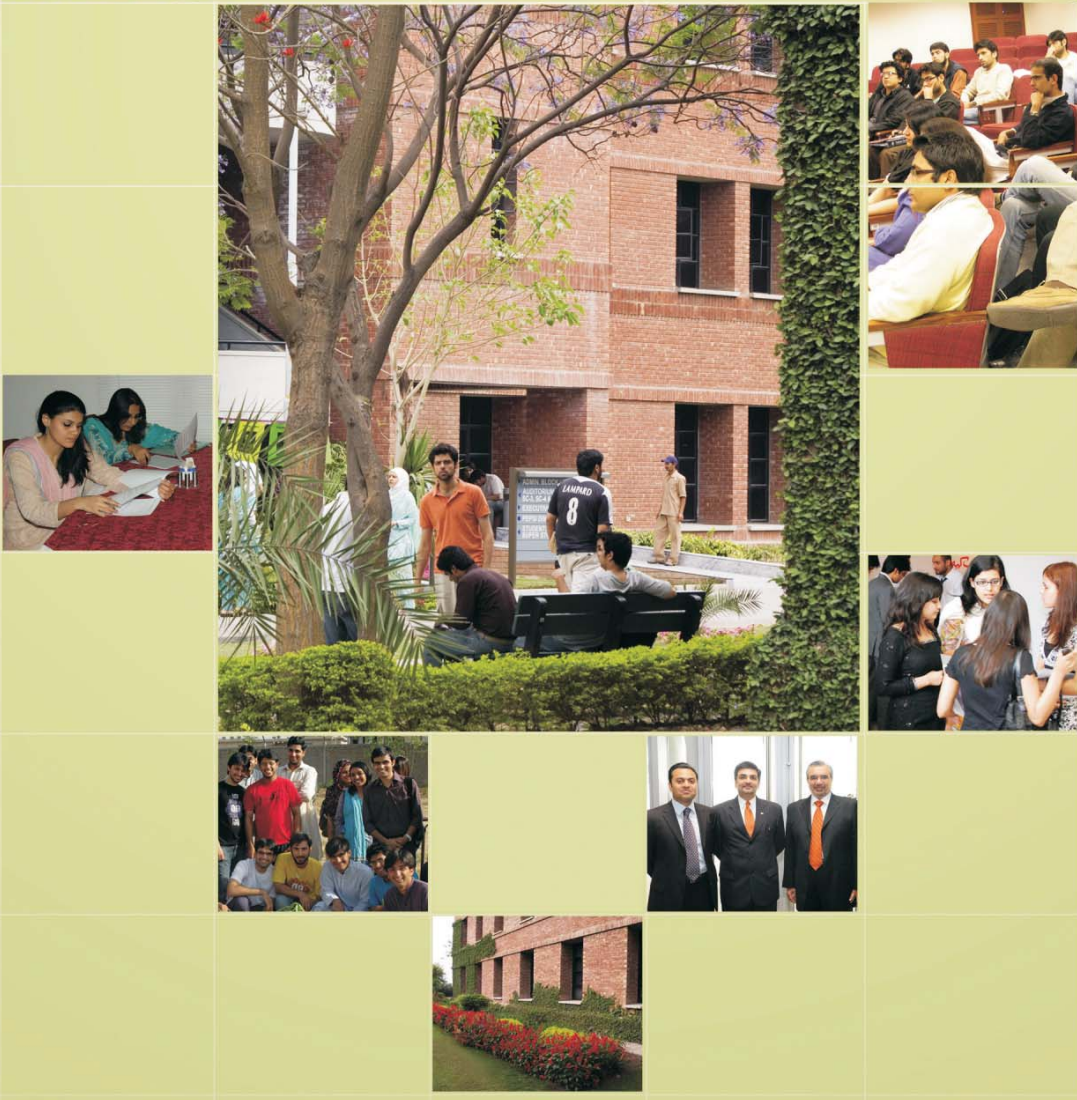


# LUMS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



Lahore University of Management Sciences

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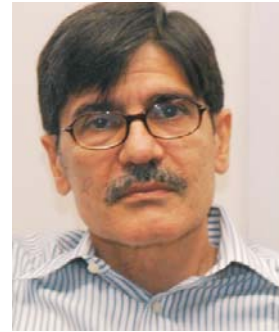
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## News From LUMS

### Dr. Anjum Nasim appointed as Provost of LUMS

Dr. Anjum Nasim has been appointed as Provost of The Lahore University of Management Sciences. Dr. Nasim will be the Chief Academic Officer of LUMS, responsible for the academic affairs of the University. He will oversee the faculty, student affairs and work with the deans to ensure excellence in research, scholarship and educational experience of the students. Dr. Anjum Nasim has been a member of the faculty at LUMS for over 22 years. He has studied at Government College Lahore, The London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of Essex. He started his academic career at Quaid-i-Azam University in 1974 and joined LUMS in 1986. He was appointed Professor of Economics in 1991. He has served LUMS as Associate Dean Research (1997-1999), as Head of the Economics Department (2000-2003) and as Dean, School of Humanities and Social



Sciences (2006-2008). He has worked (on leave from LUMS) as research advisor with the State Bank of Pakistan and as adviser with the Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company. He has consulted for the Government of Pakistan, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the International Food Policy Research Institute. His research papers have appeared in leading academic journals including the Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Development Economics and International Tax and Public Finance.

### Dr. Tariq Jadoon appointed as Registrar for LUMS

LUMS has established the Office of Registrar for LUMS and appointed Dr. Tariq Jadoon to this position for a period of one year. The Registrar will report directly to the Provost/Vice Chancellor. The Registrar's office will be responsible for all course registrations, scheduling examinations, issuing transcripts and degrees and maintaining the academic calendar of the university. The Registrar serves as custodian of all student academic and personal records and works closely with the faculty to ensure that all course descriptions and offerings in the General Announcements (Catalog) of the University are up to date and accurate.

### National Outreach Programme

LUMS National Outreach Programme continues to grow at a fast pace, this year around 100 students are expected to join LUMS from this stream. This would take the total number of NOP Scholars inducted at LUMS to 290. It is really encouraging that 40 of these students are girls. This great achievement would not have been possible without commitment of the NOP team, faculty, staff and alumni. The arrangement of funds to meet educational expenses of these brilliant and talented students still remains a daunting challenge. We are really grateful to a number of alumni and students who have come forward to support this noble initiative. In the last few months, LUMS has received a number of class gifts from alumni; this would provide an opportunity of world class education to talented youth of Pakistan.

### Dr. Zaeem Jafri appointed as the Director of OSA

LUMS has established the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) to further strengthen student services and to have a single point of contact for the resolution of all academic, non-academic and extra-curricular matters. Dr. Zaeem Jafri will serve as Director of Student Affairs. This office will set up and coordinate a university-wide academic advising system, oversee student extra curricular activities and liaise with Student Council, societies and clubs, provide support for the residential college system, develop, review and communicate all policies related to student affairs. In addition, OSA will oversee and support the University Health Clinic and the Counseling Center.



## LUMS going Green

**LUMS a member of TUFT:** LUMS recently joined the Talloires Network, which is an international association of institutions based at Tufts University, committed to promoting social responsibility and civic engagement in higher education. Both of these ethos are at the heart of LUMS' vision for the future.

**Vegetable Garden at LUMS:** LUMS is going green. Utilizing the vacant land at the back of the campus, LUMS has created an organic vegetable garden which is now yielding crop. The General Administration and Services periodically set up a small farmers stand at LUMS to sell these vegetables to LUMS community at 50% of the market price.



## LUMS Teams at the International Sports Fest'09, Turkey

LUMS performed beyond expectations in the International Sports Festival held in Turkey. This is the second time that a team from Pakistan participated in the International Sports Festival and has made it amongst the top teams while competing against international players.



This was an international gathering of 32 universities from 19 countries; Turkey, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Canada, Hungary, Croatia, Denmark, Georgia, Holland, Lebanon, Morocco, Russia, Poland, USA, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland and Pakistan took part in various games. Some of these games included Badminton, Basketball, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Football, Futsal, Swimming, Water Polo and American Football. The LUMS squad participated in various events with full sports spirit. LUMS team efforts resulted in the following achievements:



LUMS secured one Gold, two Silvers and three Bronze medals in The International Sports Fest, 2009 at Bogazici University Istanbul, Turkey. In the women's doubles table tennis, Sameera secured the Gold medal pairing with Shaza from Bulgaria while Amina secured the Bronze medal. In the badminton women's doubles, Sania Imran and Shaza Fatima won the Silver medal whereas Zain and Aarsal secured the Bronze medal in the men's doubles. In mix doubles, Shaza from LUMS along with Julian from France won the Silver medal. LUMS participated for the first time in Water Polo and won the Bronze medal.

Other than the medals, Usman Rafi and Nida secured over all fourth position in the men's and women's Tennis singles; while, Shaza Fatima and Zain secured fourth position in the men's and women's Table Tennis singles.

## LUMS Makes it to the Pakistani National Rugby team

In the second tier of the Asian Rugby Championship in Malaysia in June, 2009, Pakistan will be competing with Malaysia, China and India. This year the Pakistani National Rugby Team has four LUMS players: Xeeshan Syed Rizvi (BSc 2010), Mohammad Junaid Liaqat (BSc 2010), Muneeb Baqapuri (MBA 2009) and Mansoor Aziz (MBA 2006).

On other rugby fronts, LUMS recently competed in the National Sevens Tournament, where LUMS won the shield final against Punjab. The two LUMS teams had players from the undergraduate and postgraduate batches as well as alumni.

## LUMS wins at the Annual Spring Flower Competition 2009

LUMS stood first yet again in the Educational Institution category for Gardens in the Annual Spring Flower Show Competition 2009 organized by the Horticulture Society of Pakistan. LUMS also secured two, first positions in cut flower arrangements. The University administration praised the University horticulture supervisors, Muhammad Altaf Farooqi, Kabir Ahmad, Muzaffar Iqbal and the gardeners who put in a lot of hard work and consistently produce a very high standard of floriculture/horticulture on campus.



## LUMS Shines in the International Arena

The Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) team won the "Outstanding Delegation" Award at the Harvard World Model United Nations Conference held from March 22 – 27, 2009 in Hague, capital of Netherlands. The team comprised of 8 undergraduate students from LUMS sitting in the simulation of various United Nations committees.

The conference was attended by 2200 students from over 150 prestigious universities worldwide including Oxford, London School of Economics, Yale and UC Berkley among others. Of these, only two delegations were awarded the "Outstanding Delegation" award on their performance ratio. LUMS, with 6 individual "Outstanding Diplomacy" awards out of 8, was one of them and the other being MUN Society Belgium.

The award marks the fourth continuous victory of the LUMS team at the Harvard WorldMUN Conferences which are organized by Harvard University and held in a different country every year. The LUMS team bagged the coveted "Outstanding Delegation" Awards in Beijing (2006), Geneva (2007) and Puebla, Mexico (2008) in the previous years, bringing Pakistan to the forefront of the largest and most prestigious student gatherings in the world, year after year.

Another LUMS team comprising of 13 students performed exceptionally at the Model UN Turkey Conference held in Izmir, Turkey from March 9 – 13, 2009 and attended by over 500 students from across the world. Ten out of thirteen students won "Outstanding Diplomacy" Awards and thus securing the only "Outstanding Delegation" Award of that conference.

## LUMS EMS

In line with international trends, LUMS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is an upcoming service that LUMS is providing to its community. With state of the art training, EMS personnel hope to provide medical security that any credible university gives to its students and faculty. The LUMS EMS is providing professional first aid facilities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The teachers from the Punjab Government's Rescue 1122 have given training to the volunteers in crisis management, thus trained LUMS students are proficient in dealing with minor as well as major injuries. LUMS EMS is expanding this service further by holding recruitment programmes to build a strong team of professional paramedics (certified MFRs i.e. Medical First Responders) dedicated to serving the community.

## LUMS Mega Career Fair 2009

LUMS has expanded phenomenally over the last few years; be it the student size, the faculty or the diversification offered in each academic program. This growth and refinement both in the quality and richness of education has proved to be the main catalyst in attracting more and more employers to recruit from LUMS including organizations from across the globe.

LUMS Career Services Office aims to further consolidate this confidence so that the students get more acquainted with the job market and industry while the employers are more successful in their efforts to hire the best candidates for the positions available at their organizations.

In this connection and considering the prevalent job market, the Career Services Office after initiating this year's placement activity for jobs and internships, held a Mega Career-Fair on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Prominent organizations from various sectors i.e. Accounting & Insurance Firms, IT, Telecom, FMCG, Textile, Oil and Pharmaceutical sectors participated in this whole-day event to target the LUMS graduates for regular jobs and internships across Pakistan. This event proved to be a great opportunity for both the companies and the students to interact on a more personal level and become more aware of each other's preference which makes the recruitment process more fruitful at both ends.



The companies that participated in the Mega Career Fair included PEL, Pakistan Tobacco Company, International Petrochemicals, National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), Techlogix, About Us, Uraan Software, KESC, Descon, Packages Limited, Citi Bank, Barclays Plc., Zong, Ufone GSM, LAFARGE, Cambridge Docs, Sidat Hyder Morshed Associates, Qarshi Industries, ZTE, Mujtaba Jamal Law Associates (MJLA), TRG and Nestle' Pakistan.

## Updates from the Schools

### Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB)- Events

Suleman Dawood School of Business has been proactively involved in bridging gaps between students and corporate business executives. Many commendable initiatives such as organizing events, seminars, guest lectures etc. were launched by various student clubs. These events not only helped in strengthening the industry linkages of the business school but also served as a platform for collaborative learning.



These events included "LUMS Business Consorcio" "Synergies 2009", "Seminar on Modern Retail Management", "Seminar on Career in Supply Chain Management" etc. These co-curricular events complimented the academic learning of the students and reflected interesting features and insights from esteemed business executives. The guest list at these events included names like Dr. Ishrat Hussain (Director IBA Ex-Governor SBP), Dr. Saleem Raza (Governor SBP), Mr. Naveed Saeed (SEVP, PTC), Mr. Martin J McCarthy (CEO Total Parco, Pakistan), Mr. Syed Qaisar Sharif (Country Head P & G Pakistan) and other renowned business executives.

### SDSB Achievements

Students of MBA 2009 batch secured 1st Position in "Battle of Minds Competition", organized by Lakson Tobacco Pakistan Ltd. PTC BOM competition is a multipurpose event, which not only provides a platform for students of different universities to compete but also gives them an employment opportunity at PTC. PTC BOM is a multi facet competition with two stages; starting with competition within university, followed by competition amongst teams from different universities. This year's grand slam event consisted of 6 teams from all over the Pakistan including IBA Karachi, NUST and GIKI. The idea of the competition was to identify "Foreign Direct Investment Opportunity in Pakistan". The participants were required to submit a 15000 words report followed by a presentation on the Grand Slam day.



### SDSB Publications

SDSB publications include conference papers, book chapters, and conference presentations on:

- Relationship between Job Stress, Burnout & Outcomes
- Negotiator power as a moderator of the relationship between Negotiator Emotion and Behavior.
- Impact of clustering on Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Organization of SMEs in transition economies
- Local Interdependency to Global Competitiveness.
- Entrepreneurship and SME development in Regional Clusters of Developing Countries.
- Development of Manufacturing Strategy: An Empirical Study in Pakistan.
- Understanding the Concept of Positioning: A Step towards Defining the Construct.
- How do Transformational leaders Transform themselves; Three case studies in Pakistan.
- Human Resource Development in Pakistan.
- The Challenges of Leadership Development within the Public Sector Organization.
- The Role of Human Resource Development in a Community Setting in Minnesota.
- Islamic Perspective to Enterprise Design.

## SDSB – Student Exchange Programme

SDSB Exchange programme for the MBA students fleets high as number for Fall 2009 exchange students rises to Thirty-four. The number of exchange partners has expanded to 14 institutions. The list includes many prestigious institutes such as:

- IESEG School Of Management, France
- Koc University, Istanbul
- Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore
- Indian School of Management, Hyderabad
- Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, India
- Seoul National University, Korea
- Lancaster University, United Kingdom
- Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
- Guanghua School of Management, China
- Bond University, Australia
- University Sains Malaysia (USM), Malaysia
- Zagreb School of Economics & Management, Croatia
- Esan University, Lima, Peru
- Chaing Mai University, Thailand

## SDSB Faculty

Dr. Kamal Munir, Reader, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge has recently joined the faculty of Suleman Dawood School of Business. Dr. Munir is a PhD from McGill University. He has previously taught at McGill University in Canada (1996 to 2000). Dr. Munir has published several articles in leading organizational and technology journals and presented in numerous international conferences. He has also written numerous articles for newspapers and magazines including Dawn, The Guardian, and Business Life. His work has been quoted and cited in several forums, including BBC's Hard Talk. Dr. Munir is the founder of OTREG, an international discussion forum for organizational theorists.

Dr. Munir's practical experience includes consultant or trainer for several organizations, including the Department of Trade and Industry, UK; the Ministry of Finance, Thailand; the Textile Association, Pakistan; McKinsey & Co, Shell Petroleum and British Telecom, among several others.

## School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law (SHSSL)

### Economics Department

- An Economics Roundtable was organized at LUMS on April 7, 2009. The speakers and panelists in different sessions of the Roundtable spoke on the topics of fiscal policy and macroeconomic reform, social protection, political economy of regional stability and the design of political institutions. The participants in the Roundtable included several notable economists including Hafeez Pasha, Nadeem-ul-Haq, Naved Hamid, Sohail Malik, Haris Gazdar, Carlos Heredia (Mexico), and Mushtaq Khan (SOAS, London). The highlight of the Roundtable was the address via video link by the 2007 Nobel laureate Roger Myerson (University of Chicago) on the reform of electoral institutions to deliver efficient outcomes, a paper that he wrote for the LUMS conference.
- LUMS students continue to shine as a growing number of students make it to the best universities for graduate studies. In the academic year 2008-09, 16 students were admitted to graduate programs in prominent institutions outside Pakistan.
- In the last few months, several economists visited LUMS to share their research with faculty and students. Some of them presented their work in the Economics Workshop being organized at fortnightly intervals by Dr. Farooq Naseer. The speakers included Dr. Hamza Malik (Director, State Bank of Pakistan) who shared his experience of working at the State Bank and talked on the topic of conducting monetary policy in a challenging environment; Dr. Tahir Andrabi who presented his research paper on the effect of mothers' schooling on child education using primary household survey data from Pakistan; and Dr. Mozaffer Qazilbash who shared his thoughts on ethics and economics and surveyed recent work done in this area.

## Law and Policy Department

- The very first LL.B batch successfully graduated last year. The first graduating batch has been very well received in the areas they have chosen for their careers, including the legal profession, regulatory agencies etc.
- Two new professors, Dr. Ali Qazilbash and Mr. Asad Farooq joined the Law & Policy Department as permanent faculty at the beginning of the academic year. Dr. Ali Qazilbash has done his Doctorate in Juridical Sciences (SJD) and LL.M in international Human Rights Law from the University of Notre Dame Law School (USA). He taught for 3 years at the University of Notre Dame. He worked as a Dean for a Law School in Lahore for one year before joining LUMS. Dr. Qazilbash worked with one of the most reputable NGOs in New York in Human Rights prior to becoming a dedicated academic. Asad Farooq has previously studied and worked at the University of Warwick, the School of Oriental & African Studies and at Chancellor College, University of Malawi. At Warwick he completed both his LLB and worked towards a PhD. His main areas of interest are international law and emergent global forms of law, human rights discourse and practice, law in development, alternative theorizations of law and popular reason in law and politics.
- Earlier in the academic year three of LUMS students, Misha Rehman, Mohammad Mitha and Hammad Saeed were nominated to participate in the Asia Cup Moot Competition which is held annually in Tokyo under the aegis of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. LUMS students were the only ones representing Pakistan in the said moot competition. Also, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) selected two teams to represent Pakistan in two separate and highly prestigious moot competitions i.e. the 2008 Henri Dunant Regional Moot Competition and the 2009

## The Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

- Jean Pictet International Moot Competition. Here out of all participating institutes, only the LUMS team ended up with 2 medals, something that was noted and appreciated by the participants and the organizers. In March, 2009 two of LUMS students, Summaiya Zaidi and Hyder Kabir Cheema participated in the first ever Moot Competition organized by Gujrat National Law University in India. Our students were very well received by their Indian counterparts and this was the first step towards student collaboration between LUMS and Indian Universities. The LUMS Law & Policy Department organized its fourth Annual Moot Court (May 14 to 24, 2009) for its law classes of 2009 and 2011. In an effort to expose the students to the real court room environment, former and current judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Justice Sair Ali, Justice (Retd.) Wajihuddin Ahmad and Justice (Retd.) Fazal Karim Khan along with Professor Jawwad S. Khawaja (former Judge Lahore High Court and Head of the Law & Policy Department) presided over the moot. Students were given actual cases which had been decided at the trial court level and they were required to appeal against the trial court judgment or defend the decree or sentence of the lower court.
- Some of the prominent persons who have been speakers at various sessions organized by the Law and Policy department include Mr. Enrique Penalosa Address, world renowned urban strategist and former mayor of Bogota (Colombia). Mr. Penalosa's talk was followed by a brief presentation on issues and challenges of public transport and mobility by Mr. Oscar Diaz, Sr. Director of the Institute for Transport and Development Policy (ITDP). Another session featured Mr. Toufiq A. Siddiqi's lecture on Asia's changing role in global climate change. Mr. Siddiqi is a Senior Fellow of the East-West Institute in Honolulu, Hawai and has over thirty years of experience in the fields of energy, the environment and climate change. Justice Sair Ali was invited and gave a talk to the final year law students on constitutionalism and movement for an independent judiciary. Moreover, Prof. Jawwad S. Khawaja, Abdul Rehman Mustafa and Dr. Ali Qazilbash were invited by the Law and Human Rights Society of Lahore Grammar School (Defence) to conduct a seminar on 'Constitutional Rights'. The aim of this seminar was to create awareness amongst the student body, especially those who intend to pursue law. In January, 2009, the Law & Policy Department and Mr. Mansoor Ali Shah (Adjunct Faculty Law) arranged for a talk on the carnage in Swat. The event was attended by students of LUMS as well as other citizens who are deeply concerned with this particular issue. On February 2, 2009 Justice (Retd.) Wajihuddin Ahmed (Former judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan) was invited by the Law & Policy Department to deliver a lecture on Constitutionalism, Democracy & Rule of Law: The Lawyers' Movement and its impact on Pakistan. Justice Wajihuddin later had an opportunity of mingling with the law students over tea.
- Work has been undertaken by the Law & Policy Department to assist the LUMS Library in editing the writings of the Late Mr. Khalid Ishaque, whose superb law library has been donated to LUMS by his heirs.
- The Fourth Annual Social Sciences Conference titled "Media Growth: Global Trends, Social Impacts, and Academic Concerns" was held in December 2008. The conference proceedings included four panels on the themes of media growth in the contemporary global political economy, the interaction of media with group identities and power structures at the local level and media studies as an emerging field of academic inquiry. The panels were titled Group Identities and Media, Media in a Changing World: Peace, Conflict and Development, Issues in Media Studies, and Media and the State. The conference also included two special pieces of work: a lecture and visual presentation by Lukas Werth titled Documentation and Art: The Objective and Subjective Perspectives and the screening of the documentary titled "Jazz Bridges: Music without Frontiers" by Sayeed Nadeem Kazmi.
 

The conference participants, aside from LUMS faculty members as moderators, included Alessandra Consolaro from the University of Turin, Tina Richardson from the American University of Sharjah, Thomas Barthlein from Deutsche Welle, Germany, Nadia Shoeb from Georgetown University, Sayeed Nadeem Kazmi from The Britslam Partnership, UK, Saadia Ishtiaq and Zarin Gul from Fatima Jinnah Women's University, Rukhsana Aslam from the International Islamic University, Seemi Naghmana Tahir from University of Balochistan, Shahid Waseem from the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan and Lukas Werth from LUMS.
- The Department of Humanities & Social Sciences commenced its Speaker Series in January 2009. In the first episode of this series, Dr. Charles H. Kennedy visited LUMS from January 3rd till January 17th. Dr. Kennedy is a professor in the Department of Political Science at the Wake Forest University. He specializes in the politics of South Asia. The second speaker of HSS Speaker Series (Jan. 21st & 22nd) was Dr. Qasim Zaman from Princeton University where he is the current Robert H. Niehaus Professor of Near Eastern Studies and Religion. His various research interests include: religious authority in classical, medieval, and modern Islam; history of Islamic law in the Middle East and in late medieval and modern South Asia; institutions and traditions of learning in Islam; Islamic political thought; and contemporary religious and political movements in the Muslim world. During his stay at LUMS, he delivered talks on "Bridging Traditions: Madrasas and their Internal Critics" and "Shari'a and the State in Pakistan".
- The LUMS Literary Society started a new guest lecture/discussion series to promote literature in Pakistan. The first session of this series titled "Celebrating Nasir Kazmi" was held on January 5th, 2009 with Dr. Syed Noman ul Haq. The second session of this series was conducted by the renowned poet and scholar Iftikhar Arif on January 15th, 2009. He delivered a lecture on "The Evolution and Development of the Marsiya with Greater Focus on Mir Anees". The discussion was followed by a poetry recitation session by members of the faculty and the guest.

## School of Science and Engineering (SSE)

### Celebrating SSE

On January 28, 2009 an inaugural event, "Celebrating SSE" was held on the LUMS campus to commemorate the opening of the LUMS School of Science and Engineering (SSE). SSE welcomed its first batch of around 150 students selected from approximately 7200 applicants in October. Preceding this, SSE had been in the planning and development stage for over five years. This occasion brought together faculty, staff, students, donors, the SSE Advisory Board and the LUMS Management Committee in a moment of shared pride for all that has been achieved so far.



Speaking at the event, SSE Advisory Board member Hassan Ahmed said, "We all signed up to work for Syed Babar Ali's inspiring vision to develop a world-class science and engineering school in Pakistan and it is incredibly gratifying to see the early stages of it." He described SSE as Pakistan's strongest hope to change the face of education and research and build the nation's economy. Dr. Richard Larson, also a SSE Advisory Board member praised the contributions of the SSE faculty whose research and entrepreneurial accomplishments, he believed would be the pride of any science and engineering

the SSE Advisory Board and also a Professor at MIT shared his impression of the freshman class of the SSE who he found to be a remarkable group of individuals. He believed they were worthy representatives of SSE meeting one of its premier goals of, "igniting development at a fundamental level by educating the most promising young people of all backgrounds." He also expressed his confidence in the long-term success of SSE, with project leaders who care passionately about Pakistan's future.

At the dinner SSE students played host at various tables interacting directly with other stakeholders strengthening the sense of community and the SSE vision of no boundaries. The dinner was followed by a rich cultural event organized by Dr. Ghazala Irfan, featuring classical music by a group of extremely talented musicians including pride of performance holder, Mubarak Ali Khan.

## Funding the Future

In the last one year LUMS School of Science and Engineering has received generous gifts from a group of individuals and corporations that support the SSE vision of a world-class, science and engineering, research school. Their contributions ensure that SSE stays on track in all its pursuits of recruiting distinguished faculty, providing scholarships to deserving students, creating top ranked programs and providing an enabling environment with facilities for cutting-edge research. The best way to thank them would be to do their faith justice, which we hope to do eventually. For the moment, we can only recognize them in words. LUMS SSE would like to thank the following:

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2. Ahmed Mahmood (Delta Apparel)
3. Arabtec Pvt. Ltd
4. Barclays Bank
5. Coca Cola Export Corp
6. Dic Pakistan Ltd.
7. Ferozsons Laboratories Ltd.
8. International Chemplast Pvt. Ltd.
9. KWF Factors Pvt. Ltd.
10. Naveed Riaz (Ashraf Riaz)
11. Osman Khalid Waheed
12. Pepsico International
13. Roche Pakistan
14. Sajjad Syed
15. Shahid Abdullah (Sapphire)
16. Shahzada Dawood
17. Sui Nothern Gas Pipelines Ltd.
18. Syed Maratib Ali (ABE PAK)
19. Tetra Pak
20. Tri Films Ltd.

## Community Service Activities

### LUMS Community Service (LCS)

LCS is the community service society of LUMS. It is the result of a merger between the LUMS Volunteer Society (LVS) and LUMS Community Service Society (LCSS), and is an entirely student-run body. LCSS was a society formed exclusively with the aim of providing a Microcredit facility to cater to the lower paid staff within the institute which includes guards, attendants, drivers, janitorial staff, cafeteria staff and all other employees below the secretary level on the LUMS Payroll. LVS was another student run society which focused more on external projects such as painting the children's ward at Mayo Hospital, volunteering at SOS orphanages and various hospitals, and organizing campaigns such as the Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer campaign and the White

Ribbon campaign for ending violence against women. In the academic year 2007-08 both these societies have merged and are working under the banner of LUMS Community Service. Last year their Microcredit scheme gave out over Rs. 250,000 in loans, and this year we have already distributed Rs. 150,000 more, the money for which is raised mostly through fundraisers held within LUMS. Within this academic year LCS has also raised Rs. 50,000 which will go towards 4 merit based scholarships for the university education of the children of our Staff.

### Alumni Giving Back to LUMS

We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of our Alumni and specially those who have set up class gifts. Alumni are the key stakeholders in an institution and it is with their support that all world class institutions scale greater heights. We believe that LUMS will be no exception.

Influencing lives particularly ones with potential for great contributions, is one of the noblest forms of giving. At minimum, it shapes the destiny of individuals; at best it can shape the destiny of a nation. We are proud that the LUMS spirit stays in the LUMS Alumni wherever they are.

#### Established Class gifts

Bsc 1997    MBA 1991  
Bsc 2002    MBA 1993  
Bsc 2006    MBA 1999  
              MBA 2006  
              MBA 2007

#### New initiated Class gifts

BSc 2004    MBA 1992  
BSc 2009    MBA 1994  
                  MBA 2008

### BSC 2009 Class Gift

To commemorate the philanthropic contribution of BSc 2009 batch, a tree planting ceremony took place in front of the old Hockey ground in LUMS on Friday, May 29, 2009. The ceremony was attended by the batch representatives, faculty members and staff of LUMS.



## Message from Coordinators, BSc 2004 NOP Endowment Fund

Both inside and outside the class-room, there is no doubt that LUMS has been good to us as a batch. It is for that reason that we are proud to announce that 2009 marks the year that BSc 2004 collectively takes its first steps towards repaying that favor.



As many of you are already aware, LUMS has already achieved amazing results with its National Outreach Programme. Plucking bright young students from humble beginnings and providing them with opportunities to help change their lives is a feat that not many universities in Pakistan can boast of. NOP scholars that have graduated to date have outstanding performers who are currently recipients of the Fulbright Scholarship and have taken up positions at top universities such as Harvard, Cornell and Columbia. Those who have opted to work have joined leading organizations such as Unilever, Standard Chartered Bank, Proctor and Gamble, Colony Group, Al-Ghanim Industries Kuwait, Habib Bank AG Zurich and Habib Bank Limited. The unparalleled success of the NOP programme has been largely due to you, to us, and the philanthropic spirit of the combined LUMS community.

Can we then take the NOP idea one step forward and collectively create something meaningful and everlasting? Yes, we can and are thus proud to announce the birth of the BSc 2004 NOP Endowment Fund. The concept is simple. Collect a large pool of money, invest it, and use the profits to fund one deserving NOP scholar after another at LUMS for eternity.

The fund launched in April 2009, with a target of collecting Rs. 5 million within a time period of three years. Within a single month of its launch, 19 of you have contacted us to pledge your support over the following three years. The pledges so far amount to total of Rs. 0.9 million or 18% of our Rs. 5 million target. Of that amount pledged, we have already collected Rs. 79,500. All this within the time span of a single month!

The fund needs your continued support to move forward with the same momentum. Please help us by (i) donating and/or getting others to donate and (ii) spreading the word amongst your batch-mates, friends, colleagues and family. Pledges can be made by visiting: <http://tinyurl.com/c2jgpb>. It's all self-explanatory with minimum fuss!

We look forward to hearing from all of you! Please feel free to contact us at [lumsbsc2004@gmail.com](mailto:lumsbsc2004@gmail.com) if you require further information regarding the fund.

Best wishes from the coordinators of the BSc2004 NOP Endowment Fund.

## LUMS IDP Support / LUMS Swat Relief Fund

The recently launched military operations in Swat resulted in displacement of around 1.45 million people. A fund was therefore set up for IDPs at LUMS under the supervision of a committee of faculty and students. LUMS alumni have also contributed generously to this cause. Within the first 24 hours of informing the alumni, their donations had reached almost Rs. 200,000 and their contributions continued after that. LUMS sent shipments of relief goods. To assess the needs of the IDPs, LUMS had sent survey teams of LUMS students and more teams were sent to closely monitor the distribution to ensure that the aid reaches deserving people.



## Alumni Department Events and Activities

### Formation of Alumni Chapters

In order to bring a structure to the LUMS Alumni Chapters, the alumni office has structured volunteer alumni teams in various regions to work with LUMS. The aim is to improve the networking of the alumni in the region and also to support LUMS in placement, marketing, networking and fundraising.

#### Karachi Chapter

A large number of alumni responded to the call for volunteers for a Karachi Chapter team earlier in 2009 and the first meeting for the Karachi Chapter Volunteers was hosted in March 2009 at the Intertrade Distributors Pvt. Ltd. Conference Room at the Forum in Karachi. The alumni office also participated in the meeting to give initial team formation and activity guidelines. This meeting and then a number of subsequent meetings by the team members resulted in the establishment of LUMS Karachi Alumni Chapter (LKAC). LKAC has formed an Executive Committee (EC) which will run the Chapter through 5 sub-committees (SCs) under it. For the LKAC year April 2009 – April 2010 the following members form the Executive Committee:

Irfan A Khan (MBA 1998) – President of the Chapter & Networking Coordinator

Al Hani K Nizamuddin (MBA 1998) – Marketing Coordinator

Saira A. Khan (MBA 2001) – Placements Coordinator

Syed Ather Ahmed (MBA 1992) – Fundraising Coordinator

M Anis Sajid (MBA 2007) – New Student Support Coordinator

Abdullah Akhtar (BSc 1998) – Secretary of the Chapter

Muhtashim Ashai (MBA 1992)

Nabeela Naeem (MBA 1992)

LKAC has connected with the alumni in the Karachi area and hosted their first event, a successful volleyball tournament on May 30, 2009. The chapter SCs have also started providing support to various functions at LUMS like placements, networking etc.

#### Islamabad Chapter

Meeting for the Islamabad Chapter Volunteers was held in April 2009 at Save the Children-US Conference Room in Islamabad. The purpose of the session was to bring structure to the Islamabad Chapter and exchange ideas on activities and procedures for the team. It was decided that the group will start working on a structure for the chapter and also start planning for the 2009 Islamabad Chapter Reunion. The participants were:

Haider Rafiq (MBA 1994), Yasser Qayum (MBA 2001), Mehreen Khalid (BSc 2006), Umer Ikhtlaq Malik (BSc 2006) Mahbub ul Haq, Saud Mukhtar (MBA 2007), Amina A, Bajwa (BSc 2007) HSBC, Ahmad Hayat Bajwa (BSc 2008) where Saud volunteered to be the coordinator. The first initiative by the chapter was to work out a system to raise funds for the IDPs.

Similarly Chapter teams have been formed and announced in Saudi Arabia (KSA) and Kuwait respectively. The structuring of chapter teams is under process in other regions like US, Canada and UAE. This structuring will be a positive step towards making the alumni network self sustaining and also help in the formation of and Alumni Association Team structure in the future.

### Events Hosted by Alumni Chapter Team

#### LKAC Volleyball Tournament

The Karachi Alumni Chapter hosted their first event, a volleyball tournament on May 30, 2009. This was an evening event. A total of 12 teams participated in the tournament with an inclusion of at least one female player in each team. The tournament was in line with the traditional spirit of volleyball that all enjoy so much at LUMS. The event attracted a large alumni audience along with their families.



To make it a family affair, various children's activities were also arranged, which included Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Candy Floss and the Balloon Man. Food stalls from KFC, McDonalds and Hot & Spicy were set up to provide the much needed snacks and refreshments. Moreover, the evening activities also included a mini-Tambola. Well-known corporations endorsed the event. These included Shell, Coke, PICT and CandyLand. The tournament winners were "The Volleyers", a team comprising the graduates of different BSC programmes.

#### First LUMS Alumni KSA Chapter Reunion



The first LUMS Alumni KSA Chapter Reunion was hosted by the chapter coordinators, Somira Soomro and Shafaq Soomro, on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at Riyadh Palace Hotel, Riyadh. The event was attended by most LUMS Alumni within Riyadh along with their families and some alumni specially joined in from Jeddah and Khobar. The alumni gave ideas and discussed various ways to make the chapter more productive and beneficial for the LUMS Alumni & Pakistani community.

## Events Hosted by Alumni Relations Office

### Alumni Orientation Sessions

LUMS Alumni Department held its yearly Alumni Welcome Orientation Sessions with the graduating batch of MBA, EMBA, MS & BSc respectively. The MBA session was held on March 18, 2009 at EDH, the EMBA session was held on April 21, 2009 at REC 3, the BSc sessions were held on May 15, 2009 & May 22, 2009 and MS session took place in Faculty Lounge on May 28, 2009. The focus of these sessions was to inform the new graduates about the alumni department activities & benefits, the role of a LUMS Alumnus and how the alumni network can work to support LUMS and its stakeholders.



### Student Counseling Sessions with Alumni

The LUMS Alumni are now pursuing successful careers in various fields not only in Pakistan but also in other countries. As we want our students to benefit from their experience, the LUMS Alumni Relations Office held a number of alumni counseling sessions with our graduating batches. The objective of these sessions was to give our graduating batch some career counseling from the alumni and to make sure they are well prepared before they enter their professional life. Each session comprised of a one hour discussion where each alumnus talked for 10-15 minutes followed by a question and answer session so that students get a realistic and a broad based picture of the professional world. Well placed LUMS Alumni from various industries as well as entrepreneurs participated in these sessions.



### MBA 1988 Twenty Years Reunion

The first ever LUMS MBA 1988 Twenty Year Reunion was hosted at LUMS on May 09, 2009. The event commenced with a session, a nostalgic experience for the alumni and faculty. Amongst the faculty were prominent teachers who taught the 1988 MBA batch. These included included Dr. Zafar Iqbal Qureshi, Dr. Bashir A Khan, Dr. Wasif M khan, Dr. Salman Shah, Dr. Muntazir Bashir Ahmed, Dr. Jamal Arif, Dr. Syed Zahoor Hassan, Dr. Anjum Nasim and Dr. Jamshed H. Khan. They spoke a few words about their experiences with the batch. The batch in turn shared their memories and views.

In the evening portion of the event at the LUMS Executive Dining Hall, Syed Babar Ali (Pro Chancellor), Dr Ahmed Jan Durrani (Vice Chancellor), Dr Shaukat Ali Brah (Dean of Business School) and Razzaq Dawood (Rector) addressed the alumni with updates on the University with Sheikh Ali Hussian (Director, RD&AA) being the Master of Ceremonies. Dr Durrani spoke about a 1000 day plan of action for the University highlighting achievements and targets. This included achieving milestones like growing faculty ranks to 200, increasing student body to 3700 and building an

endowment worth Rs. 1 Billion. Special emphasis was given on the Alumni to help LUMS stay at the top of the educational sector. The event concluded with dinner at EDH which was hosted by Syed Babar Ali.



## LUMS Alumni Achievements

### LUMS Alumnus wins Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship

Ihsan Ayyub Qazi graduated from LUMS in 2005 with a double major in Computer Science and Mathematics. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. degree in Computer Science at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA with full scholarship from the University. He is one of the two Computer Science Ph.D. students to have been awarded the prestigious Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship for the year 2009-2010. This fellowship is awarded annually to the best graduate students (typically 1-2) in the Computer Science Department at the University of Pittsburgh. The evaluation is based on the quality of research conducted by the student and the letters of recommendation submitted by three faculty members of the Computer Science Department. The final decision is based on the recommendations of the entire faculty of Computer Science, a committee of the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh and by the committee formed by the fellowship providers. This fellowship provides a monthly stipend and a full tuition scholarship for one year.

Ihsan received the "Best Graduate Student Research Award 2009" for presenting his research among graduate students in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Pittsburgh. As part of the award, he received a cheque of \$500 and his name was permanently inscribed on a plaque at the Computer Science Department in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. This award, adjudicated by the faculty of Computer Science Department was based on recent graduate student's research and an open house research talk.

### LUMS Alumnus Designs the LUMS Smart Card

LUMS would like to acknowledge the contribution of one of its alumni to the LUMS Smart Card development process. Salahuddin Chaudhary, MBA 2008, designed the LUMS Smart Card, which is now in use across campus. He is currently running his own graphic design studio named "S.addin Design Studio".

"Graphic Designing has been my hobby for the past 7-8 years. I left a career in management because I wanted to do what interests me the most." Salahuddin's studio has designed a few of LUMS latest brochures for MSc Economics, BA-L.L.B, and NOP. "It was a different, but good experience going from a LUMS student to a LUMS vendor! LUMS was my first formal client after establishing my studio."

Thank you Salahuddin, LUMS is pleased with your work and we wish you the best in your venture! (To catch up with Salahuddin and view his work, his studio URL is [www.saddindesignstudio.com](http://www.saddindesignstudio.com))



### Award given to LUMS Alumnus at Annual Global Summit, Dubai

Awais Hassan (MBA 1994) was awarded the prestigious "Man of the Year 2008" award in the recent Habib Bank AG Zurich, Annual Global Summit held in Dubai. There were over 30 award nominations from the Habib Bank offices all over the world and the Award Committee unanimously voted in his favor on the basis of his overall performance in year 2008. He is the youngest recipient of this award in the history of Habib Bank AG Zurich.

"This is nothing less than a dream coming true and I thank God Almighty for this honor and achievement. Also, my parents prayers have been instrumental throughout my life and I would not be where I am today without them. And of course, how can I forget the invaluable contribution of LUMS in my career development. Starting my career as an Engineering Consultant after doing BSc from UET Lahore, I never imagined that the LUMS experience would make such a significant difference in my thinking, outlook and overall approach towards life. LUMS is definitely no stranger in the banking sector but this award has put LUMS in the top-preferred category in my organization. Nine years back, I was the first LUMS MBA hired by Habib Bank AG Zurich. Today, there are over 20 LUMS alumni in our global setup. As an Alumnus, I am fully aware of my responsibilities and LUMS can count on me if it needs my assistance in any manner", says Awais.

### Muneeb Ali wins two Awards at the Princeton University Annual Business Plan

Muneeb Ali (BSc 2003) won two awards at the Princeton University's Annual Business Plan Competition called TigerLaunch; Best Written Business Plan Award and also the over all third Prize. There were more than 30 teams from Princeton University competing for these awards. The organizers made the competition exciting by inviting venture capitalists from firms like Sierra Ventures and Internet Capital Group on the judges' panel. Muneeb was awarded \$3,000 in cash and was offered free office space plus infrastructure support in the Silicon Valley for summer 2009. This event was attended by Princeton students and alumni. The guest speaker was Seth Priebatsch, a past winner of TigerLaunch who is now the CEO of his startup company in Boston.

### Interview with Ayesha Naveed (LUMS MBA 1988)

#### Tell us a bit about yourself?

I am a pure Lahori. Born and brought up in Lahore, I got my schooling from Convent of Jesus & Mary, then moved on to Kinnaird College for my Bachelors and from there to LUMS for my MBA. I have always been a bit experimental / confused and like to keep my options open. I did my FSc in Pre Medical and then took the Math exam as an additional subject. So at one point in time I was admitted in a medical college, an engineering university and was half way through with my Bachelors in Maths, Statistics and Economics. I know this makes me sound like a nerd but I don't think that is the case.

Currently, I run a Consultancy Firm, am happily married and have four kids; one son (19) and three daughters (17, 10 & 9).

#### How does it feel to be associated with the first graduating class of LUMS? What led you to make this decision?

The feeling of belonging to the first batch of LUMS, being the first person ever to get a degree from LUMS and being the first NMF



Gold Medalist really can't be put in words. When we graduated, we had to educate people as to what LUMS was but I don't think any of us ever imagined what LUMS would turn out to be. It is almost like a fairy tale and now when I visit the campus, I feel so proud because our batch also played a key role in the evolution and development of LUMS as it is today. We helped lay the foundation of the LUMS everyone sees today.

When LUMS started, I was studying at the Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad. Syed Babar Ali is a close friend of my father's and he played a key role in my joining LUMS.

**How was your experience at LUMS? How would you rate your educational experience in terms of faculty interaction with students, work ethics and your own professional development?**

When I joined LUMS, I had no prior work experience and had done all my schooling in all girls institutions. Being thrown into a class with people twice my age and with years of work experience; the intimidating seating plans forcing us to sit in fixed seats, made me wonder if I would survive in such a "hostile" environment. At the end of the first week, I was wondering when exactly I should drop out. The first WAK, the first presentation and CPs were all nightmares but the encouragement and support that we got from the faculty pulled us out every time we started to falter. I still remember Javed Hamid's opening talk to our class in which he said that the two years would be like standing in front of a hydrant and that if we could absorb even 70-80% of what was thrown our way, it would be more than enough. We got all the attention of a first born; we were pampered, disciplined, experimented upon and our faculty wanted to teach us everything under the sun. Another factor that really boosted our professional and academic development was the exposure to faculty from leading business schools from all over the world; Harvard, Imede, North Western to name a few.

The students also played a proactive role in this start up period. They were the RISK TAKERS and had their whole lives at stake. The Value & Ethics Committee was a students' initiative where we had exams with no invigilation. In short, at the end of the second year, I don't think I could recognize the transformed ME.

**Has LUMS played a pivotal role in deciding your career path?**

My career started after graduating from LUMS. So whatever career path I adopted was because of LUMS. Two things that I learnt at LUMS have really helped me in my professional life. First is the ability to WORK HARD and the second is the ability to SURVIVE in all types of environments. The confidence that the above two abilities gave me led me to work in numerous diverse areas and organizations; Semi Government, Donor Funded Projects, Academics and Entrepreneurial Ventures. During our time at LUMS, we thought that the whole routine, the workload and the discipline were quite inhumane. What we realized later was that our threshold of hard work and stress management had been raised so high that most of us found our jobs a piece of cake.

**How would you compare the LUMS of today to the LUMS you studied at?**

"HBS vs. LBS" was the motto given to us on our first ever session at LUMS. All the time we were struggling at LBS, we had our eyes on

HBS as the role model and the final destination for LBS. Today, I see the benchmark being compromised and it pains me a great deal. I believe that the above motto should be shared with the new faculty and students who come on board. In my opinion, the reason why LUMS has achieved so much in such a short time is because we were taught to aim for the sky and have our feet on the ground.

The discipline and sanctity of rules and regulations were not something that could be compromised upon. I remember missing my first WAK because I was late by 5 minutes and that too because of a terrible storm. I think that compromising on regulations to "appear" more humane is against the spirit of LUMS.

Over the years LUMS has grown in size, has a beautiful campus and is ranked as the best school in the country. I can proudly say that the LUMS of today is a status symbol and everyone associated with it is looked upon with a lot of respect and awe. The biggest contribution of LUMS is that it has raised the bar for all the schools in the country and has become a benchmark.

(HBS was Harvard Business School and LBS was Lahore Business School; the initial name for LUMS business school)

**Your husband was also from the first LUMS batch, how does he rank LUMS as an educational institute?**

In his words; I am a banker by profession and have worked for almost twenty years in multinational banks. Due to the nature of my profession, I have had the experience of working with bankers from all over the globe. With no prior exposure to finance, I have never been at a disadvantage while working with these professionals because of what and how I was taught at LUMS. While working with the American Express Bank, I had to undergo extensive year long training at the Head Office in New York. The participants in that program were from all over the world and I topped the class once again proving that LUMS does not produce mediocre professionals. Today, I am part of the Visiting Faculty at LUMS and am totally convinced that it is going to be quite some time before any other educational institute in Pakistan will come even close to LUMS. In my opinion, what differentiates LUMS is not only WHAT that is taught here but also HOW it is taught. The difference that the LUMS exposure brings in the students is almost unbelievable.

**Your son is now part of the first batch of LUMS SSE (School of Science and Engineering), how is his experience so far?**

LUMS SSE has been an amazing experience. The faculty is incredible, the students are brilliant and the administration is extremely competent. The unity and coherence in the small class is an enormous source of comfort and support. The teaching in SSE goes beyond the class room, as the instructors are accessible throughout the day. The science labs are extremely well equipped and the lab courses themselves have taught them a great deal about today's practical scientific world. 170 students, 1 class and a hundred different passions; the first class of LUMS SSE could not be more perfect.

**Being an active alumna, what is your message for the LUMS Alumni?**

Committed and active alumni are a key strength of any academic institution. This is why we set up the LUMINITIES society as soon as we graduated. I was a member of the executive body of that society as well. What most of us don't understand is that staying in touch with our alma mater is as essential for us as it is for the institution. Both sides, alumni and the institution, gain from a healthy mutually respectful relationship. We all might be very brilliant but this brilliance has been discovered and polished at LUMS making us what we are today. If the institution demands back a little of our time and money, it is so that many more like us could get the chance which we all were so lucky to get. Pakistan today needs ten more LUMS, at least. I think it is now our duty, as alumni, to play the pivotal role in help building this MASS of LUMS. So I would request all alumni to stay in touch. If you are not convinced about giving to LUMS just keep the link alive. I am quite confident that very soon you would be convinced that we still need LUMS as much as it needs US.

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