PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Each week we feature the best photo submitted by any ACK student, staff, or member of the Alumni

This week’s winner is

Name: Eesa Abdul-Latif
Where photo was taken: Antalya, Turkey

Brief information to explain the photo: This picture was taken on the 11th of October 2013, a minute walk from where he stayed in Antalya, Turkey, while on a backpacking trip around the country. The shot was taken from an observation deck looking over old town Antalya, the Mediterranean Sea, and the overhanging Taurus Mountains.

To enter for next week, please send your photo and a short description by 3 pm on Thursday to S.A.Center@ack.edu.kw.

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Staff Vs. Students

Both teams had fun playing a friendly game of basketball. Nobody kept score but who do you think really won?

Australian College of Kuwait
Coffee with Yousef Al-Qanai one of the first diploma and degree graduates.

1- What is your best memory of ACK?
One of Yousef’s fondest memories includes meeting his best friend. He said his best friend was like a mentor to him and he is still close with him today. He also enjoyed meeting teachers who he felt impacted his experience at ACK. He added that it is important that the professor wants to teach and is passionate about it to connect with the students and encourage them to learn.

2- What was the most challenging assessment for you at ACK?
Quantitative Methods was the toughest subject for Yousef. He said with the help of Dr. Serge (a previous member of faculty at ACK) his mathematic skills improved. “You have to be willing to listen and absorb what the professor is telling you and practice.” Yousef added that if students care a little more about their academic and future careers, they would learn much more in terms of life lessons and things they can implement in their careers later on. “When the student is truly ready to learn, the teacher will appear.”

3- Were you involved in any extracurricular activities?
Yousef initiated the first ACK club which focused mainly on health and fitness. He also created the Advertising Committee. For several semesters, he was the general manager of a fictional company created by one of the classes to teach students about the responsibilities and roles of the work force. He stated that this helped him greatly in his career.

4- What have you done since leaving?
Yousef created www.letsgoforward.com while he was still at ACK. “We help with corporate as well as personal social responsibilities” he said. The last event was the www.runkuwait.com run from the north border to the south border. The whole thing took three days to complete.

5- How do you feel the college helped prepare you for life outside the college?
Yousef felt the college helped him become a better version of himself. “I got help from teachers when I had trouble with subjects, and I learned from the obstacles I faced during my college years. I feel that many students do not allow the teachers to teach them.”

6- Do you have any advice for our existing students?
“Try to live a college life and do not be stubborn. Find a way to learn from what you are going through and persevere”, he said. Yousef stressed that students should not view their college years thinking it is just a stepping stone to the work force. Students should take the time to learn from their experience and absorb as much as possible. “If you are going to spend four years at the college, why not make it a home?”, he said.

7- Growing up, who was your inspiration?
“I always envisioned what I wanted to be. I wanted to achieve certain things and thought out the steps to get me there, like a blueprint.” Yousef added that it is important for people to get used to doing things because they have to rather than just doing what they want to. He felt that it teaches self-control and is an essential pillar of success.

8- When you are not at work, what do you like to do?
“I am an athlete and I spend lots of time on sports. I take part in ultra-marathons and have recently completed one in Morocco”, said Yousef. He spends most of his time working and getting involved in the boot camp activities his company provides to clients.

9- Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Yousef wants to run around the world. He calculated the distance and time to do so and is willing to go for it. He also plans on being a successful public speaker. Finally, he plans on writing a book on personal development and success where he highlights that through hardship great things can happen.