

## **AMA International University pens MOU with NVTC**

A MA International University Bahrain (AMAIUB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Naser Training Vocational Center (NVTC) on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at the NVTC at Gaoo, Bahrain.

Dr. Geraldo C. Talisic, AMAIUB VP Academic Affairs and Mr. Nabih Aziz, Academic Vice Principal of NVTC led the signing of the MOU. This was witnessed by AMAIUB Head of Administration Ms. Buena Gracia A. Canzana, Dr. Amin ElMeligi, AMAIUB Dean of Student Affairs, Mr. Mohamed Sameer of NVTC, and Ms. Aysha Buqais who is the Industry Partnership Consultant of NVTC.

AMAIUB and NVTC intend to embark on a mutually beneficial and collaborative arrangement which seeks to contribute to the success of the other in activities such as supporting research



projects of students, sharing facilities in the related work areas, giving opportunities for students' internship and training, conducting joint seminars and trainings, and participating in the programme delivery. The said MOU also looks into possible research collaborations between the University and the Center through research capability building trainings and workshops. These are expected to create research projects that will contribute in

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solving industrial problems and improving educational processes.

The MOU intends to strengthen AMAIUB's community engagement endeavors through cooperation with other universities and educational centers. Moreover, AMAIUB has also a number of MOUs with industrial companies and professional organizations that contribute to its quest to sustain excellence in teaching and learning, research, and community engagement.



## **Mathcounts Competition Victory**

Europe South District 2017 MathCounts Chapter Competition has earned Bahrain School a Third Place Win for their MathCounts Team and a First Place Win for one Sixth Grader, Faisal AlSewaidi!

For the first time in the Europe South District of DoDEA schools, eight middle schools had MathCounts clubs meeting on a weekly basis. Bahrain School participated in this competition with the youngest team in the entire district. There were a total of five sixth grade students and one seventh grade student on the team. Bahrain School's team consisted of Faisal AlSewaidi, Soraya Hani (7th grade), Ethan Okun, Latif Lewis, Corii Massey and

Patrick Tran. The Chapter Area test was given on Tuesday, February 7th, and lasted approximately 3 hours and involved three different categories of tests. As a result of their mathletic abilities, the students placed third of all eight middle

schools with competing teams. Second

place was Naples Middle School in Italy while first place went to Ankara School in Turkey.

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Congratulations were sent to all the schools that competed this year with a special recognition of one sixth grade Bahrain School student, Faisal AlSewaidi. He was tied for the top score with a student at Naples Middle School. Faisal will travel to Weisbaden, Germany in March to compete in a Europe Wide Regional Event.



Above author Helena Blaisdell-Black (right) and illustrator Hannah Pedersen (left) with their winning literary piece.



## Bahrain School Girls Win

The Bahrain School Ladies Basketball Team won the Middle East Unity Cup for the first time after placing third in 2016. The tournament was held at the Muharraq Club on January 27-28. The Lady Falcons competed against five other teams from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Dubai and finished 5-0 to play for first place. Captain Michelle Edens led the team to victory in a close championship game which was won on the free throw line. Coach Brant Tryon and the Lady Falcons are pictured after the awards ceremony: Helena Blaisdell-Black, Michelle Edens, Mayu Gayton, Zoie Howes, Olyvia



Johnson, Christina Lopez, Valentine Lucas, Airii Massey, Whitney Ryan, Sarah Sakhri, Grace Smith, Yamina Tesch, and Olivia Williams.

## Bahrain School Educators Rising

The Bahrain School chapter of Educators Rising recently attended the annual conference in Garmisch, Germany. This event is for students in DoDDS-Europe who are interested in learning more about the education profession. The members entered six competitions and placed in the top three for each one. The school won first place for their TED Talk, lesson plan and scrapbook entries! Grace Smith and Hannah Pedersen read the winning storybook, Anna's Trip Around the World, to the conference attendees.