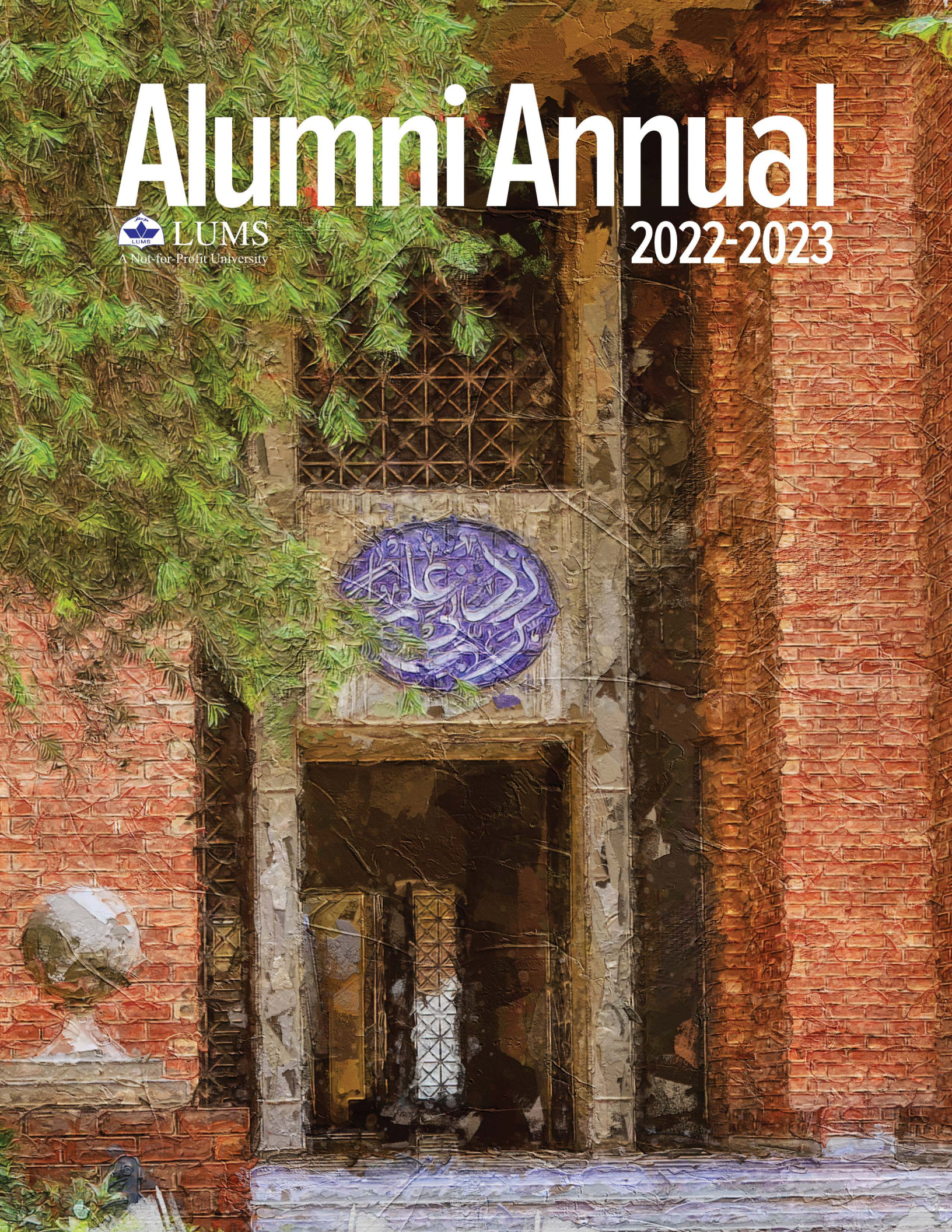


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Message
from
**Syed
Babar Ali**

It brings me great happiness to witness the continued strength of our alumni community. Your support, whether through giving, time, or active participation, plays a pivotal role in sustaining the excellence that LUMS is known for. Together, we can ensure future generations of talented students benefit from the same opportunities you did. I encourage you to keep paying it forward and help us continue to build on our founding mission of accessible education. Thank you for your commitment.

As my five-year term as Vice Chancellor of LUMS ends, I want to express my immense appreciation and gratitude to the many people who've been a part of it. To our trustees, provost, deans, directors, heads – and to our amazing alumni, students and staff, our shared experience has been transformative. Thank you!

Returning to Pakistan after a career in Canada (and without my family) was difficult, but the experience was incredibly fulfilling and enriching. There are so many remarkable people I've had the privilege to build friendships with that will last a lifetime.

LUMS can be proud of a more diverse and inclusive university, coming together during the pandemic, supporting flood victims and leading community initiatives.

Message
from
**Dr. Arshad
Ahmad**

Faculty and staff turned adversity into opportunity and never looked back. Our graduate programmes grew remarkably, our global ranking improved significantly, and our international footprint is stronger than ever before. Extraordinary examples of a great institution that inspires.

In my last report in August, we highlighted the launch of the National Centre for Nanoscience & Technology poised to advance quantum photonics, materials, and optics and setting the stage for a major impact that uses big data and our global role to address climate change. Another project very close to my heart saw 300 students take 7 experiential courses in spectacular Skardu strengthening our ties with the University of Baltistan. And for the first time we also curated a CEO Leadership Retreat which brought together some of Pakistan's top leaders to explore how they can amplify their work to build a better Pakistan.

Pakistan is facing tough economic, social and environmental challenges. LUMS has shown how one institution can step up to the plate, think outside the box and push the boundaries of innovation and progress. Our founders' vision, carried out in the work of its tremendous staff and students, has cemented LUMS as one of South Asia's, and the global south's, premier universities. This institution is truly a positive force for possibility, change, and hope for the country, and it must be protected so it can thrive for generations to come.

Thank you all for your commitment to our university, and for the time you dedicate to making it better every day. I cannot overstate the importance of your devotion to this institution and its mission. Our country is the better for it, and you all have my enduring respect and friendship.

**Until we meet again!
Dr. Arshad Ahmad,
Vice Chancellor,
LUMS (2018 – 2023)**

I'm so pleased to welcome you to this year's *Annual*, centered on the theme of community, where we celebrate the vibrant and diverse network of alumni that make LUMS truly special. Over the past few years, from all corners of the globe, you have contributed to our shared legacy of excellence, and it's inspiring to see how each of you is forging your own path while staying connected to your alma mater.

The diversity within our alumni community is something we take great pride in. It's a reflection of the rich experiences and perspectives that shape us, and it continues to be a source of strength as we work together to create a better future. Whether you're advancing in your career, giving back to your community, or supporting the next generation of students at LUMS, your success is a testament to the power of our collective spirit.

We are so proud of the accomplishments of our alumni, and as we look to the future, we remain excited about the many ways we will continue to grow and support one another. Thank you Luminites for being a part of this incredible community.

Your constant participation and commitment make all the difference, and we look forward to the continued success and impact we can achieve together.

Message from the Director Advancement **Nuzhat Kamran**

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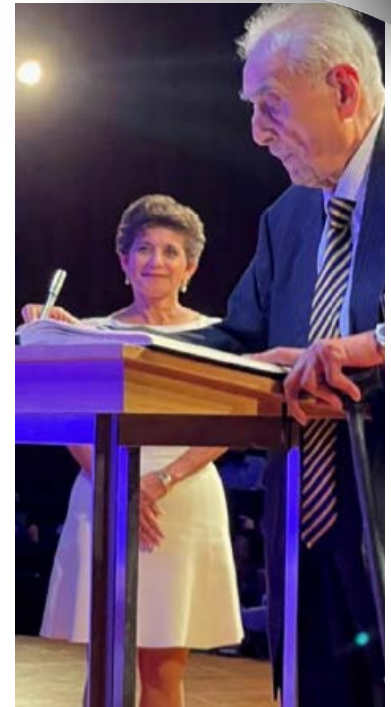
LUMS & UoBS Students Celebrate Experiential Learning Programme in Skardu

Learning Without Borders: The Baltistan Experience is a unique collaborative initiative between LUMS and the University of Baltistan, Skardu (UoBS). Over the course of a month, 150 students from each university converged in Skardu, engaging in one of five experiential learning programmes. The second iteration of this groundbreaking endeavour aimed to provide students with immersive educational experiences, fostering a deeper understanding of the region's natural environment and cultural heritage. The closing ceremony, held on the Anchan campus in Skardu, served as a platform for participants to share their insights and celebrate their achievements. The event highlighted the programme's impact, emphasising the valuable knowledge and skills acquired through hands-on learning activities. Participants explored various aspects of the local ecology, from studying geological formations to investigating renewable energy sources, thereby enriching their academic perspectives. The programme underscored the importance of interdisciplinary learning and collaboration, aiming to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. Leadership of both universities expressed their commitment to continuing this partnership, envisioning it as a model for future academic collaborations.



Syed Babar Ali Inducted to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences

Syed Babar Ali, Founding Pro Chancellor, LUMS, former President of the World Wildlife Fund, and esteemed philanthropist, was inducted into the 2020 cohort of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences on September 9-10, 2022, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Acknowledged for his 'Business, Corporate, and Philanthropic Leadership', Mr. Ali's remarkable achievements as an entrepreneur, mentor, leader, and philanthropist have profoundly impacted Pakistan. Joining the ranks of 250 Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, including historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Albert Einstein, and Nelson Mandela, Mr. Ali's induction highlights his dedication to education, youth empowerment, teacher training, business ethics, and environmental protection. His efforts have significantly advanced public good and social equity in Pakistan. Mr. Shahid Hussain, Rector, LUMS praised Mr. Ali's illustrious career, noting his exceptional contributions to education



and entrepreneurship. Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, LUMS, celebrated the recognition, emphasising the profound transformation Mr. Ali has brought to Pakistan's education landscape. Founded in 1780, the Academy is renowned for honouring excellence. Mr. Ali's inclusion underscores his visionary efforts in higher education and management capacity building in Pakistan.



LUMS Energy Institute's Significant Contribution to Pakistan's Electricity Analysis

LUMS Energy Institute (LEI) recently unveiled the second edition of the 'Pakistan Electricity Outlook 2022', a comprehensive report analysing the country's electric power system. This edition provides a critical review of the National Transmission & Despatch Company's Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan for 2021. Dr. Fiaz Chaudhry, Director, LEI, highlighted that the first edition, launched in January 2020, led to significant policy decisions by the government. The report, utilising the in-house Power Dispatch Model, offers detailed projections up to 2029-30, examining capacity and energy balance, dispatch analyses by fuel type, and cost implications. It reveals a persistent surplus in capacity over 15% in summers and 40% in winters relative to peak demand resulting in substantial financial burdens for consumers due to excess capacity payments, projected to rise from 900 billion to 1600 billion by 2030. The report was well-received by energy sector representatives and presented to US Ambassador Donald Blome, who visited to explore collaboration on Green Energy initiatives. The Institute continues to serve as a pivotal knowledge hub for Pakistan's energy policy landscape.



Archives

Preserving the History of Women in Pakistan to be Housed at LUMS

This year LUMS welcomed a generous and unique donation by the Applied Socio-Economic Resource Centre and Institute of Women's Studies, Lahore (ASR/IWSL), a non-profit, non-government institute and resource centre for teaching, training, research, and publication in the discipline of Women's Studies working towards social transformation. Led by Executive Director, Ms. Nighat Said Khan, ASR/IWSL has donated its research archives, including video and audio cassettes, documentaries, news clippings as well as digital archives, to the University. Ms. Khan is a prominent activist and academic and has worked for decades to create awareness about gender issues and social welfare in Pakistan. The 'ASR/Nighat Said Khan Archival Collection', to be housed at the Saida Waheed Gender Initiative (SWGI) at LUMS, will be dedicated to preserving and expanding the history of women and other marginalised communities in Pakistan. This agreement was formalised at an MoU signing ceremony between Ms. Khan and Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, LUMS. Ms. Khan shared how the archives focused on women, class, and minorities through a feminist lens. "This is a living and accessible archive that students and researchers can access not just online but in person too. I am glad it has found a home at LUMS." The archives are designated for scholars, researchers, faculty members and students of LUMS and ASR/IWSL. Members of the public can also access the collection with special permission.



Honouring Legacy:

The Atlas Group Pledges Towards Naming of the Central Building at LUMS

LUMS proudly names its Central Building the Yusuf H. Shirazi Complex, in recognition of the late Mr. Yusuf H. Shirazi’s enduring contributions to the university and education in Pakistan. A distinguished founding member of LUMS and a key figure in Pakistan’s financial and business sectors, Mr. Shirazi’s legacy is celebrated through this new hub of intellectual engagement. The naming ceremony was graced by prominent figures including Mr. Ali H. Shirazi and Mr. Iftikhar H. Shirazi of the Atlas Foundation, alongside LUMS leaders such as Syed Babar Ali, Founding Pro-Chancellor, Shahid Hussain, Rector, and Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Vice Chancellor. The Yusuf H. Shirazi Complex will serve as a dynamic centre for classes, seminars, and multidisciplinary research, featuring a 500-seat auditorium, state-of-the-art classrooms, a Makers Lab, and various other facilities. In his tribute, Syed Babar Ali highlighted Mr. Shirazi’s foresight and courage, hoping the building stands as a fitting memorial to his impact. This new space not only honours Mr. Shirazi’s dedication to education but also strengthens LUMS’ commitment to fostering academic excellence and international collaboration.



SDSB Luminites

Association Welcomes Newly Elected Board of Directors and Council Members

Members of the SDSB Luminites Association gathered at their alma mater to celebrate the achievements of the outgoing president and welcome the newly elected board for 2022-24. Key university figures, including Abdul Razak Dawood, Pro Chancellor; Shahid Hussain, Rector; Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Vice Chancellor; Honorary Dean Dr. Alnoor Bhimani; and Nuzhat Kamran, Director, Office of Advancement, were present. The event began with a heartfelt welcome from Ms. Kamran, who praised the Association’s 35-year legacy. New President Anwar Kabir (MBA 2007) shared his vision of creating an ecosystem for alumni to ‘pay it forward.’ Vice President Ahsan Sheikh (MBA 1998) highlighted the growing interest in the Association, with 29 election candidates this year. Dr. Bhimani acknowledged the alumni’s invaluable insights and contributions, emphasizing their role in preparing students for the future. Dr. Ahmad discussed LUMS’ focus on innovation and entrepreneurship, noting the alumni’s critical role in industry col-

LUMS Goes Green: Over 90 Trees Replanted Across Campus

The LUMS campus, renowned for its diverse ecosystem featuring over 900 trees from hundreds of species, is undergoing a significant transformation with the construction of the Yusuf H. Shirazi Complex. This new central building, designed to be the heart of collaboration and innovation, will host seven centres at LUMS, serving as a hub for students and researchers to converge and exchange ideas through classes, seminars, workshops, and conferences. To accommodate this expansion, the General Administration and Services department, alongside the horticulture team, undertook a meticulous effort to preserve the campus’s green heritage. Ninety-seven trees from the Library Garden, the construction site for the new complex, were carefully removed and replanted across the campus. This initiative not only safeguards the rich biodiversity of the campus but also exemplifies LUMS’ commitment to sustainability. By giving these trees a new life, LUMS ensures that its lush, green environment remains intact, providing a serene and inspiring atmosphere for the university community.







The Road to Rhodes

**History Major,
Heer Cheema
becomes the 2023 Rhodes
Scholar from Pakistan,
bringing to life a family
tradition of sorts as she
is the second generation
to follow in her father's
footsteps to Oxford.**



UNIVERSITY OF
OXFORD

Heer Cheema, a 2022 LUMS BA History graduate is the recipient of 2023's Rhodes Scholarship for Pakistan. Heer is a second-generation Rhodes scholarship awardee as her father, Dr. Ali Cheema, Associate Professor at the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences at LUMS, was also selected as a Rhodes scholar in 1989.

In Fall of 2023, Heer will begin her graduate studies at the University of Oxford, where she will conduct research on Colonial History with a focus on South Asia. She hopes to use this opportunity to advance the discourse around historical structures and aims for her work to contribute to a broader, ongoing public debate around citizenship rights and democracy.

During her school days, Heer developed a deep and abiding love for Literature, which in many ways is what brought her to History. "The texts I studied drew my attention to how narratives can divide, exclude, and silence people, but also call into question prevailing societal norms, and enable one to reclaim one's history and identity. In other words, it was in conversations with my two wonderful literature teachers, Ms. Zareena Saeed and Mr. Aqib Ali that literary worlds and characters came to take on real-world, historical stakes," she shared.

Her conversations with her grandparents about their experiences of the 1947 Partition further established her interest in the subject. "The more I heard, the more I knew that there were stories I was not hearing, and that just drew me closer and closer to the realisation that this is what I wanted to do," she recalls.

At LUMS, Heer continued to be drawn to History. She observed that it is misleading and dangerous to treat History as a subject of a bygone time, as a study of worlds or people that have no bearing on the present. "The past deeply shapes our understanding of the present and future.

Historical narratives can often be employed to reinforce or legitimise divisive and exclusionary social norms and state practice, but it is also through history that we can unmoor and challenge these narratives, and create space for a more grounded, inclusive framing of the world.”

During her undergraduate studies, Heer became deeply invested in histories of state violence. This interest culminated in her undergraduate thesis which explores how the surveillance regime in Colonial Punjab facilitated violent state action against peaceful dissidents. Heer was also a part of the founding Executive Council of the LUMS Historical Society and a part of the editorial board that launched the Feminist Society’s first e-publication. She is now working with the LUMS Digital Archive. “My commitment to each of these initiatives has been driven by my broader commitment to spaces of dissent, which foreground voices and histories that have been systematically oppressed,” she said.

Heer believes that in our current moment where the most vulnerable in Pakistan are denied their

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rights and vilified, even in ostensibly progressive spaces, the study of history, as well as the humanities and social sciences more broadly, is, in her view, increasingly urgent. “I think students often hesitate to study the humanities and social sciences at university, despite being interested in these fields, because of job prospects and familial pressure, but I think that these are fields that can equip you with essential tools to contend with, as well as contribute to the world around you,” she stated.

The History teachers, as well as the broader Humanities and Social Sciences faculty at LUMS, are incredibly supportive and encouraging says Heer.



“They have created a space at LUMS, which allows students to be creative and to think beyond rigid disciplinary boundaries. I am endlessly grateful to the professors and students who have pushed me to think deeply, and whose own work and commitment continues to inspire my own. I am, in particular, thankful to Dr. Ali Raza, Dr. Ameer Lutfi, Dr. Ilyas Chattha, Dr. Maryam Wasif Khan, Dr. Sana Haroon, Dr. Sarah Humayun and Dr. Shayan Rajani for their guidance and mentorship.”

Heer encourages anyone who is interested or passionate about what they’re studying to apply for the Rhodes scholarship. “The Rhodes is an incredibly generous scholarship, which not only supports you financially but allows you to be part of a diverse and dynamic community. It is a competitive scholarship, and there are no guarantees, but the application process holds value beyond just the outcome. It allows you to articulate what you’re invested in and your plans for the future. Though I had few expectations going in, I am so grateful to have been awarded the scholarship.” The particularly exciting part for Heer is the fact that she shares the honour with Nuzaina Khan, the other Pakistani Rhodes Scholar for 2023, a close friend of hers, whom she met in school and immediately bonded with over their love of books.

In her spare time, Heer loves to read and write poetry. “I find that sometimes I can only think in fragments, and poetry allows me to build something meaningful out of a fragment, to just attend to a small thought. I’m also a big fan of graphic novels and animated short films – I’m intrigued by the capacity of animation to suspend, warp, stretch reality, whilst also speaking to very real concerns and experiences.”

As Heer looks forward to continuing her studies, History will remain at the forefront, “These structures continue to, in our postcolonial moment, enable the excessive use of force by the state and strip certain groups of their political and legal rights. In particular, I hope to explore the role surveillance agencies and the law have historically played in enabling and legitimizing state violence,” states Heer.





Pakistan@75:

LUMS and London School of Economics

Partner to Celebrate Pakistan’s Diamond Milestone

This past November, LUMS hosted the ‘Pakistan@75’ Summit curated by the South Asia Centre of the London School of Economics and Political Science to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Pakistan’s birth and independence. This collaborative event brought together over two-hundred and fifty students, academics, industry professionals, and entrepreneurs to participate in a series of critical conversations around topics ranging from policy and philanthropy to health and the future of Pakistan’s economy.

“Debates about Pakistan’s legal, eco-

nomical and developmental challenges and issues are ones the world can learn from,” said Professor Alnoor Bhimani, Honorary Dean at the Suleman Dawood School of Business, LUMS and Professor, LSE and Director, LSE South Asia Centre who formally inaugurated the Summit. Mr. Shahid Hussain, the University’s Rector spoke about the critical importance of discussing Pakistan’s future while Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Vice Chancellor of LUMS noted: “Pakistan @75 brings prescient topics to modernise Pakistan and build capacity to become a powerhouse on a bold trajectory of a nation-building agenda.”

The proceedings commenced with a panel discussion on *Decolonising Law for a Modern Pakistan*. Dame Maura McGowan, Judge, High Court of England and Wales, explained that decolonisation is “a meaningless exercise unless we have a vision of what it would look like.” The panel commenting on the issue included Justice Qazi Faez Isa, Justice, Supreme Court of Pakistan, as well as law advocates Dr. Amber Darr, Ms. Sara Malkani, and Mr. Salman Akram Raja.

A second panel discussing “*Can Pakistan Become South Asia’s Powerhouse?*” included Dr. Ali Cheema, founding mem-





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ber of the Centre for Economic Research in Pakistan and Director of MHRC; Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood, Pro Chancellor, LUMS; Ms. Sania Nishtar, Public Health Advocate; Mr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib, Founder, Akhuwat Foundation, and Dr. Mariam Chughtai, Associate Dean, School of Education, LUMS.

Dr. Cheema outlined the developmental challenges and the hard constraints facing Pakistan and suggested several key drivers. Mr. Dawood said “Population and climate change are the biggest economic threats facing Pakistan, followed by the issue of energy crisis and national debt.” Dr. Sania Nishtar highlighted “If

the office of the Auditor General was to be reformed, it would become a powerful engine of change for the country”. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib stressed the need for comprehensive social, political, and financial inclusion of the forgotten members of society on the front lines.

The Summit concluded with the launch of the LSE South Asia Centre’s Annual Forum, with a conversation on nation-building between Syed Babar Ali OBE, Founder LUMS, businessman, philanthropist, and educationist and Dean Bhimani. According to Mr. Ali, Pakistan’s key problem is the lack of investment in education. “Give people the authority and autonomy to deliver what they are good at, not something that is out of their reach.” The Summit concluded with a note of thanks by Professor Bhimani and a promise to celebrate “Pakistan@80” in 2027.



Natasha J. Malik

(MBA 1996)

Head Corporate North, Corporate Banking Group, MCB Bank Limited



Ahmed is an example of professionalism, hard work and consistent delivery against her personal and professional goals over the last two and half decades. Since graduating in 1996, she has worked for several internationally renowned institutions including WI Carr Securities, World Bank, Faysal Bank Limited and MCB Bank Ltd. She has held senior management positions in the corporate banking coverage space. She started as a coverage banker in Islamabad and has successfully risen through the ranks to her current position as an Executive Vice President heading Corporate Banking for the Central and Northern regions for Pakistan at MCB Bank. Ahmed has consistently taken very active roles with each of her teams in managing a very large and complex portfolio through the challenging macro-economic environment in Pakistan in recent years. She has been an inspiring mentor for many who have been lucky to work with her, especially young women taking on the challenges in a majority male working environment. She has also volunteered as a mentor for the National Incubation Center (NICL) at LUMS and was nominated to participate in the Stanford Seed Program. At the beginning of her career, she contributed to a few case studies that became a part of the MBA programme at LUMS.

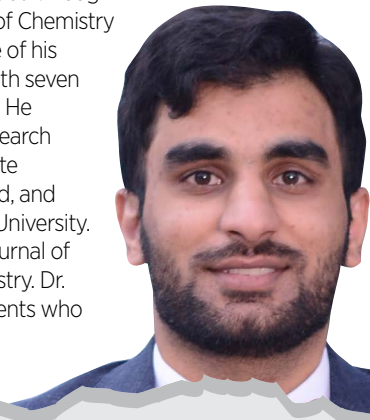
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Dr. Muhammad Qamar Farooq

(BS 2017)

Former CEO, Aga Khan Cultural Service

Dr. Farooq's work focuses on the development of analytical methods for analysis of various pharmaceutical drugs. He received his PhD in Analytical Chemistry from Iowa State University in 2022. As a researcher who has made remarkable advancements in the field of separation science, Dr. Farooq played an instrumental role in securing preliminary data needed for the U.S. Department of Energy to award a \$2.45 million grant on separation science (funded through Ames National Laboratory) to the Department of Chemistry team at Iowa State University. During the course of his PhD, Dr. Farooq published 16 research papers with seven first-author manuscripts in high impact journals. He has received several awards for excellence in research including the David N. and Minnie I. Wall Graduate Fellowship, Mary and Velmer Fassel Travel Award, and Professional Advancement Grant at Iowa State University. Currently, he also serves as a reviewer for the Journal of Chromatography A and Royal Society of Chemistry. Dr. Farooq actively guides and mentors LUMS students who aspire to pursue graduate studies in the



Muhammad Faisal Laghari

(BSc 2007)

Senior Managing Director, Guggenheim Partners

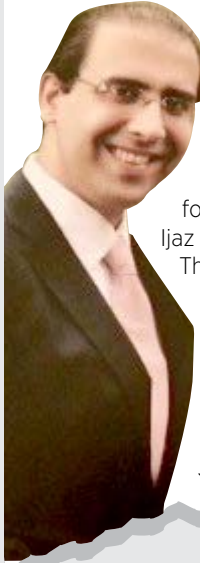
Laghari works in Guggenheim's Energy Investment Banking group and helps lead the firm's energy and energy transition investment banking business. He has over 14 years of investment banking experience and primarily focuses on strategic advisory assignments and financing for companies in the energy industry. Previously, Laghari worked at Citigroup where he led the firm's North American Upstream Investment Banking business, representing one of its largest investment banking teams within the Global Energy Group. His experience includes a broad range of strategic advisory and capital markets engagements. He has led several transactions totaling over \$140 billion in value and spanning North America, South America, Africa, Asia and Europe. After graduating with Honors from LUMS, Laghari earned an M.A. in Financial Risk Management from the Segal Graduate School of Business at Simon Fraser University. He and his wife Nadia, reside in Houston with their daughters Lyla and Leah.



Saroop Ijaz

(BA-LL.B 2008)

Lawyer & Human Rights Professional



Ijaz is currently Senior Counsel Asia at Human Rights Watch (HRW), the largest human rights organisation in the world. He joined HRW in January 2014 as their Pakistan representative, the youngest country representative for the organisation in almost 90 countries. Ijaz has worked on a diverse range of issues including rights of religious minorities in South Asia, Afghan refugees, Pakistanis in Saudi Arabian prisons, criminal justice reform in Japan, amongst many others. He does regular international advocacy for human rights at the United Nations, European Union and in key forums and capitals around the globe. Ijaz writes for domestic and international publications including Express Tribune, Dawn, Los Angeles Times, The Guardian, The Diplomat, Al Jazeera, Jurist, Open Democracy, and others. He has been appointed as an Amicus Curiae (Friend of the Court) in several important constitutional cases. In his law practice, he has pro-bono represented prisoners from the most marginalised sections of society and has had many prisoners released from death row. In 2014, Ijaz was appointed as the only non-governmental member of the expert group constituted by the Prime Minister on the direction of the Supreme Court to give recommendations on police reforms in Pakistan. He is a member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) and serves on the board of several human rights organisations including the Asma Jahangir Foundation, Digital Rights Foundation, and Center for Social Justice.

Dr. Omar Mubin

(BSc 2004)

Associate Professor, School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences, Western Sydney University

Dr. Mubin is a senior academic and currently acting Associate Dean High Degree Research at his Faculty at the Western Sydney University. His primary research interests are human robot interaction and human computer interaction. Specifically, he studies social robotics and their interaction with humans in education, public spaces and information dissemination scenarios. In the area of health informatics, he has worked on technological interventions for COVID-19, autism, stroke and substance abuse. Dr. Mubin has authored 31 journal publications in the last five years, 14 in Q1 and 15 in Q2 ranked journals. He is involved in teaching and supervising (undergraduate and postgraduate) students in the broader area of Human Computer Interaction, Mobile Computing and Health Informatics. He has already supervised five high-degree research students to completion; four as a principal supervisor and one as co-supervisor. He is currently principal supervisor to a further four research students. In recognition of his expertise in robotics, he also serves as an Associate Editor for the International Journal of Social Robotics.

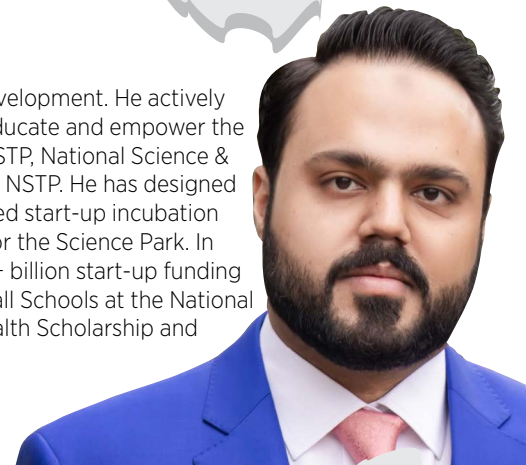


Yaruq Nadeem

(BSc 2014)

Innovation & Partnerships, National Science & Technology Park (NSTP)

Nadeem is a global expert on innovation, entrepreneurship, business models and product development. He actively mentors founders, aspiring entrepreneurs and students, and consistently strives to inspire, educate and empower the youth towards entrepreneurship. Having played a pivotal role in the launch of Pakistan's first STP, National Science & Technology Park (NSTP), Nadeem is currently spearheading the Innovation & Partnerships at NSTP. He has designed the award-winning academia-industry linkage platform "The Bridge", internationally renowned start-up incubation programmes TechOne, Cube 8 and Hatch 8, as well as performance evaluation frameworks for the Science Park. In the last few years, his contributions have led to PKR 2.8+ billion revenue generation, PKR 2.7+ billion start-up funding and 2,800+ jobs created. Previously, Nadeem designed the entrepreneurship curriculum for all Schools at the National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST). He is a recipient of the prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship and completed his Masters from Imperial College London. He loves adventure, travel and sports.

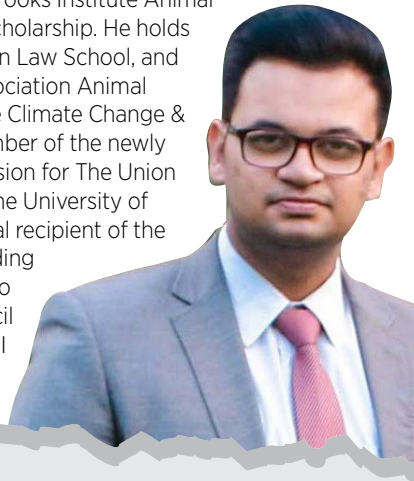


Altamush Saeed

(BA-LL.B 2020)

Lawyer & Animal Rights Activist

Saeed is Co-Founder of Charity Does Foundation (CDF), a non-profit established in 2016, and an Animal Welfare Ambassador to Comprehensive Disaster Response Services (CDRS), both incorporated in Pakistan and USA. CDF is actively investing itself in social responsibility efforts and has successfully executed multiple projects across Pakistan. These projects include over 800 solar water projects, environmental sustainability programs, sustainable electricity projects, daily food distribution to over 12,000 individuals in a month, economic sustainability programs, a stray animal feeding program, supporting a school for special children, and an orphanage project. To date, CDF has nationally helped over 10 million humans, and 0.25 million animals, and has deployed over \$300,000 in infrastructure development. Saeed is currently pursuing an LLM in Animal Law at the Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis and Clark Law School as the first Pakistani recipient of the Brooks Institute Animal Rights Law and Policy International Scholarship. He holds an LLM from the University of Michigan Law School, and is a member of the American Bar Association Animal Law, International Animal Law and the Climate Change & Human Rights Subcommittees, a member of the newly formed Animal Law Working Commission for The Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA). At the University of Michigan, Saeed was the first-ever dual recipient of the Myint Zan LLM Prize and the Outstanding LLM student for excellence in pro-bono service award, the LLM Student Council representative for his class and the DEI Chair for the entire law school.



Saim Sadiq

(BSc 2014)

Filmmaker

Sadiq holds a graduate degree in Film Directing from Columbia University. His first feature, Joyland, won the Jury Award in the Un Certain Regard section at the Cannes Film Festival in 2022 and became Pakistan's official submission to the 95th Academy Awards. His short film Darling, which was based on Joyland, won the Best Short Film award at the 76th Venice Film Festival and was an official selection at the Toronto International Film Festival. His short film Nice Talking to You was an official selection at South by Southwest (SXSW) 2019, Palm Springs International Shortsfest 2019, and won Vimeo's Best Director award at Columbia University Film Festival 2018. The film also made the BAFTA Shortlist for Best Student Film.



Muhammad Younas

(BSc 2005)

CEO, vFairs

Younas is the founder of vFairs, a leading global virtual, hybrid and in-person events platform. vFairs helps organisations of all sizes, industries and regions conduct memorable online events to achieve real business results. The virtual platform and mobile app offers versatile features and customisation options. vFairs exceptional customer support is consistently rated #1 on third-party sites like G2 and Capterra. This is why top organisations around the world such as Nestle, Microsoft, Amazon and more have chosen vFairs to host Virtual Conferences, Online Trade Shows, Job Fairs, Virtual Training & more. vFairs has employees across 10+ countries including USA, Canada, UAE, Australia, UK, Pakistan etc. In 2017, Younas also established the Lahore engineering and project management campus for vFairs. In over 5 years, he created job opportunities for the local market and employed 200+ Pakistanis with his staunch belief on the quality of talent. A sizable portion of that employee base hails from LUMS. Younas holds a Master's in Computer Engineering from University of Texas at Austin. He is a recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship and David Bruton Jr. Fellowship. He lives in Toronto with his wife Mariam (BSc 2007) and daughters, Zoya and Mishaal.







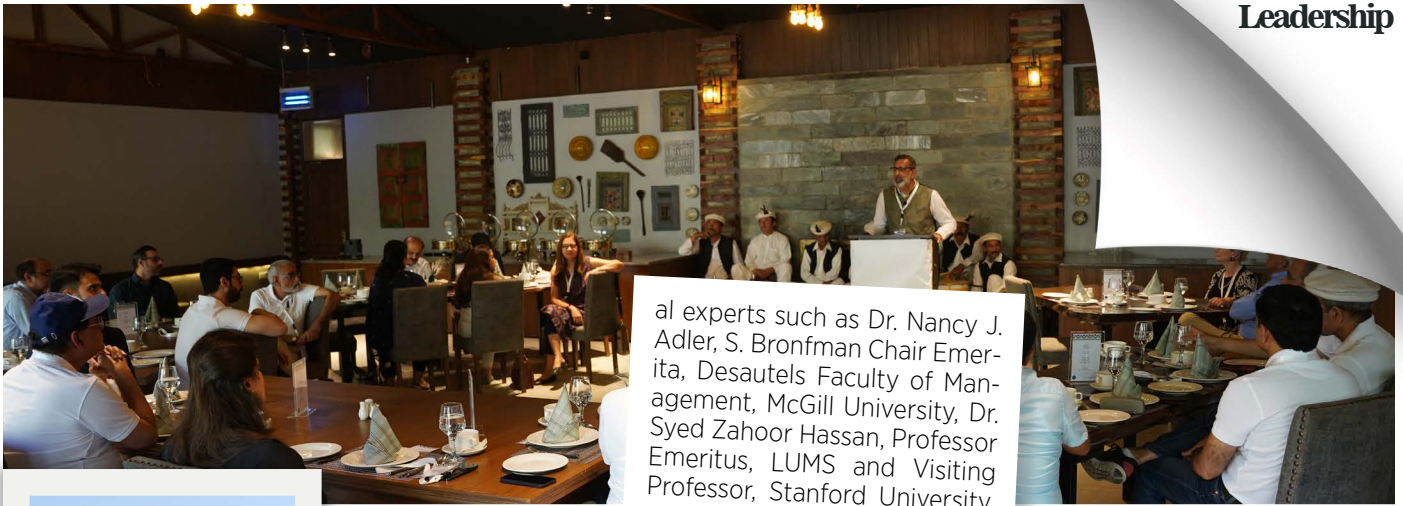
LUMS x Leadership Legacies: The CEO Retreat

Drawing inspiration from the heritage of Pakistan's splendid mountains, for the first time ever LUMS held an exclusive retreat in the beautiful Hunza Valley that brought together the country's eminent leaders and allowed them to spend focused time with fellow CEOs building their impact and legacy.



Tucked in the foothills of the Karakoram mountains in Northern Pakistan, the beauty of Hunza valley is unparalleled, and it became home to a first-of-its-kind leadership retreat hosted by LUMS this summer. The Hunza community is known for its unique lifestyle, culture, and longevity. The magnificent Rakaposhi mountains, the mesmerising Attabad lake, and the iconic Altit fort served as the perfect backdrop for a group of leading executives in the country to come together with LUMS leaders for learning, reflection, inspiration, and rejuvenation. Curated over six days, this retreat encompassed a different topical theme for each day and provided the participants with the opportunity to learn from glob-





al experts such as Dr. Nancy J. Adler, S. Bronfman Chair Emerita, Desautels Faculty of Management, McGill University, Dr. Syed Zahoor Hassan, Professor Emeritus, LUMS and Visiting Professor, Stanford University, and Ms. Saleha Asif, Founder, Purpose Quotient (PQ).

As a chance to garner guidance from extraordinary leaders and elevate their leadership journeys, the retreat enabled participating professionals to sit in on themed discussions and sessions, spend focused time reflecting and receiving feedback, draw inspiration from collective journeys of personal discovery, and deliberate over approaches to leadership in a natural setting.





The dedicated themes for each day included taking stock of where we are now, turning obstacles of reality into opportunities of possibility, inspiring others and leading key teams, leveraging invisible opportunities and tackling constraints, and creating and sustaining legacies by empowering others to contribute and lead for impact. The geography of the retreat proved to be the star of the show, as Hunza's sheer beauty allowed the participants to indulge in all this learning alongside a plethora of charming activities; from early morning walks in the orchards and sunrise-watching over the Rakaposhi mountains, to excursions to the Duiker Top and Attabad Lake, indigenous storytelling and cultural events, live music occasions and the joy of local cuisines.





Far away from the noise and hustle of everyday life, the retreat revealed itself to be a time unlike any other for the 14 participating CEOs, teaching them how to rethink leadership legacies and encouraging them to envision a future in which their influence reaches far beyond the boardroom and their leadership serves as a catalyst for change.





Episode 3

Saba Karim Khan
(BSc 2006)
Author and Filmmaker

“I think motherhood is not a marathon, it’s a sprint. That sounds cheesy and seems like it’s on a billboard but the reason I would say this is because in the course of a 30, 40 years career, you have got to pace things out and you have got to live life and approach life in all its dimensions, and prior to parenthood it was just tunnel vision, just go, go, go. Citibank especially did that to me that I just didn’t have time for family, but as a mother I feel like I am starting to realise that you can relish and feel enriched with all of these different facets in life that can be fulfilling.”



Episode 1
Farhan Syed
(BSc 2015)
COO, Bagallery

“Any company which really pushes its values to be more people-centric, I think that is what is important specifically in a post-covid era it is becoming increasingly important because at the end of the day it’s the people who make the company. If its not going to be the people, then you might not have the company.”

Keepsakes

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ALUMS Chat

LUMS welcomed an exciting new series this past year, bringing forth an opportunity for our community to hear firsthand the remarkable stories of alumni around the world. ALUMS Chat let us into the real adventures behind the successes and failures of Luminites as they navigate different paths. Every episode introduced us to a brilliant alum journey and each guest left us with words of life. Here are just a few of the gems. Catch all episodes on the LUMS Facebook page!



Episode 6
Muhammad Omer Saleem
(EMBA 2017)
Horseback Archer and Founder,
The Drakken School

“If you want to be a good polo player you should have your own horse because once you have one yourself then you’ll take care of it better and learn horse riding quicker and easier.”

Episode 10

Mehvish Muneera Ismail

(BA-LL.B 2008)

Company Secretary & General Counsel (Executive Vice President), HBL Microfinance Bank

“I have three pieces of honest advice for everyone. One is that there is no substitute for hard work. You need to take ownership of your work. You need to make sure that the work that you present to your seniors should be as good as it can be. The second advice is to be tolerant and kind towards others. You don't know what somebody has been through unless you have a meaningful conversation with them. The third advice is to be realistic. Take small steps to reach success.”



Episode 2

Dr. Haris Aziz

(BSc 2003)

Scientist

“Please do your homework and please work on your draft and make sure that your emails are proofread and there are no mistakes. Your first email is your point of entry, right? People get a lot of emails so let's say if you are trying to land an internship at Google or you're trying to get a PhD position somewhere, your first email is very important. Other than that, students now have access to Google, Wikipedia etc., so if anybody wants to learn, they can learn anything that they want. There are a lot more opportunities to learn online as compared to the time when I was a student.”

Episode 7

Tania Mallick

(MBA 1991)

Head of Women's Cricket, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)

“My objective is to make the girls think of sports as a career which I could not. Once the girls are seniors or they have endured an injury, then my purpose is now to make a pathway for them to become empires, commentators, coaches, presenters, analysts or anything like that in the sports field.”



Episode 4

Suneel Sarfraz Munj

(BSc 2002 and MBA 2005)

Co-Founder, PakWheels



“Every student should know their worth. They should know that if a corporate job is not for them then they should work on starting a business. They should shift their focus instead of worrying about unemployment.”

Episode 1

Mehreen Shahid

(BSc 2009)

Founder, Safe Delivery Safe Mother (SDSM)

“I feel that it is very important to give yourself time and understand who you are and what actually excites you even if it is something like writing novels for children, right? No task is big or small.”





Abdul Moeez: Senior, *Baghban* and Budding Entrepreneur

Meet Abdul Moeez, a graduating Anthropology and Sociology senior (BSc 2023) and avid *Baghban* (gardener) who is making sure the LUMS community stops and smells the roses!

We caught up with him on a crisp November afternoon at the *khoka* where he had set-up a stall with beautiful fresh blooms.



Tell us about your business!

I sell all kinds of plants – mostly succulents and cactus, but I’m slowly adding flowers to my collection too, such as chrysanthemums. A couple of times a year, I bring a selection to campus and display them at the khoka to sell.

What sets your offering apart?

What’s different about the way I approach my business is the after-sale service. Usually when people buy from nurseries, they are left to figure things out for themselves. I’ve always felt that there should be a mechanism where buyers can also learn how to take care of their plants. So, I make care cards for each type of plant, and always give my contact information so I can guide customers if they have any questions even after purchase.

I also pay close attention to the quality of pots and soil and try to pick the plumpest of plants for my customers. I want to enhance the indoor or balcony gardening experience that plant enthusiasts yearn for.

I believe presentation is key, so the pots matter too! I use only fine pots, whether they are plastic or terracotta, and sometimes I also get them painted by collaborating with fellow artists.

How did you get started?

I’ve been fond of plants and nature since childhood. My aunt used to grow them on our rooftop, and I used to watch and assist her. When I came to LUMS, I thought I would start a venture for some additional income and figured this would be a perfect way to utilise my passion.

Do you grow all your plants?

I grow some myself, and source others from local suppliers. I make my own soil as well. Regular garden soil isn’t right for indoor gardening because it gets very muddy. I make a soil mix with the right proportion of different ingredients to make it loamy and airy. Better soil saves gardeners from many

gardening problems!

What are your plans for your business?

I started this business with the dream that one day it grows into a place which is a garden shop, a library, and a coffee shop at the same time. I wish to grow into a nerdy old man sitting in a cosy garden shop which provides a free reading and working space for people where they can also enjoy homemade cookies by local connoisseurs. I dream of it to become a place for nurturing the enthusiasm for growing plants, and a support system for students and locals.

What are some of the things you learnt as a business owner?

Running a business is a daunting task and requires a lot of courage and persistence. Every business starts from somewhere. There is no such thing as a ‘menial’ task. If I cannot sell things from a small stall, I cannot be the owner of a factory. The business has also been a source of personal enrichment.

What has been the response from the LUMS community?

The LUMS family has been the primary support behind me even considering starting this business. It was one of my friends who first advised me to create a social media platform for my business, and that’s how it all started. Even now, my customer base almost entirely comprises people from LUMS.

Just yesterday, a friend showed me a picture of a hostel dorm’s windowsill with one of my plants on it. Amidst all the empty windowsills it stood out and gave an impression of joy and liveliness. Adding a touch of nature gives a little enchantment in our lives!

In the short interactions that I have with people through plants, I have always witnessed plants bringing a certain kind of joy in the eyes of whoever passes by and gazes at them.

Is there anything you’d like to share with other entrepreneurs?

We are always taught to view business



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as a source of increasing profit. The value of a business is not only economic; we can also add value to someone’s, or our own heart. The small transactional interactions of businesses can help us build a safer, more loving society if we acknowledge the importance of morals in our life. To quote William Wordsworth:

“Small service is true service while it lasts
Of humblest friends, bright creature; scorn not one:

The daisy, of the shadow that it casts, protects the lingering dew drop from the sun!”

Learn more about and support Abdul Moez’s small business by exploring his Instagram page@baghban_plant_world.



Appointed Minister
of Agriculture of Azerbaijan

Following a presidential order, LUMS alum, Majnun Mammadov (MBA 2006) was announced as the new Minister of Agriculture for the Republic of Azerbaijan this year. Mammadov aims to achieve a sustainable transformation of the country's agri-food systems, improve farmers' agricultural know-how, as well as increase the contribution of agriculture to the economy. Before joining LUMS in 2004 for his MBA, Mammadov held a Bachelor's degree from Azerbaijan State University of Economics. He is currently pursuing an Executive MBA in Food and Agribusiness, a joint programme of Wageningen University & Research and TIAS School for Business and Society, Netherlands. At LUMS, Mammadov took an active part in the LUMS Entrepreneurship Society, the LUMS Adventure Society, and the LUMS Travelers' Society.

Doing LUMS Proud

Making it to the Oscars

Filmmaker Saim Sadiq's (BSc 2014) career has been nothing short of remarkable, as he has represented Pakistan on multiple international platforms over the years. A graduate of the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences at LUMS, he also holds a graduate degree in Film Directing from Columbia University. In 2019, Sadiq's short film, Darling, won the Orizzonti Award for Best Short Film at the 76th Venice Film Festival and was also an official selection at the Toronto International Film Festival 2019. Moreover, his short film, Nice Talking to You was an official selection at South by Southwest 2019, and Palm Springs International Festival of Short Films 2019. The film also made the British Academy Film Awards Shortlist for Best Student Film.

His latest venture, Joyland has been shortlisted by The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for the 95th Academy Awards; the first Pakistani film to have made the cut. The film has been selected in the 'International Feature Film' category. The movie has also won the Jury Award in Un Certain Regard section as well at the 75th Cannes Film Festival 2022. Sadiq has created a niche for himself, and that is what sets him apart.



OSCARS
SHORTLIST
INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILM



Passing the CSS Exams

Passing the Central Superior Services (CSS) examination is the dream of many young, talented Pakistani students. Thousands of candidates appear each year, but only a few are selected. In 2022, over 20,262 candidates appeared for the CSS exam from all over Pakistan, out of which only 393 were able to qualify. Among them are 12 talented graduates from LUMS. In the past years, many Luminites have successfully joined the civil service and served in key positions in the government, contributing highly towards the success and development of society and the country. The alumni who passed this year include Shireen Gul (BSc 2017), Atif Ramzan (BSc 2016), Fatima Tahir (BSc 2020), Muhammad Ahmad Zafar (BS 2020), Zonaira Khalid (MS 2021), Numra Imtiaz (BS 2019), Unaiza Razzaq (MS 2021), Bushra Aziz (BA-LL.B 2020), Mirza Ameen Hyder (BSc 2019), Wardah Nasir (BSc 2021), Zulfiqar Ali (BA-LL.B 2018), and Mahnoor Qamer Suleman (MS 2024). LUMS congratulates its graduates on the achievement of this remarkable milestone.

From Faculty to Fulbright at Stanford

Dr. Muhammad Shakeel Jajja (PhD 2013), Associate Professor at the Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB), has started a Fulbright Scholar position at the Graduate School of Business (GSB) at Stanford University. The Fulbright Scholar programme is highly competitive and one of the most prestigious postdoctoral fellowships worldwide. Dr. Jajja has been associated with SDSB since 2014, after graduating with a PhD from LUMS. He is an Associate Professor of Operations and Supply Chain Management, Director of the Executive MBA, and Founding Director of the MS in Supply Chain and Retail Management at SDSB. Prior to this, he served as Faculty Director at the Rausing Executive Development Centre (REDC), LUMS. At Stanford, Dr. Jajja will be conducting research on sustainability, technology, and innovation management issues in supply chains of developing countries. Dr. Jajja expressed how participating in this academic endeavour will enhance his role at LUMS. "Stanford University is located in the centre of the Silicon Valley which is the source and hub of the most leading technology companies in the world e.g., Google, Apple, Microsoft, and Tesla. Being at Stanford gives you the opportunity to participate in the conversations related to and understand the most cutting-edge trends of technology, entrepreneurship, and business in the world." Dr. Jajja believes that LUMS offers a highly supportive atmosphere for faculty advancement and research. "LUMS has always expected and enabled its faculty members to deliver their best in research and this has enabled me to get a placement at Stanford University for a year."



Selected for First Global Cohort of McCall MacBain Scholars

Meet Faisal Sattar (BA-LL.B 2018), an ambitious alumnus with an extraordinary story. His journey started in Basra Jala, Shakargarh, a remote village in the north-eastern Punjab with only one primary school for boys. This fall, he will begin his LL.M degree at McGill University, where he has been selected from thousands of applicants around the world for the prestigious McCall MacBain scholarship. For Faisal, a newspaper clipping became the turning point of his life. When he was in ninth grade, his brother saw an advert for the LUMS National Outreach Programme (NOP) in a local publication. For three years, Faisal slept with that clipping tucked safely under his mattress. It served as a reminder to work hard at school. In 2013, his efforts paid off and he was inducted to LUMS through the NOP, and the gears were set in motion. "I knew that I was very fortunate to get the opportunity to pursue higher education at a top university, and there are so many other talented individuals who didn't. I also knew that I could not have been so fortunate without the support I got from my community. I wanted to make my success a communal fortune," shares Faisal. After graduating, he began his career in law.





From Scholarship to Service

**Meet Hafiz Ali Naeem Sheikh
(BSc 2017),
the NOP Scholar that topped the
CSS Exams 2021.**



The story of Hafiz Ali Naeem Sheikh is an extraordinary tale of resilience, optimism, and hope.

With a Matric from Government Central Model School, Lower Mall and an Intermediate in Pre-Engineering from Government College University, Lahore, LUMS was a distant reality for him. However, on the insistence of a friend, Ali decided to apply and take the admission test. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Ali gained admission to LUMS through the National Outreach Programme (NOP), which seeks out bright and talented students from every corner of Pakistan representing a wide range of educational and socio-economic backgrounds. The Programme provides these scholars with full financial assistance that translates into almost 140% support, covering full tuition fee, living stipend, books, boarding and lodging for their undergraduate studies at LUMS.

“I come from a humble background and without the NOP it would not have been possible for me to attend LUMS. Even if the University had asked me to pay 5,000 rupees, I would have preferred going to some government university due to financial constraints,” he recalls.

The NOP Centre played an integral part in helping Ali acclimatise to the new environment; the staff provided guidance and support to settle on campus. He was advised to join student societies, and form deeper connections with people from diverse socio-economic and academic backgrounds, which helped him gain confidence.

At LUMS, Ali was selected for the Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program (NESA UGRAD), a part of the Global UGrad Scholarship Program in the USA for a year. It was during the fully funded exchange programme, Ali recalls, that he decided to pursue the civil service. “In the USA, I saw the dignity of the common man and how the state works for the betterment of people. Every official department that I visited there was so polite and efficient in solving issues of the citizens that it made me realise the gravity of the problem faced by us Pakistanis and how much apathy exists in our government offices. Thus, I used this motivation and started preparing for the CSS exams after returning to Pakistan.”

He adds, “The NOP is not a scholarship but an attempt to bring change in society. Every NOP scholar has had a trickle-down effect on the communities they belong to. Through this programme, stakeholders have an opportunity to find and train talented individuals who have the desire to do something extraordinary but lack the resources to do so.”

Ali looks forward to creating change by serving in the Pakistan Administrative Services. He advises students to never doubt their path and maintain honesty in all their dealings. “Whatever you do in your life, always keep an eye on the bigger picture; humans are just a tiny part of the cosmos. The world is much bigger than individual egos and ambitions. Your actions should be directed towards bringing positivity to the world and helping those who are less fortunate.”



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Alumni Allies: Giving Back

Driving Social Change



Wateen has extended its support to LUMS by signing an agreement to fund the education of deserving, talented scholars at the University. As part of this agreement, the organisation will be providing financial assistance to students enrolled at the Suleman Dawood School of Business. Representing Wateen were Mr. Adil Rashid, CEO, and Mr. Ghulam Mustafa,

CFO (LUMS MBA '17). "I believe that there must be a strong relationship between academia and industry," said Mr. Rashid.

"We are very positive and hopeful that this becomes a continued engagement with LUMS – in terms of internships and hiring programmes."



Faysal Bank has extended its support to LUMS by making a generous contribution to the University's NOP. This collaboration was formalised at a signing ceremony in August 2023, which was attended by Faysal Bank's senior leadership, including Mr. Mian Muhammad Younis, Chairman BOD; Mr. Yousaf Hussain (MBA 1994), President and CEO; Mr. Ahmed Hemani, Head, Institutional Sales, and Mr.



SpurSol has pledged to support the full study tenure of NOP scholars at LUMS. The agreement was formalised at an MoU signing between Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, LUMS, and Mr. Farrukh Omar, CEO SpurSol and Founder, ValueLink. His brothers Mr. Zubair Umar (BSc 2007), CFO, and Mr. Bilal Umar (BSc 2009), COO, SpurSol were also present at the ceremony. SpurSol was founded in 2011 as an IT services provider specialising in custom software development. It is trusted by thousands of clients across the globe for application development, web design and development, cloud computing and infrastructure, and consultancy services.

The company has successfully developed a strong portfolio of IT products and well-recognised consultancy practices in the industry.

Sheikh Ali Hussain, Head, Sustainability, ESG, Communications and PR. Faysal Bank is a longstanding supporter of the University's National Outreach Programme. In his remarks Mr. Younis talked about Faysal Bank's core values and how they compel the organisation to give back and support the growth of institutions like LUMS.

"I look forward to further strengthening our relationship and extend my heartfelt gratitude to LUMS for providing us with this invaluable opportunity to contribute to initiatives," he said.



Rousch Pakistan Power Limited

Rousch Pakistan Power Limited (RPPL) extended its support by signing an agreement to support the NOP at LUMS. A ceremony was held in November 2022, where Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, LUMS, and Mr. Waqar Ahmad Khan, CEO, RPPL (MBA 2004), signed the agreement. Mr. Khan spoke about the motivation towards giving to the University. **"LUMS is not only providing the gift of education to young and talented students, but it is also giving them a direction in life. Our contribution towards the NOP is a small effort to provide these students with a better future. We are grateful to LUMS for giving Rousch this opportunity to make a difference,"** he said.





MBA Alum Establishes a Scholarship for NOP

The 'Justice Raja Muhammad Sabir Scholarship' at LUMS has been set up by Mr. Faisal Sabir Raja (MBA 2002) in honour of his late father, who was a passionate philanthropist and dedicated 30 years to his law practice at the Supreme Court and High Court of Pakistan. The fund will sponsor a National Outreach Programme scholar at the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law. The partnership

was formalised at an MoU signing ceremony held on October 12, 2022, where Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, LUMS, and Mr. Raja, signed the agreement. Mr. Raja spoke about the motivation towards giving to LUMS. **"I feel highly indebted to LUMS and especially to its founders for establishing an outstanding institution in Pakistan, which we can all be proud of."**

Alumnus Creates Scholarship in Honour of His Parents

Recognising the transformative power of education, a LUMS alumnus (MBA 2002), who wishes to remain anonymous, has made a generous contribution towards the education of an NOP scholar. This philanthropic support has been pledged in honour of his parents, Dr. Rafiq and Dr. Naseem, acknowledging their unwavering commitment to empowering future generations through education. Speaking about the motivation behind the establishment of the fund, the



donor said, **"My parents always prioritised the importance of quality education, and they instilled this value in my siblings and myself. I am dedicated to carry their message forward by pushing for and promoting the value of education"**.

Paying it Forward



BSc Class of 2017

Established in 2021, the ‘BSc Class of 2017 Scholarship Fund’ has been renewed with a generous donation that will sponsor the education of one NOP scholar for the entire duration of his/her degree. Speaking about the motivation behind the fund, one of the fund representatives Shahryar Tariq said, “We realised that there’s a huge community of alumni, especially from the Class of 2017, that has benefited from having gone through the experience of quality education at LUMS and has every reason to give back to the community. The NOP itself feels incredibly special to contribute to since it empowers financially underprivileged students to access a world-class education. Education is transformative, and it gives us incredible joy that through this Class Fund, we’re able to extend this life-changing experience to one more person.” Other fund representatives include Irtiza Haider, Abdullah Siddique, Mobeen Tariq, Muhammad Qamar Farooq, Abdul Lateef Haamid and Mohammad Haseeb.

MBA Class of 2022 Establishes Scholarship Fund in the Memory of Aqsa Fatima and Amna Khan

The Class has contributed towards a scholarship fund to honour the memory of their late class fellows, Aqsa Fatima (MBA 2022) and Amna Khan (MS Business and Public Policy 2021), who tragically passed away in a road accident in April 2022. The scholarship fund will partially support the studies of female students enrolled in the MBA programme at LUMS. This contribution makes the MBA Class of 2022 the youngest batch to have donated to their alma mater through a class fund. To commemorate the gift, an event was held at LUMS on September 1, 2022, attended by representatives of the MBA Class of 2022, as well as other students who joined the event virtually. The Class representatives thanked LUMS leadership for acknowledging their gift through this ceremony. “In the spirit of keeping Aqsa and Amna’s legacy alive, we as an MBA batch took it upon ourselves to bring in and develop future changemakers such as Aqsa and Amna. We cannot fill in the personalities and the individualistic traits, however, we can strive towards continuing their legacies for generations to come.”

MBA Class of 2012	BSc Class of 2008	BSc Class of 2006	BSc Class of 2004	MBA Class of 1997
The Class has played a pivotal role in enabling deserving students to access higher education and pursue their academic and professional aspirations.	The Class has established a scholarship fund to support students at LUMS. Fund representative, Mr. Ammar Mahmood stated, “After graduation, we wanted to play our part in helping educate future Luminites and get the same experience that we all had.”	The Class has completed their pledged contribution to their existing endowment fund to sponsor NOP scholars and make a lasting difference in their lives.	The Class has contributed generously to fund students at LUMS. Class representative, Mr. Sheharyar Butt stated, “We owe a great deal to LUMS, and it is with great pride that we support the NOP that helps talented students achieve their dreams.”	The Class has exemplified its commitment to fostering education and supporting the next generation of leaders by establishing an endowment fund to provide interest-free loans to MBA students.

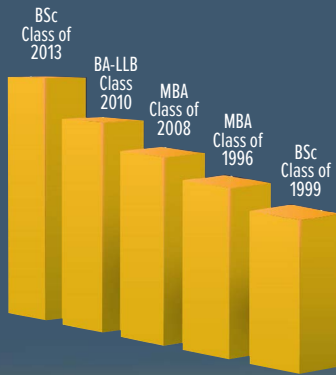
‘Give a Day to LUMS’ Continues to Empower

In 2023, 200 donors have helped raise **PKR 33 million** to generously fund **33 students.**

Over the past two years, the Give a Day to LUMS (GADTL) campaign, fuelled by the unwavering support of our alumni, has paved pathways to education and transformed lives. The impact of your generosity has resonated globally, with The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) honouring GADTL with the prestigious Best of CASE Asia-Pacific Region Award!

This year’s campaign was launched in March 2023 to support the University’s cause of providing inclusive, accessible education to talented students across the country. In 2023, 200 donors have helped raise PKR 33 million to generously fund 33 students. That is 33 individuals that will have the chance to live the transformative LUMS experience that you did. So, thank you to our alumni around the world, who have helped open doors and break barriers for Pakistan’s youth. We are grateful for your generosity and are counting on your commitment to this campaign year on year.

Thank you to our **5 batches** for their impactful contributions!



“The NOP scholarship changed my life and continues to do so for many dedicated students who have the will to study but lack the resources”

Syed Hussain Danish
BSC Accounting & Finance 2012
Head of Finance,
Unilever Food Solutions
North America



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A day can make all
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Donating towards LUMS Financial Aid and the National Outreach Programme (NOP) will help Pakistan's most talented students bring their dreams to life. You can choose to give once annually or create a named endowment that can provide financial assistance to many students over the fund's lifetime. Donations will go towards awarding scholarships disbursed through various means. The NOP scholarship consists of a complete tuition fee waiver and additional stipends for hostel accommodation, reading materials, and a living allowance. Graduate programme scholarships are awarded as interest-free loans, and undergraduate programme financial aid scholars receive a combination of up to 70% support including waivers and interest-free loans.

Annual Donation

Annual Requirement

Category	PKR	USD**
Undergraduate National Outreach Programme	1.2 Million	7,270
Graduate Programme Scholarship (MBA)*	1 Million	6,060
Graduate Programme Scholarship (Excluding MBA)*	0.85 Million	5,150
Undergraduate Financial Aid Scholarship*	0.55 Million	3,330

Endowed Gift

One-time Endowment

Category	PKR	USD**
Undergraduate National Outreach Programme Scholarship (Perpetual)	34 Million	7,270

* Scholarships will be awarded in the form of either interest-free loans or a combination of tuition fee waivers and loans

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Alumni return to LUMS to celebrate Homecoming in December 2022



SDSB Alumni Association honour notable alumni at Annual Reunion 2022

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Islamabad and KP alumni community celebrate Annual Reunion 2023



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PICTURES



Alumni enjoy
Annual Reunion
in Melbourne in July 2023



Sydney Alumni Chapter
reconnects at Annual Reunion 2023



BSc 1997 gets
together after 25 Years



MBA Class of 1997
celebrate their 25-Year Reunion



CSS alumni meet up
with Syed Babar Ali at their summer reunion



VC AAA Winners 2022
come together for a lunch retreat

Editor's Note



As you turned the pages of this year's *Annual*, I hope you were inspired by the brilliant stories and achievements that continue to emerge from every corner of LUMS.

This issue celebrates the diversity of scholarship, service and perspective in our community, from alumni making it to public office to pushing boundaries through film on a global stage.

At the heart of this edition's theme, community, lies the idea that it is through the connections we foster—across geographies, backgrounds, and experiences—that we find our true strength. The stories you've read here showcase not only individual success but also the power of working together, supporting one another, and nurturing a network that spans the globe.

So, I hope you feel a sense of pride in the community we've built together — one that continues to grow, evolve, and inspire. Every story is a testament to the LUMS experience that connects us, no matter where life takes us.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of this incredible network. How far have we come! And as our friend Dr. Seuss would say, "*Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!*".

Marwa Mohkam Sheikh



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