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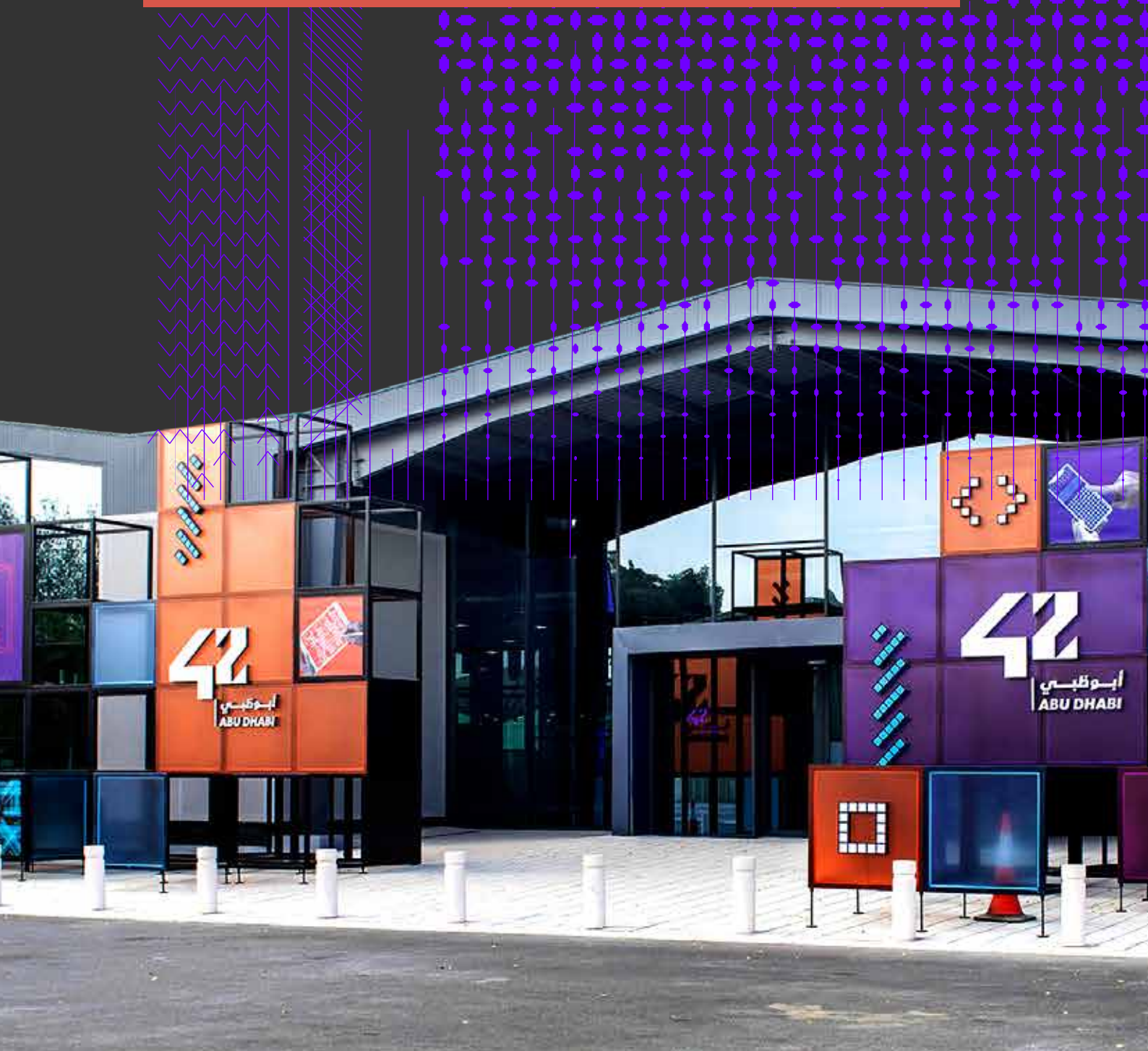


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If there is one thing in common between 42 Abu Dhabi students, it's their exceptional ability to create and innovate on a daily basis. Our school has evolved to become a talent hub that empowers students to unleash their passion for coding and bring to life projects which shape and change the world that they live in through technology.

At 42 Abu Dhabi, we aim to create a community of coders who collaborate and build innovative solutions to overcome complex challenges through our revolutionary peer-to-peer learning methodology. We believe in the importance of collaboration to foster innovation, develop students' capabilities, and meet the needs of the digital economy.

The rise of recent AI technologies has made creativity a skill that every student should master in order to thrive and succeed in their future careers. That is why we continuously encourage our students to be the catalysts of change that the world needs and provide them with ongoing support to enable them to reaffirm the UAE's position as a global hub for innovation.



A MESSAGE FROM
MARCOS MULLER HABIG – GEARING UP
FOR UAE INNOVATION MONTH



42 Abu Dhabi – LIVE!

In celebration of the International Day of Education, Eng. Eman Al Marzooqi highlights 42 Abu Dhabi's efforts in complementing the Emirate's educational ecosystem and fostering the next generation of coders. You can listen to the full interview [here](#).

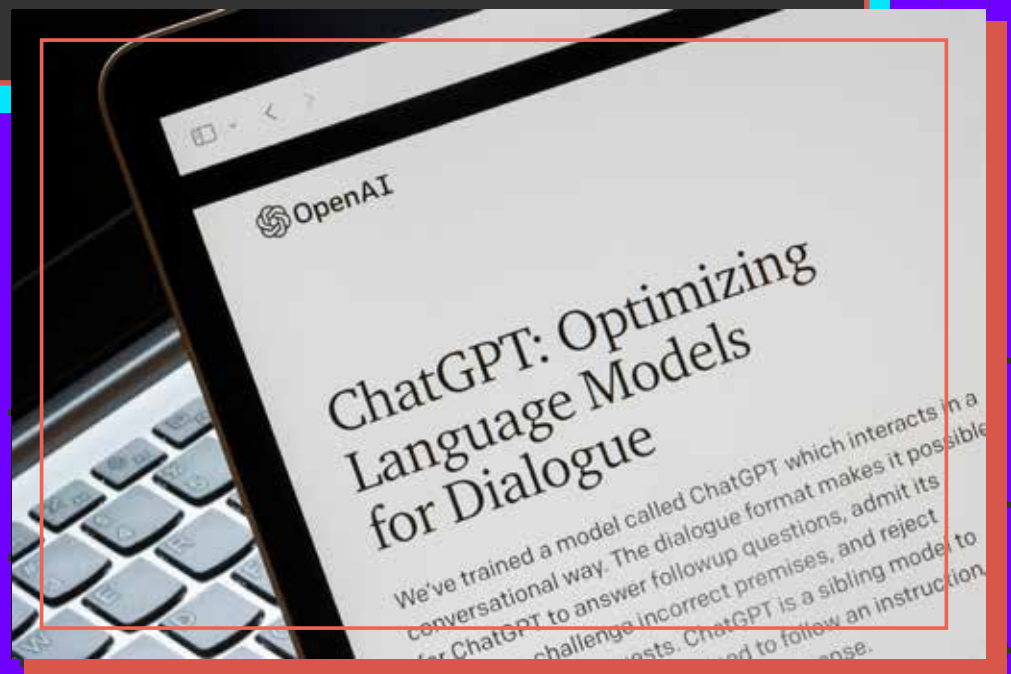
Did you know?

Chat GPT – It can do it all!

From precisely spotting security vulnerabilities in your code to writing an essay or an entire block of functional code on a whim to opening portals to another dimension, OpenAI's newly launched ChatGPT is a true game changer. Ask ChatGPT if a piece of code contains a security vulnerability, and it will perfectly explain to you the reasons behind the judgment in simple language.

ChatGPT can also produce natural language and accurate content, which makes it a genuine possibility that technology of this type could put an end to college essays. Wait...there's more! The next time you're stuck trying to figure out ideas for a party theme, or just looking for inspiration about your next house remodel, give ChatGPT a shot. Simply ask it to suggest party themes and it will do so. This can be very useful especially when you just forgot to plan your friend's birthday party and wanted some last-minute suggestions.

Source: [Click here to read more.](#)



What's up at 42 Abu Dhabi?

ADIA collaboration

42 Abu Dhabi recently collaborated with the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) to host 400 Emirati students to explore their potential as the future coders of the Emirate. This exceptional event was organized as part of ADIA's Early Preparation Programme (EPP), which identifies and develops talented Emirati high school students with an interest in subjects relevant to the future of investing, such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

During the event, students were provided with an in-depth understanding of computational thinking, algorithms, abstraction and pattern recognition problem-solving techniques. These skills are core to computer science and many other subject areas and careers. Following the session, students completed an online problem-solving challenge related to computational thinking and computer science.



42 Network visit

We are recently welcomed the 42 Network French Delegation to our 42 Abu Dhabi campus where they engaged with our coding stars through an Ask-Me-Anything (AMA) session. This fruitful session enabled our students to learn more about the vision of the 42 Network and explore the limitless future of coding education. The impressive number of female coders at 42 Abu Dhabi stood out to

the French team, and reaffirmed our ongoing efforts to empower female coders to contribute to the Emirate's tech-enabled future.





The Batak challenge – Move Fast, Code Faster

If you spend most of your days behind your computer screen and barely get to move during the day... We totally relate to that! Most of our coders at 42 Abu Dhabi spend the majority of their time inside the labs, and sometimes have no time to squeeze in some physical exercise. That is why we introduced

the Batak challenge - to motivate them to move fast, and code even faster.

The Batak Challenge is a quick reaction game requiring fast hand and eye co-ordination. Its aim is to improve reaction, hand-eye co-ordination and stamina in a fun yet competitive way. The winner of the challenge was awarded with a Samsung phone...bet that incentive would make our students move faster than a leopard!

Session on Trademarks, Copyright, Software, and Computer Applications

42 Abu Dhabi held an engaging session titled "Discussions on Trademarks and Copyright, Software, and Computer Applications". The session was conducted by Munir Suboh, who is a Partner and Head of the Intellectual Property at Ahmed Bin Hezeem & Associates LLP.



The speaker focused on unlocking the student's knowledge on emerging topics to enable them to learn the rationale of copyrights and trademarks terminologies and protection. Students were introduced to key terms and elements of protections and regulations, in addition to insights shared by the speaker on real-life cases from his experiences that the students need to consider, and may face in their future work and projects.

42 Abu Dhabi Coders spotlight - Interview with Hadi

At 42 Abu Dhabi, we pride ourselves in making coding education available to people from all walks of life and different backgrounds. The passion for coding is what unites our students, and we are thrilled to share the story of one of our rising coding stars in this edition of our newsletter:

Can you walk us through your journey of discovering your passion for coding?

I have never been given a handout in life, and from a young age, my dad taught me the value of hard work. I started working at an early age at my grandfather's store, and throughout my life, I have always been responsible for my own finances, growth, and learning. This, combined with my family's business-minded background, has shaped me into the driven and determined person I am today.

Growing up, I studied geology and was exposed to a variety of industries. I even started my own businesses in selling commodities. However, despite my determination, I found myself facing external circumstances that made it difficult for me to achieve my goals and realize my full potential. It was at this point that I made the decision to join 42 Abu Dhabi. It was here that I found the support and guidance I needed to overcome my challenges and achieve my ambitions.



What skills have you gained at 42 Abu Dhabi so far?

Through the Piscine, or intensive coding boot camp, alongside the school's project-based learning methodology, I learned the importance of perseverance and logic and developed valuable coding skills. The peer-to-peer learning model of the school also allowed me to collaborate with and learn from my fellow students. We were able to bounce ideas off of each other and support our peers through the challenges of the program. This collaborative approach to learning has been integral to my success at 42 Abu Dhabi.



Beyond gaining an understanding for the 'C' coding language, I also learnt 'JavaScript' and 'PostScript', which allowed me to contribute to a major project for ADEK, a web app that allows HR to recruit candidates through recorded questions. This project took me eight months to complete and helped me develop a strong foundation in coding and web development.

What makes 42 Abu Dhabi different from other coding schools?

One of the aspects that sets 42 Abu Dhabi apart is the school's commitment to supporting entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial mindset. Whether through workshops and sessions or through real-life projects and business ideas, 42 Abu Dhabi provides students with the resources and guidance they need to succeed as entrepreneurs.

Today, I am working on business ideas and real life projects at 42 Abu Dhabi to become a future entrepreneur. I am grateful for the education and experience I have received at 42 Abu Dhabi and am excited to see where my future takes me. My journey has been one of determination, but I have never let my challenges hold me back.

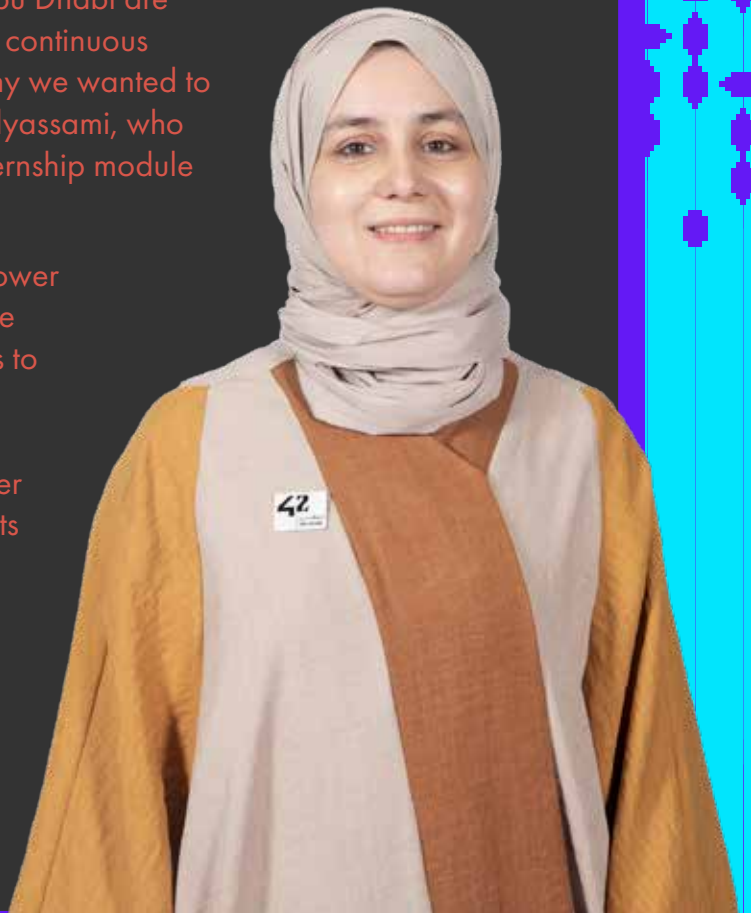
If you have a passion for entrepreneurship and want to take control of your future, then 42 Abu Dhabi is the place for you. Join me and discover the power of the entrepreneurial mindset, the continuous support and endless resources that 42 Abu Dhabi has to offer.



#future_ready Dr. Sanaa Elyassami

Our esteemed academics at 42 Abu Dhabi are one of the key pillars that drive the continuous growth of our students, which is why we wanted to highlight the efforts of Dr. Sanaa Elyassami, who offers the Career Planning and Internship module at 42 Abu Dhabi.

This insightful module aims to empower students by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to explore trends in the ICT sector, in addition to career options and job roles that are available to them after graduation. It also supports students to develop a professional profile (CV, Cover letter, LinkedIn, Portfolio), demonstrate interview skills and effective communication, prepare for future internships, and set achievable career objectives.



42 Abu Dhabi Boca1 – Interview with Dewin Justiniano

Dewin is a man with many talents, and he never fails to spread positive energy to everyone on campus. In this newsletter's edition, we wanted to get to know Dewin on a more personal level and shed light on his efforts at 42 Abu Dhabi.

Can you tell us more about your role at 42 Abu Dhabi?

I currently hold the position of Quality Assurance Senior Specialist. I am mainly tasked with ensuring that 42 Abu Dhabi is compliant with the policies and procedures that are set in place. I'm also responsible for arranging and proctoring all the exams at 42 Abu Dhabi (Common Core and Piscine exams), in addition to supporting students during peer reviews and workshops.

When you are not busy hustling at 42 Abu Dhabi, what do you do in your spare time? We would love to know about your championships in your home country.

I am passionate about Arts and Coffee; I enjoy attending concerts and musicals, in addition to visiting museums and art galleries.

Back in Honduras, I was a member of 'Zorzales de Sula', a cultural NGO dedicated to preserving the Honduran culture through music, theatre and traditional dances. In fact, I have participated in several contests to represent my country in national and international performances.



When I lived in Taiwan, I was one of the founders of the 'Honduran Cultural Troupe', a student association that was dedicated to showcasing and promoting the Honduran Culture and traditional dances.

Where do you envision 42 Abu Dhabi to be in 5 years?

In five years, I see 42 Abu Dhabi as the leading coding institution in the region, fostering talented students, graduates and alumni who will contribute to the tech industry and generate innovative ideas and projects. I see 42 Abu Dhabi as a key partner working in collaboration with leading companies in the UAE and globally.

What are some of the key trends in the education sector?

Apart from learning and acquiring technical knowledge, it is necessary for students to strengthen other interpersonal skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and effective communication in order to thrive in the current educational ecosystem.