

SCE HIGHLIGHTS

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM SCE DEAN KETTERER

Welcome friends to the new SCE Newsletter!

It is an opportunity to sum up our many accomplishments of 2020. And oh, what a year it has been. Yes, of course, the world was hit with the challenges presented by the pandemic. And as with the rest of AUC, and everyone else across the globe, we had to adjust and find new ways to accomplish our never-changing mission of offering high-quality education in an accessible way. The SCE mission might well be more important now than ever as people reevaluate their career and educational options. As you can see in the stories and links in this newsletter, the staff and instructors at SCE have been working tirelessly to move classes and operations online as quickly and efficiently as possible. What seemed impossible just a few months ago has been accomplished - and we continue to move ahead with new innovations and also a slow and safe return to some face-to-face instruction.

Many, many thanks to the tireless and extraordinary SCE staff, to our wonderful instructors and to the many students who have stayed with us in these uncertain times. I have always been honored to be part of the SCE community, and never prouder in these last months as I marveled at the resilience and determination of all at SCE. With this newsletter, we look back on what has been accomplished while eagerly gazing forward to a year of new developments. Let us work together to make 2021 a year of health, hope and a rededication to those things and people most dear to us.

Happy New Year!



ACCESS GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS ACROSS EGYPT

As one of SCE's most robust programs, the English Access Microscholarship Program, or Access as it's commonly known, once again raised the bar this year despite the high stakes of the pandemic. The global scholarship program is powered by the U.S. Department of State and provides a foundation of English language skills to talented 13-18 year-olds, -year-olds from economically disadvantaged backgrounds across Egypt's governorates.

Read more about it





SPECIAL APPRECIATION FOR OUR LAST IN-PERSON EVENT, 24TH NILETESOL

It seems like a lifetime ago in pre-pandemic times. In January 2020, Over 3,000 English language teachers internationally and across Egyptian governorates participated in the 24th Annual NileTESOL Conference under the theme, 'Dynamic Teaching: Sharing Perspectives and Inspiring Practices.' The diverse pool of passionate educators exchanged best practices on integrating technology and innovation, high interaction, and student-centered learning. [Read more about it](#)



LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT EMBRACING NEW REALITIES AT ILACE

1,400 language assessment specialists around the world synced their screens for two days of active exchanges on research trends, learned experiences, and best practices. Reflecting on the shared global experience of the COVID pandemic, participants reflected on key takeaways from their collective experience as they sought to hone their assessment skills. [Read more about it](#)

150 ENGLISH TEACHERS RIPPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY AS MENTORS & TRAINERS

SCE worked closely with the US Embassy's Regional English Language Office (RELO) to deliver another round of Mentor Training Program to 150 Early-Learning English Teachers. The intensive workshops presented best practices for instructive and communicative English, that are also aligned with the new curriculum for Egypt's Vision 2030. This year, SCE led the practicum, or simulation classes, to embed their learnings before they ripple back across Egypt. [Read more about it](#)



FREE FOR THOUGHT

Welcome to Free for Thought!

Across SCE, and the broader AUC, a central pillar of our identity as life-long learners is critical thinking. For many, it is perhaps the single most transformative experience of a learner's identity. The mindset shift often goes far beyond the classroom to foster personal awareness and enriched life-learning.

Here we share with you different scenarios we examine with our students.

In the English for Religious & Cultural Purposes program taught by the charming 'smile-enthusiast', Dr. Amira Makhoulouf, we explore the language through the lens of a wide variety of cross-cultural issues in an interactive and critical thinking approach.

In a tribute to our teaching times and transforming cultures, we encourage you to reflect on how you would finish this statement personally, and then consider the questions and case study.

"The tradition I carry on is ...



Do you have a perception of how people in your life might respond to this question? What about people from different cultures, religions, and values?

Discover how Americans across the country responded to that statement in PBS' American Portrait project. It might be interesting to list a few things you think they might say before watching.

Share with us the tradition you are carrying on and your thoughts on this exercise at scestories@aucegypt.edu.

As for us, the tradition we are certainly carrying on is critical thinking.



SCE ATTAINS THIRD REACCREDITATION BY IACET

SCE began 2020 in the final stages of a rigorous evaluation before soon celebrating its third re-accreditation from the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). This recognition underscores SCE's commitment to delivering high-quality educational offerings that meet international standards.

Read more about it

DECODING AN AUC TRAILBLAZER, RANA EL-KALIOUBY

Dr. Rana el-Kaliouby takes us through her inspirational journey in her riveting memoir, *Girl Decoded*. We dove deep at SCE in a virtual lecture with the AUC alumna and trustee, Dean James Ketterer, and hundreds of learners around the world. We followed that with a more intimate and in-depth discussion of the book in the first session of the school's new Book Club. *Read more about it*

FIRST STEVIE AWARD IN EGYPTIAN EDUCATION FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Meet SCE's award-winning champion for women's professional development, Dr. Amira El-Deeb. We caught up with her following the announcement of her latest recognition, Stevie Award for Women in Business, and learned about the work of the woman behind the award. *Read more about it*

WATCH AND LEARN



THIS IS WHAT LEARNING WITH PASSION LOOKS LIKE

Initially, Darine Ishaq picked up the English language in the most organic way. She is now in her third year of SCE's "English Language Skills for Basic, Independent and Advanced Learners" opportunity. Launched in 2015 by our very own Ahmed Awaad, this K-12 supplemental edutainment program is based on the Common European Framework Point of Reference (CEFR). Darine is one of 18,000 learners across 6 governorates so far to take their passion for the language to the classroom. *To watch the video, click here.*

COMMUNITY LECTURE SERIES

SCE launched a public service video series for its community of lifelong learners as we all adapted to life within our homes. The diverse topics include homeschooling, online teaching, music, poetry, history, cooking, and creativity.

SCE also launched an active Online Lecture Series with previous sessions available to watch.

Don't miss the editor's selection of Dr. Chelsea Green's (AUC Associate Professor of Music) intriguing talk on music and our times.

Stay tuned for upcoming sessions!
Read more about it