English language teachers celebrated a quarter-century of professional development at the 2021 NileTESOL Conference. Under the theme Digitize Globalize, the virtual event brought together over 3,000 professionals from across Egypt and the globe.

The two-day event started with welcoming remarks from the leadership and a keynote by Dr. Tarek Shawki, Minister of Education and Technical Education and former AUC Dean of the School of Science and Engineering. With that propelling spark to start the conference, participants went on to select from over 100 sessions on the agenda to partake.

The NileTESOL association is co-funded by SCE that leads the planning, delivery, and reflection process of the annual conference, as well as some Special Interest Groups events and mini-courses in between.

Dr. Mona Moursed at SCE: Accessing a New Career

“The Vocational Potential”

“We have faith that vocational programs will change our culture as Egyptians so that we don’t only look at university degree graduates, while technical caliber, regardless of their capabilities to perform well, are not regarded appropriately,” acknowledged President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.

SCE affirms the critical value of vocational education, but no one said that would be easy.

Ahlan (More) Arabic to SCE

SCE’s Arabic offerings may be less known than its English programs, despite its strong relevance and importance. Indeed, SCE’s offerings that enhance Arabic language skills are growing, including the launch of the Arabic Language and Culture Program (ALCP) and the Standard Arabic Proficiency Test (SAPT), as well as 1:1 lessons.

The SCE Online Lecture Series was back with the ever-relevant topic of “How to Access a New Career” with Guest Speaker Dr. Mona Morsed, the founding CEO of Generation: You Employed that has 43,000+ graduates across 30 professions.

Dr. Mona and SCE Dean James shared their insights on the fine balance and connections points between education and employment.
'ACCESSERS' BECOME 'BRIDGERS' AND PURSUE BIG OPPORTUNITIES

Meet Maria, Muhammed, and Aziza!
They are graduates of two of SCE’s most robust programs, the English Access Microscholarship Program, as well as the Access Alumni Bridge to US Universities Program, or Access and the Bridge as they are commonly known. They share with us their experience, the exciting opportunities they pursued, and their advice for incoming students.

Access is powered by the U.S. Department of State and provides foundational English language skills to talented, underserved 13-18 year-olds across Egypt. The Bridge equips the cohort of 60 Access alumni with the necessary skills to pursue their higher education potentially at AUC, the US, or elsewhere.

AUC LIBRARY STAFF UNDERGO IT TRAINING BY SCE

If you’re planning to borrow an electronic device from the AUC Library, you better take extra good care of it - well you should in any case, but they are now internally equipped to assess its condition.

In the first collaboration between SCE and the AUC Library, library staff are undergoing IT training delivered by SCE to confirm the condition of the device themselves and conduct basic maintenance measures as it is being checked out and returned.

In this 30-hour training, the library staff learn the essentials of assessing both the hardware and software for PCs and Mac devices.

'WRITE LIKE YOU WERE BORN A WRITER': SCE ACADEMIC WRITING

Equipped with the necessary academic writing skills, students can now receive a grade that reflects their subject matter knowledge and effort - without downgrades for avoidable writing mistakes.

SCE’s English for Academic Purposes uses the "process writing" method to guide learners through best practices of the writing stages.

Now available in the online self-paced, asynchronous format, students can ‘go to class’ at their convenience throughout the week. There are optional weekly office hours for the class with the instructors that are recorded and shared. As a part of the SCE’s learner-centered active learning approach, students receive individual feedback from the instructor on a weekly basis to help improve their personal writing style.

PARTNERSHIP FOR FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS: HEYA RAEDA

In true collaborative fashion, SCE partners with AUC School of Business’ Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CEI) to implement the Technology Innovation Entrepreneurship Center’s (TIEC) Capacity Building Program for Female Entrepreneurs, known as “Heya Raeda”.

The program supports 300 early-stage female entrepreneurs in the Communication and Information Technology sector over 15 rounds, with each round extending 5 days long. It runs online interactive webinars and trains participants with modules that include generating & validating ideas, business modeling, communication skills & strategies, and key technology enablers. It also incorporates activities such as Guest Speakers, participant pitches, and Demo-days.

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Welcome Back!

Here we share different scenarios inspired by our English for Religious and Cultural Purposes program taught by the charming ‘smile enthusiast’ Amira Makhlof. We explore the language through the lens of various cross-cultural issues in an interactive and critical thinking approach.

This time, we are exploring the theme of ‘knowledge.’

You’ve probably experienced holiday seasons differently than someone of another background. What we know about an event influences how we experience it.

We invite you to apply critical thinking and reflect on occasions that you do not personally celebrate or know relatively less about.

What do you know about it?
Where do we get that knowledge from?
Does that mean something in how you understand it?
What do you think others know about the events you celebrate?

We’d love to hear your thoughts on scestories@aucegypt.edu.

We wish you many returns and knowledge on all holidays!

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SCE DEAN ON AUC CARAVAN RADIO

SCE Dean Ketterer reflects on his two years on the job in an interview with the AUC Caravan. He discusses with Ms. Vereena Bishoy Boules how the SCE dealt with the pandemic, how the AUC community can get involved with SCE, and the Dean’s book club. Hear it here.

A NEW CHAPTER FOR AUC PRESS: SCE DEAN IS CHAIR OF NEW FACULTY REVIEW BOARD

AUC Press recently established a Faculty Review Board to examine new projects and external peer reviews, ensuring that the highest standards of quality and rigorous critique are reflected in forthcoming books carrying the AUC imprimatur to readers around the world.

Honored by his new appointment as Chair, SCE Dean James Ketterer said, “AUC Press plays a central role in the University’s mission to disseminate knowledge, and the Faculty Review Board is there to ensure that members of the AUC community have a substantive advisory voice in the intellectual output of AUC Press and to offer guidance as it looks to the future and aligns with the University’s strategic direction.”

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SCE FACULTY MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations!

Every year, SCE recognizes distinguished instructors and faculty members with Merit Awards. The award is not only an appreciation of their outstanding performance as teachers but also for their contribution to SCE and improving upon their skills.

SCE is proud of every single recipient of a Merit Award throughout its history, but with the additional challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic, we are especially proud of this batch that exemplifies excellence in adversity. Please join us in recognizing:

Tasyony Catherine Samir Hanna
Fernanda Galdurso Corigliano
Mohamed Adel El-Kady
Yasmine Albert Youssef Afram
Ashraf Hussein Shaarawy
Wessam Mohamed Elshazly Darweesh
Mohamed Mohab Mohamed El-Shamy
Hesham M Allam
Tamer Aly Mohamed Elnashar
Hazem Zohdy Adeeb Dawod Elhaggar
Ghada Ramzy Kamel Hannallah
Basma Ahmed Abdel-Hady Abul-Reesh
Fatma Mohamed Abdel-Meguid Fahmy
Ramy Mohamed Samir El-Din Mohamed
Ahmed Ayad
Marwa Salah Eldin Ahmed Mostafa
Germine Samir Saad Shehata
Hala Mohamed Abdel-Gawad
Iman Fawzy Mohamed Ahmed Elmasry
Yara Essam El-Din Ahmed
Nancy Mohamed Affifi
Amira Salama Gouda Affifi
Rania Nagy Mehnany
Laila Abdel-Hakim Ahmed Otefy
Maryse Moushir Riad
Salma Saleh Lamloum
Nevine Youssef Hussein
Mai Ossama Hussein Omar
Amira Mahmoud Abdel-Maksoud
Abdel-Aziz Hamdi Ahmed Ragab
Hanaa Abdel-Moneim Fayyad

FOR THE LOVE OF TEACHERS

Teachers are one of SCE’s priority learners. The school recognizes that this often underappreciated demographic is one the most effective investment areas to propel development on the macro and micro scales. It is active in collaborations that share this understanding and commitment towards teacher development.

Building on previous success in public schools in Damietta, Mansoura, New Valley, and Qena, the National Bank of Kuwait partnered with SCE to fund another round of Teacher Training opportunities in the New Valley and Qena Governorates. From a completely different industry but with a similar understanding; global hydrocarbon exploration mogul, Apache, also funded a Teacher Training program in partnership with SCE in Fayoum this spring.

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SCE PARTNERS WITH DEAN OF STUDENTS, EMPOWERING AUC STUDENTS WITH LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Since 2015, over 18,000 learners in 6 Egyptian governorates have benefitted from propelling partnerships that offer English language classes based on the Common European Framework Point of Reference (CEFR) to K12 students in their communities.

Take, for example, El Salam Language School in Sohag that opened up its gates 2 years ago to SCE and enrolled over 150 students from all over Sohag. They have just welcomed another incoming batch in June 2021 with 57 new learners.

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In partnership with the Office of the Dean of Students, SCE empowers AUC students with leadership training that enables them to pursue positions of influence in student organizations and office-led programs.

The Dean of Students sends an announcement to all eligible students prior to the beginning of each regular academic semester. Graduates of this program continue to serve as mentors to the new leadership cohorts, sharing their on-the-ground experience.

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BILINGUAL TALENT AROUND THE WORLD LEARN TO TRANSLATE AT SCE

If you’ve ever been part of an English instruction university in a nonnative country, you’ll appreciate the backbone provided by its Languages Department. That is certainly the case at SCE with its renowned languages programs that annually benefit over 30,000 students in their professional, academic, as well as personal lives.

Complementary to its robust English language courses, the department also boasts a premier translation program. Its prominent offerings range from foundational certificates to professional diplomas, as well as a number of standalone courses on popular topics such as computer-assisted tools and English for translators.

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SCE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS ADVANCE STUDENT ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS ACROSS EGYPT

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SCE BOOK CLUB: 2 BATCHES, 7 BOOKS, 20 READERS

Favorite Books
“The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto” by Mitch Albom

“Atticus Finch in ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’”

Favorite Quotes
“Everyone joins a band in this life. And what you play always affects someone. Sometimes, it affects the world.”

—“The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto”

“I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It’s when you know you’re licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.”

—“To Kill a Mockingbird”

Favorite Characters
The Maestro in “The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto”

Atticus Finch in “To Kill a Mockingbird”

Amal M. Soliman

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