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IBA Alumni Excellence Awards 2024



Wednesday, October 30, 2024: The Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, hosted the IBA Alumni Excellence Awards at the Movenpick Hotel, celebrating the exceptional contributions of its distinguished alumni who have significantly impacted various fields. With an impressive gathering of over 650 alumni and esteemed guests representing over 430 leading organizations from Pakistan and the world, the event was a grand tribute to the remarkable achievements of IBA graduates, whose work continues to influence industries, society, and the nation.

Hosted by Ms. Malahat Awan, Director of Alumni Affairs & Resource Mobilization at IBA Karachi, the ceremony brought the alumni community together for an evening to celebrate the alumni and recognize their achievements. Mr. Mohammad Sohail, Alumni Representative on the Board of Governors at IBA, welcomed the alumni and expressed his gratitude to the IBA fraternity, underscoring recent initiatives to expand alumni engagement and support.

Notable attendees included prominent civic and business leaders such as Aqeel Karim Dhedhi, Chairman of the AKD Group; Sulaiman Shahabuddin (Class of 1986), President - Aga Khan University; Ruhail Muhammad (Class of 1986), CEO - Lucky Electric Power Co.; Shabbir Diwan (Class of 1983), CEO - Gatron Industries Ltd; Mohammad Zubair (Class of 1981), former Governor of Sindh; Mian Mohammad Abdullah, Founder - Sapphire Group of Companies; and Mushtaq Chhapra, Founder of The Citizens Foundation and member IBA Board of Governors. Senior faculty, deans, and members of the IBA staff also graced the occasion. Members of IBA's Board of Governors were also in attendance including Saba Kamal & Shahzad Mahmood.

This year's honorees exemplify the values of excellence, leadership, and service, setting remarkable standards in their respective fields. The awardees include:

- Ali Allawala Honored for his contributions to Society and Philanthropy as the Founder of KDSP
- Amir Paracha Recognized for his contributions to Pakistan's Economy, Diversity, and Inclusion & Corporate Excellence in his role as the CEO of Unilever Pakistan
- Tabish Hashmi Celebrated for his contributions to Pakistan's Performing Arts & Media as a leading host & media personality
- Muhammad Ali Awarded for his contributions to governance and navigating Pakistan through political & economic turmoil as the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) and the former Minister during the Caretaker government
- Farkhanda Jabeen Commended for her contributions towards promoting DEI & Sports in Pakistan as the Director for the Special Olympics in Pakistan







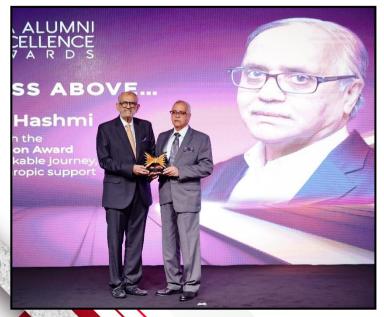


The IBA Distinction Awards were awarded to exemplary senior alumni who have exhibited excellence in leadership and service to IBA and the community, these included awards for:

- Sardar Abdul Rahim Founder, Barbecue Tonight for his Excellence in leadership and business acumen
- Shahid Hashmi Managing Partner, Pure Foods Management, USA for his remarkable entrepreneurship & philanthropic support towards higher education in Pakistan
- Mohsin Nathani Regional CEO, Habib Bank AG Zurich for his outstanding contributions to Corporate Banking & Commitment to social causes
- **Hafsa Shamsie** Managing Director, Roche Pakistan for her Outstanding achievements and invaluable contributions to the industry.









Sponsored by leading organizations such as PSO, K Electric, Mari Petroleum, RG Blue, and English Biscuit Manufacturer, the awards ceremony was an inspiring celebration of success and leadership. Dr. Abdullah S Shaikh, Dean of the School of Business Studies, offered the closing remarks. Dinner and networking followed, where alumni, faculty, and friends reminisced and reconnected, marking this as a defining moment in IBA's history of celebrating brilliance and impact.

IBA Karachi is a public not-for-profit university that provides over 30% of its students some form of financial-aid. IBA Karachi is the premier destination for recruiters with over 80% of its students securing jobs within 3 months of graduation and with students receiving admissions in top global universities locally and abroad for higher studies.

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Invite IBA x Standard Chartered

Thursday, October 24, 2024: Standard Chartered Pakistan hosted an INVITE IBA session at their Head Office in Karachi. This session was a continuation of the INVITE IBA series designed to foster connections and insightful discussions on relevant topics in today's landscape.

Moderated by Ramsha Shadab (IBA Alum from the Batch of 2022) the event featured Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director IBA and Saadya Riaz (IBA Alum), Managing Director and Head of Wealth and Retail Banking, who engaged in a thought-provoking dialogue on "The Future of Retail Banking and Economic Recovery Post-Crisis."

Dr. Zaidi kicked off the conversation by shedding light on key economic drivers, highlighting the stabilization of the economy and the pivotal role of banks in lending to the private sector. He underscored the drop-in investment rates and the importance of cultivating a diverse workforce, particularly the rising involvement of women in various sectors. Dr. Zaidi noted how today's students exhibit remarkable adaptability, making them invaluable assets in shaping the future economy.

Saadya Riaz followed with her insights on the transformative shifts within the banking sector. She emphasized the enhanced engagement from the State Bank and the ongoing efforts to widen access to banking services. She elaborated on how digitalisation, when paired with a human touch, is reshaping customer experiences, empowering individuals to define their financial identities and preferences.



Both leaders spoke about the integration of new technologies, especially in empowering women through innovative financial literacy initiatives delivered via mobile platforms. They also discussed the changing socio-economic landscape, the growing brain drain and the multifaceted challenges Pakistan faces, including the IMF debt cycle.

The event attracted over 100 engaged participants including the presence of Mr. Rehan Shaikh, CEO & Head of Coverage, Standard Chartered Pakistan. The event concluded with a lively Q&A segment, allowing attendees to exchange thoughts and ideas. Malahat Awan, Director of Alumni Affairs, expressed her gratitude for the robust participation and highlighted the essential role alumni play in uplifting their alma mater. She encouraged everyone to remain actively involved by sharing their time, expertise, feedback, and financial support.

For those interested in hosting similar sessions or finding ways to connect with IBA, please reach out to us at alumni@iba.edu.pk. Your involvement is vital in shaping the future of our community!









IBA Alumni Australia Chapter



We are thrilled to announce the launch of the IBA Alumni Australia Chapter! This new chapter aims to strengthen connections among alumni in Australia, fostering collaboration, networking, and support within our vibrant community.

The IBA Australia Chapter will serve as a platform for alumni to share experiences, explore professional opportunities, and engage in enriching events. Whether you're looking to reconnect with fellow graduates, expand your network, or participate in exciting initiatives, this chapter is here for you!

AI Masterclass with Dominique!

Dear Alumni,

You've all heard so much about AI in the past year, but its very difficult to understand where to start and how to bring it into the work you're doing. We're thrilled to share that we have a session in the works that can help navigate the space, with a speaker – Dominique – who helps leading companies and executives all over the world to demystify the space with fundamentals and frameworks on what executives need to know. Dominique is a leading global expert in AI.

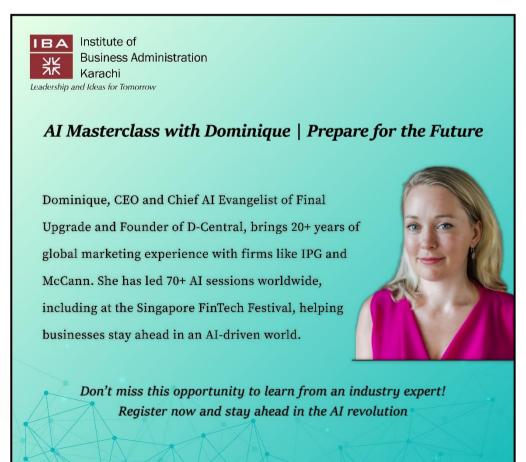
She has over 20 years of experience with major companies like IPG and McCann, always focused on tech and bringing tech into companies. Dominique has worked with organizations such as Google & The Coca Cola Company. She leads engaging public speaking events and AI workshops, helping businesses unlock AI's potential for transformation.

If you'd like to join, please make sure to register. All alumni are invited to participate! More information will be coming soon, so keep an eye out!

Registration link:

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With immense pride and honor, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to our esteemed alumni for their outstanding achievements. Let's continue to be inspired by their success and contribute to a brighter future together.









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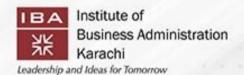
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Partnering for Progress: IBA Alumni Discount Initiative

We invite you to participate by offering exclusive discounts through your own business or with your employer to benefit the IBA community.

Exclusive Discounts for IBA Fraternity:

Provide exclusive discounts through your business or employer.

Showcase Your Brand:

Get your business in the spotlight among fellow alumni and students.

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