Our Education System needs drastic reforms. The son of the PM and the son of a cart-pusher should be studying at the same institute.

Chief Justice Peshawar High Court
Dost Muhammad Khan

Condolences
- Mother of Mrs. Roeea Kabir, Chancellor, Gandhara University
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- Father of Mr. Ghulam Noorani, Director Finance
- Father of Dr. Sartaj Khan, Dept. of Prosthodontics
- Brother of Dr. Ali Rizwan, Dept. of Oral Diagnosis
- Father of Dr. Ahmed Shah, Oral Pathology
- Son of Dr. Sartaj Khan, Dept. of Prosthodontics
- Father of Mr. Muhammad Jamal, Accounts Dept.

May their souls rest in eternal peace with Allah’s blessings upon them.

Gandhara University has been named after the Gandhara civilisation that existed in the same region from early 1st millennium BCE to the 11th century CE and served as a centre of education for students and scholars from all over South Asia and China. Renowned for its thirst for knowledge, innumerable remains of universities (seats for learning) have been found from the Peshawar valley, Potohar region and Kabul Valley.

Drawing its name from the same illustrious civilisation, centuries later life has again been breathed into Gandhara University – a reputable institute of academic excellence, headed by a group of dedicated professionals and academicians, who have mostly headed their respective specialties and departments for 25-30 years in public sector institutions and colleges. Gandhara University is committed to improve the quality of education and produce doctors, pharmacists, nurses and paramedical staff of high calibre to contribute towards the development of the country.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kabir the founder and former Chancellor of Gandhara University was a renowned surgeon belonging to the Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Province. He belonged to that rare group of a select few whose skill in the form of his healing touch sometimes overshadowed his brilliance as a teacher and vice versa when his aptitude for teaching overcame his surgical prowess.

On laying the foundation for Gandhara University, Dr. Kabir did what every human with capabilities and abilities ought to do – and that is to serve the others. He dedicated each arm within the University to the loving memory of his family members, as he knew it to be the only way their names would live on forever not to forget the blessings their souls would be bestowed with. Now that Dr. Kabir himself is no more, his family serves the University to keep the flame burning and his passion alive!

The Chief Justice Peshawar High Court, Mr Justice Dost Muhammad Khan joined the faculty and students of Gandhara University at the launching ceremony of their Annual Magazine “Gandhara-2012”. Mr Dost Muhammad spoke about the importance of education and its drastic lack in the country, specifically in the FATA regions of Khyber Pakhtoonkhaw. He said that during the last 60 years, not a single university has been established in that area which has a total population equal to almost half of the Province. He further added that the students from tribal areas ought to be able to go back to their villages and be able to work in their related fields, but lack of merit-based appointments, make it a difficult task.

The ceremony was arranged at the University’s spacious lawn on a bright spring morning, with the faculty and students in high spirits. The Chief Justice, citing the example of Gandhara University, said that in a very short span of time it has surpassed many public sector universities of the province which is commendable. He reminded the students that they have chosen a very noble profession, whose basic objective, purpose and aim is to heal the ailing community.

Mr. Justice Dost Muhammad also informed the audience that recently a Provincial Judicial Academy has been established for providing direly needed trainings to police, judges, lawyers as well as doctors (for preparing medicolegal reports) on the premises of the Judicial Complex.

The ceremony was marked by distribution of medals to the outstanding students of various classes. Shields for “Best Class of the year 2011” were awarded to 3rd year BDS and 4th Year MBBS classes, while Prof Mumtaz Ahmad and Dr Imran Tajik were conferred with the “Best Teacher Award” for the year 2011. Later the Chief Justice unveiled the newly published magazine “Gandhara-2012” and distributed special crests to the members of the Editorial Board.

After the ceremony, a humorous poetry recital (Mushaira) was arranged in which eminent poets, Mr Anwar Masood, Dr Inaam ul Haq Javed, Mr Sarfaraz Shahid and Zafar Khan Zafari amused the audience with their wit. The Mushaira was conducted by senior poet and writer, Dr Nazir Tabassam. The chief justice, Mr Justice Dost Muhammad Khan, despite his busy schedule made it a point to stay with the students till the end to enjoy the renowned poets’ brilliant sense of humour.

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And say: “My Lord! Bless them...”
Cherished me in childhood.
—Al-Quran, Prayer for parents (J.15, S.17, A.34)
Best Teachers of the Year 2011

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Hassan Ali
Topped 2nd Prof. Pharm-D (2011)

Saira Bano
Topped 3rd Prof. BDS-2011

Humaira Jabeen
Topped 2nd Prof. BDS-2011

Salma Rafiq
Topped 1st Prof. BDS-2011

Salman
Topped 3rd Prof. MBBS-2011

Dr. Mumtaz Ahmad
(Principal Kabir Medical College, Professor Dept. of Forensic Medicine)

Dr. Imran Tajik
(Head, Dept. of Orthodontics)

Outstanding students of the Year 2011

Salman
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**Innovative Mini Dental Implants**

A workshop on mini dental implants supported by 3M was held at SBDC on 13 April 2012. The mini implant is a revolutionary invention as it can hold a whole denture of the lower and upper jaw. The hands-on workshop was facilitated by Dr. Nasir Shah, Dr. Faisal Moeen and Dr. Abbas Nazvi (From 3M).

**Workshop on Faculty Development**

A workshop on faculty development was held from 12-13 December, 2012 for the teaching staff of Sardar Begum Dental College, Kabir Medical College and Naseer Teaching Hospital. The main objective of the workshop was to impart training in improvement of teaching methodology. It highlighted the importance of learning newer teaching techniques for imparting more efficient education. One faculty member from each department attended the workshop which ran for two days. Dr. Jawad Ahmed Kundi, Associate Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, with his experience and research in teaching methodologies imparted the training in the capacity of a facilitator. At the conclusion of the workshop, certificates were distributed among the participants by the Chancellor Gandhara University, Mrs. Roeeda Kabir.

**Teaching it right, early in life**

A successful operation

The Bloomfield Hall School had an Occupancy Day on 6th April, 2012. In this regard the school was visited by Dr. Saira Afridi and Dr. Sofia Kabir from the Dept of Preventive & Community Dentistry. The school children were instructed about oral hygiene and its importance in prevention of tooth decay. The children were most excited on being provided free dental hygiene kits containing a toothbrush and toothpaste and eagerly lent an ear to everything the doctors told them.

**Appointments/Promotions in Naseer Teaching Hospital**

- Dr. Amjad Naeeem
  Professor, Department of Surgery
- Dr. Abid Nawaz
  Professor, Dept. of Ophthalmology
- Dr. Muhammad Arshad
  Associate Professor, Dept. of Medicine
- Dr. Anum Ara
  Associate Professor, Dept. of Gynaecology/Obstetrics
- Dr. Aneela Ambreen
  Associate Professor, Dept. of Paediatrics
- Dr. Waqar-ud-din
  Associate Professor, Dept. of ENT
- Dr. Rifayatullah Afridi
  Assistant Professor, Dept. of Paediatrics

Naseer Teaching Hospital (NTH) serves as a teaching hospital for undergraduate students of Gandhara University. Students are exposed to a variety of clinical material, and the learning begins with an academic environment. The doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff of the hospital are trained in the primary trauma care course at NTH.Both departments are equipped with sophisticated electro-medical equipment. Both departments are equipped with sophisticated electro-medical equipment.

**Appointments/Promotions in Gandhara College of Pharmacy**

- Dr. Haroon Khan
  Professor
- Dr. Rifat-uz-Zaman
  Associate Professor
- Dr. Inayat-ur-Rehman
  Associate Professor
- Mr. Salar Muhammed
  Assistant Professor

Gandhara College of Pharmacy was established in 2000. It aims to improve the quality of pharmaceutical technology and to offer a diverse range of pharmaceutical courses. The college is recognised by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) and the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) ECFMG (U.S.A).

**Appointments/Promotions in Kabir Medical College**

- Dr. Syed Muhktar Ali Shah
  Professor, Pathology, Dept.
- Dr. Riaz Gul
  Associate Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine
- Dr. Nighat Musa
  Assistant Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine

Kabir Medical College is the first medical college established in the private sector (October 1995) at Peshawar. It comprises of Basic Sciences Department (Roeeda Kabir Basic Medical Sciences) and Clinical Sciences Department (Naseer Teaching Hospital). Both departments are equipped with sophisticated electro-medical equipment. The College has been recognised by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC), and enlisted in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) ECFMG (U.S.A).
The Advent of Spring...  
...brings out the restless soul. Hence a whole week was dedicated to sports events, with a variety in team structure: MBBS vs. BDS, students vs. faculty, female students vs. female staff and male students vs. male staff.

Sports Gala-2012

A Sports Gala was arranged from 20-25 March 2012 at Gandhara University by the Gandhara Sports Society. The inaugural ceremony was full of vivid colours and excitement. The Vice Chancellor Gandhara University inaugurated the event. The Sports secretary presented the annual report mentioning the achievements of the students in various sports. The Vice Chancellor in his address stressed upon the importance of co-curricular activities and their positive effects manifested through one’s education. The students participated in various matches of Cricket, Football, Badminton, Table Tennis, Netball and Tag of War in a very friendly atmosphere. Prizes were distributed among the winning teams by Prof Mumatz Ahmad (Principal Kabir Medical College), Prof Shaheed Iqbal (Principal SBDC) and Mrs Reeda Kabir (Chancellor Gandhara University).

After the fun and frolic, everyone wished to admire the beauty and the sweet scent of flowers whiffing in from the Gandhara lawns as well as the intoxicating spring weather in the Peshawar skies. The whole month of March and April has been full of spring showers and blessed beautiful blue sky. With such a mood beset in the campus, another week dedicated to the literary side of life began....

Literary Week

The Literary activities were carried out from 5-7 March, 2012 with Qira’at and Naat competitions, English, Urdu and Pushto debates. These were followed by Quiz, Painting and Photography competitions. Famous TV artists, Mr. Salah ud Din and Mr. Iftikhar Qaisar were the judges for the movie and skit competition and later they amused the audience with their performance. The theme of the week was the old city of Peshawar to which Prof. Muhammad Kabir (founder) himself belonged. The whole week saw the main halls of the university decorated with poignant pictures of the Peshawar walled city and its inhabitants, depicting centuries of traditions.

Nearly every student participated to the fullest in the events held for their enjoyment and intellectual nurturing. The events ended with a prize distribution ceremony.

Laughter is the Best Medicine

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