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Middlesex United FC

The football team that represents Middlesex University Dubai is 'Middlesex United'. This team entered the Dubai Amateur League (Division Three) in the 2008-2009 season, being promoted to Division Two for the 2009-2010 season. Middlesex United had an excellent season, finishing third place in Division Two as well as reaching the quarter finals of the League Cup.

Middlesex United is managed by Dr Marcus Stephenson, a university academic who has managed the university team since 2006. The team also has a professionally trained coach at UK FA (Football Association) level, recognised also by FIFA and UEFA. Training sessions are usually held on a weekly basis during term time, and the next football trials will take place during October 2010, recruiting players for the 2010-2011 season. Students can attend football practices throughout the season as practices are not just limited to first team players - all are welcome! If any student is interested in attending the training sessions please contact Dr Marcus. His email address is M.Stephenson@mdx.ac and telephone number is 04 3616252.

Sports Teams

See 'Student Activities' under the section: Student Life and also 'Middlesex United FC' under the same section.

Student Activities

Are you interested in getting involved in the student life at Middlesex University? Do you wish to join one of the active student clubs or start your own art, social, sport, music, charitable activity group? Do you like becoming a volunteer or a participant in the upcoming events? Then contact the Student Activities Officer, Ms Dragana Symons, 04-433 1775, email: D.Symons@mdx.ac.

The following are some of the most successful initiatives from last year:

SPORTS

University encourages our students to be active in sports. Currently, we have four very active sports clubs at the University that participate in various inter-university and regional tournaments. These are: Soccer – men, Cricket – men, Volleyball – men and women, Badminton – men and women, Chess – men and women. We are always looking at enhancing our sports activities and teams so students are welcome to offer to start other sports categories.

You have to be responsible towards your academic responsibilities and class attendance, as at University studies come first! Students with 'Fail' grades normally cannot play for university teams. We arrange regular try-outs and practice sessions so do come along!

For more information, please contact Dragana Symons, 04-433 1775, email: D.Symons@mdx.ac.

YOUTH FESTIVAL ('YF')

Celebrating the Spirit of Youth!

Every year, after a packed calendar of events and tournaments, the University (proudly) organises the largest student event – the Youth Festival. There is a week-long schedule of competitions in more than 15 categories, from art and writing, to cricket and fashion show leading up to a grand finale and a glittering awards ceremony!

Last year more than 500 students from over 40 nationalities participated in YF! This event is an excellent platform for students to showcase their talents. Under the guidance of Student Activities Office and other staff members, this event is entirely organised, coordinated and managed by students. Judges and referees in the competitions are leading professionals, prominent members of Dubai's social and professional circles, magazine editors and so on.

We welcome students to propose competition categories as well to participate in various competitions. If this looks like "too much lime-light" for some of you, please join the army of much needed volunteers – the true heroes of this event. We can assure you that you will learning and practice a range of skills from leadership to teamwork and make more friends than you can ever imagine! For more information on YF 2011, please Dragana Symons, 04-433 1775, email: D.Symons@mdx.ac.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Each November, the Tourism programme team hosts an International Day, in association with the Student Activities Officer the Student Council. It is a day full of events, with stalls representing each participating country, offering food, souvenirs, leaflets and information on each country – by MDX students to MDX students and staff! Last year 16 countries participated – this year we expect more! To get involved, please contact Ms. Lulu Baddar, 04-3616247, L.Baddar@mdx.ac.

OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS

There are many more interesting events and drives organized by the Student Clubs and the University including Charity Events, Healthy Eating Week, Anti-Smoking Day, Blood Donation drives, etc. To stay informed on the upcoming events, please read the Notice-boards, check information on the website (www.mdx.ac/StudentPortal.asp) and your emails or simply contact the Student Activities Officer, 04-4331775, email: D.Symons@mdx.ac.

Student Council

Student Council is an important part of the University and the right channel to voice your opinions, suggestions and ideas to the University's management and students. The Council conveys students' offers and plans to the University, to ultimately enhance the students' wellbeing and quality of students' campus life.

Each year Students Council elections choose the schools representatives, as well as the Council secretary, spokesperson, culture and sports officers. Student Council aims to provide opportunities for students to show their skills in various extra-curricular activities.

Students' Council members for 2010-2011 academic year are:

BUSINESS SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE:

Pooja Varma

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE:

Sylvin K Durrani

ARTS AND EDUCATION SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE:

Riaz Naqvi

ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION SCIENCE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE:

Abdulazeez Muhammed

SECRETARY:

Syeda Samah Ahmed

SPOKESPERSON:

Victoria Katheu Mwangela

SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE:

Asim Fahmi

CULTURE AND SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE:

Armeen Afzal

You can contact the Council representatives at any time with suggestions or requests. They have a dedicated email address, and you can find it on the University's website.

The Student Council Regulations are provided as "Middlesex University Student Council Regulations" under the section: Rules and Regulations in this Guide.

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The Buzz! Student Newsletter

This is our one and only University's magazine! Read the latest hot topics, valuable information and get to know the staff members and students better through interesting interviews in each volume. To contribute with design work, writing articles or conduct interviews, please contact the Student Activities Officer, Dragana Symons, telephone: 04-433 1775, email: D.Symons@mdx.ac.

Youth Festival

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