Congratulations go to the Department of Business Administration at the University which received accolades from the Eduniversal Business School Ranking for the year 2015. It determined that it is an excellent Business School with reinforcing international influence. Please see link: Eduniversal Ranking

The 2015/2016 academic year has begun with over 18,000 students enrolled. The opening ceremony was extremely well attended and was held at the Rieger Café on campus, where the President, the Rector and the Dean of Students spoke to the new and veteran students in attendance.

Prof. Gabriel Weimann from the Department of Communication at the University has recently published a book titled Terrorism in Cyberspace: the Next Generation. In the book, published by Woodrow Wilson Center Press with Columbia University Press, Prof. Weimann addresses terrorism’s arrival online; recent trends such as engaging children and women, promoting lone wolf attacks, and using social media, and future threats, along with ways to counter them. He analyzes content from more than 9,800 terrorist websites and selects their most important kinds of web activity, describes their background and history, and surveys their content in terms of kind and intensity, the groups and prominent individuals involved, and their effects.

Congratulations to Prof. Kobi Rosenblum, the Head Laboratory of Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms for Underlying Learning and Memory at the Sagol Department of Neurobiology and his colleague from McGill University Prof. Nahum Sonenberg, who have jointly received a research grant in the amount of $1.2 million from the Canada-Israel Health Research Program. Both researchers are studying the eIF2 alpha protein which is known to regulate the synthesis of protein in the brain while a memory is created. Their joint research has brought forth possibilities to better the cognitive abilities of those suffering from Neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s disease.
Will a Stone Pillar (monolith) found at the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea create a historic revolution? Prof. Zvi Ben-Avraham, the Director of the Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences and the Head of the Israeli Research Center for Mediterranean Sea Research and his colleague Dr. Emanuele Lodolo from the National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics in Trieste Italy, found the unusual artifact when they studied footage of the sea floor of an area known as Adventure Plateau in the Sicilian Channel. During dives in the area it was discovered that the artifact, which lies at 40 m deep, resembles the monoliths in Stonehenge but is bigger and heavier than they are. "To Chisel and carve such a pillar and transport it to where it was located takes technical knowhow and tools which up until this point were not attributed to such ancient civilizations. This discovery proves that we need to rethink what we know about the engineering and technical capabilities of the pre-historic man" Stated Prof. Ben Avraham.

Jack Gindi, a New York City based filmmaker and playwright, has recently hosted more than 30 friends and supporters of the University of Haifa at a private cocktail reception at his Manhattan residence overlooking the New York Stock Exchange. Guests viewed videos about the University, including one narrated by media icon Steve Forbes focusing on the University's world class marine sciences program: Steven Forbes clip . University of Haifa President Amos Shapira briefed the guests about the vital importance of the University to Israel's northern region. Law School graduate Nizan Packin, now a law professor in New York City, shared recollections about the dedication of the University of Haifa faculty and explained how her experience on campus gave her the opportunities to study further at the University of Oxford in England and to excel in her professional career in New York. A question and answer session with President Shapira concluded the formal program.

Prof. Yariv Tsfati, Chair of the University of Haifa's Department of Communication, has recently interviewed for an article at the Jerusalem Post regarding the media bias against Israel. He believes that a combination of time constraints and lack of resources is behind the seemingly insensitive headlines.