Murad Al-Momani, PhD'06, MA’05, CCC-A, FAAA
2015 Early Career Achievement in Health Professions Alumnus

A change in paths early in his career resulted in Murad Al-Momani, PhD'06, MA’05, CCC-A, FAAA, becoming one of the leading audiologists in the Middle East.

Dr. Al-Momani began his career as a speech pathologist, but after just three years he decided to become an audiologist. Today, he is the chair of the Audiology and Balance Unit in the Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Department at King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the largest medical center in the country.

Dr. Al-Momani is married with a son and five daughters. He was born in Ajloun, Jordan, and earned a bachelor’s degree in 1993 from Jordan University of Science and Technology and a master’s degree from JUST in 1995. He studied audiology at the University of Kansas, receiving a master’s degree in 2005 and his PhD in 2006.

While at KU, Dr. Al-Momani showed promise as a clinician, teacher and researcher. His dissertation provided important research regarding the specificity and sensitivity of electrocochleography (ECochG) – a test of inner ear function – in the diagnosis of Meniere’s disease, a major cause of hearing loss, tinnitus and vertigo in adults. His results, published in the International Journal of Audiology, have led to the expanded use of non-invasive ECochG by audiologists and otologists worldwide.

Dr. Al-Momani received a diversity award from the School of Health Professions in 2001 and in 2005 he was awarded a dean’s scholarship for distinguished young researchers. He was instrumental in establishing a student exchange between KU Medical Center and JUST, allowing students to earn their PhD degrees at KU before returning to serve on the JUST faculty.

In 2010, he accepted his current job at King Saud University where he stewards a research program. He was also the primary organizer of three major audiology/otolaryngology conferences in the Middle East – the first of which attracted the largest gathering of audiologists and otolaryngologists in the Middle East.

For his contributions to scientific research, establishing the student exchange between the medical center and JUST, and most notably the advancement of audiology in the Middle East, the KU Health Professions Alumni Association presents Murad Al-Momani, PhD’06, MA’05, CCC-A, FAAA, with the 2015 Early Career Achievement in Health Professions Award.