



EMU 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR FALL SEMESTER UNDERGRADUATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES RECEIVED THEIR DIPLOMAS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2019–2020 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony was completed successfully, with the attendance of President Mustafa Akıncı and Prime Minister Ersin Tatar as well as other ministers and members of parliament. Starting at 14:00 at the EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center, the event was also attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, EMU Board of Trustees' President and members, graduate students and their families. After a minute of silence and the National Anthem, speeches were made on behalf of graduates of the Fall Term and a symbolic tree planting was carried out.

"Do not stray from Truth and Reality"

At the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam began his speech by referring to the Elazığ and Malatya earthquakes that caused loss of lives. Prof. Dr. Osam went on to express his pride in congratulating the students and greeted the academic staff and families of the graduating students with respect. Prof. Dr. Osam's main advice to the graduates were to not stray away from truth and reality in their future lives, to ask questions and not to let ambition get in their way, and to ensure that no characteristic they behold get in the way of their being good individuals.



"I Wish you All a Great Future"

Prime Minister Tatar began his speech by also referring to the earthquake in Elazığ and Malatya, stating he shared in their grief. Tatar went on to advise the students that they are graduating from an important university in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), and wished the graduates who are ready to be beneficial to their countries and the world, good luck. Pointing out that humanity is one of the toughest and biggest issues in the world; he advised that the

new graduates have duties towards their families and their countries, starting today. Tatar completed his words by wishing the graduates endless success and a beautiful future.

"Continue to Learn during your Lifes Journey"

President Mustafa Akıncı also wished mercy to those who lost their lives in Elazığ and Malatya and extended his condolences to their grieving families. Akıncı went on to



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state that life after graduation will be even more difficult for the graduates, as they have always had someone to hold their hands since kindergarten, he underlined that now they will have a good profession with their own efforts, knowledge and abilities. Akıncı pointed out that social development is not only possible with knowledge, but with

being a good person and a good individual, and being able to continue life without being individualist and selfish. Emphasizing the value of social solidarity, Akıncı advised that democracy, human rights, pluralism and being sensitive to the environment and climate will assist students in completing their development. Adding that this is not the end of their learning, President Akıncı advised the students to continually learn throughout their lives and to contribute to forming a beautiful world. "University is finishing, but we will continue to be students throughout our life journey. We will continue to learn, and we will contribute our knowledge for a better community life, to a more beautiful and peaceful world, to live in peace".

After the speeches, the protocol handed out the diplomas to those students graduating as first in their faculties, schools and

departments. After the remaining students received their diplomas the ceremony saw the throwing of the caps and a concert by Fikri Karayel. Around 900 students graduated at the EMU 2019-2020 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony from Undergraduate and Associate Degree Programs.



EMU POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVED THEIR DIPLOMAS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2019-2020 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony was held on Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 15:00, at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Like last year, graduates of postgraduate programs received their diplomas in a separate ceremony, which was broadcast live on the EMU TV Web Page.

Attending the ceremony was representative of Nigeria's Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno, President of the Foundation Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, Deans, Department Heads, Academic Staff and over 200 postgraduate students and their families.



Emotional Moments

The ceremony began with the 2019 – 2020 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate Graduates entering the hall with music and applause, and as they entered all the academicians rose to their feet and turned to the parents who all had a huge role in their children's success. Following the emotional entrance of the students and the National Anthem, the audience enjoyed Classical Music Symphony by Aeterna Piano Trio, with Ayşe Karaoğlu on the Violin, Pınar Duruk Bayraktar on the Chello and Yuliya Starastsenkara Yılmaz on the Piano.

Following Aeterna Piano Trio, Chipu Precious Shawa of the Business Administration Program made a speech representing the 2019-2020 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduates graduates.

"EMU made us feel at home"

Talking about the difficulties experienced being away from her home, family and friends, Shawa stated that "EMU made us feel at home and this institution completely prepared us for our future". Addressing her fellow graduates Shawa went on to advise them of the great value of being a graduate from EMU, and emphasized that the academic excellence and quality vision of students studying in many universities around the world is not the same as EMU graduates.

Sevil Aydınlik of the Faculty of Architecture, PhD. in Architecture Program, made a speech representing the 2019-2020 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduates graduates, explaining that the educational process

during and prior to Ph.D is a very long and difficult journey. "It is our most important responsibility to protect, enrich and transfer universal values to the next generations" Aydınlik went on to say.

Prof. Dr. Osam Addressed the Graduates

Speaking at the Graduation Ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam first started his words wishing mercy to those who lost their lives in the earthquake in Elazığ, patience to the grieving families and wished the wounded a speedy recovery. Stating that EMU is proud of its graduates, he thanked the families and the supervisors for all of their support throughout the process. Prof. Dr. Osam advised the graduates to always make their inquiries with strength and within the framework of scientific norms.

"We've come a long way"

Underlining that the EMU's Flower of Science has grown deeply in its 40th year introducing young graduates to the world, Prof. Dr. Osam expressed that EMU has come a long way in the context of research and innovation, stating that "Our university, which is determined to comply with the principles of Magna Charta, has been highly praised for its place in the world rankings, research, publications and mechatronics. While 391 high-level scientific articles were published in 2019, the number of citations to our academics was 6,800.

This number of citations increased greatly when compared to last year, and the number of research awards reached

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523. A total of 6,343 theses have been completed within postgraduate studies, and these studies have been carried out by researchers from 89 different countries. Today, it is with great pleasure that there are 419 graduate candidates, including 97 PhD candidates from 35 different countries and 322 graduate candidates, with 168 young researchers entitled to receive postgraduate degrees with the participation

of 20 doctorate and 148 graduates. The basis of these achievements is the effort put forward by EMU faculty members and all employees with a sense of quality. I extend my sincere thanks to all our employees.”

The 2019 - 2020 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony continued with doctorate students receiving their diplomas. Rector

Prof. Dr. Osam presented plaques of appreciation to the thesis supervisors. Following the presentation of diplomas to the postgraduates, the cap throwing ceremony was enjoyed by all after a countdown from 10. At 18:00, graduates were rewarded with a cocktail at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center, where they continued the night with family photos and a cake cut by the Rector.



EMU FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES ORGANIZES OATH CEREMONY FOR GRADUATES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences organized an oath ceremony for the graduates of the 2019-2020 Academic Year Fall Semester. During the ceremony that took place at the Health Sciences Faculty Amphitheatre at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 29th of January 2020, undergraduate and associate level graduates recited their medical oaths. Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler was also present at the ceremony. At the ceremony that commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem, the opening address was delivered by EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç.

We are Living the Pride of Graduating 4500 Students

Stating that EMU Faculty of Health Sciences started its educational activities during the 2010-2011 Academic Year with Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Nursing, Nutrition and Dietetics departments, Prof. Dr. Malkoç added that School of Health Services was launched during the 2011-2012 Academic Year. Prof. Dr. Malkoç stated that they are living the pride of graduating 4500 students since the establishment of the faculty. Emphasizing that health is very important, Prof. Dr. Malkoç said, "Health is a very comprehensive concept expressed in only one word. This word refers to the state of well-being mentally, spiritually and socially as well as physically. Therefore, developments in the field of health should not be indexed only towards the treatment of patients. Alongside with the treatment,

health protection maintenance reveal the necessity of specialization areas. Being aware of what an important responsibility of health education is, our faculty continues its development with 8 undergraduate, 8 associate, 3 graduate and 3 doctoral programs, 5 in Turkish and 3 in English. Our main goal is to achieve better in the field of health sciences in our country.

"I Congratulate You as My Colleagues"

Highlighting out that they have made it their biggest target to train health scientists who will process, share and conduct a holistic evaluation of the information and ultimately transform it into social benefit, Prof. Dr. Malkoç also underlined that they are a respected institution with their contributions to scientific research through clinical studies both in national and international platforms. Addressing her young colleagues, Professor. Dr. Malkoç said, "You are all welcome to our community. You are graduating from an important university. We are very comfortable. I know that you will take firm steps on this path.

I recommend that you always remember Victor Hugo's famous saying "Being good is easy, what is difficult is being just." You are now part of the medical team. I congratulate you as my colleagues. Welcome"

Upon the completion of the opening speech, EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Departments of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Nutrition and Dietetics,



Nursing, Health Management and Sports Sciences undergraduate students recited their oaths as well as students from the associate programs, Oral and Dental Health, Anaesthesia, Surgery Services, Dialysis, Physiotherapy, First and Emergency Aid, Radiotherapy and Medical Imaging Techniques. The oaths specific to each department, were recited together with department chairs or program coordinators.

All health personnel take oath before starting their careers in the field. The oath shows devotion to the principles and ethical values they will abide by throughout their careers. Oaths that are generally accepted as tradition in the field of health can show slight variations between different universities and departments.



GRADUATES OF EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY TOOK THEIR OATHS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy organised an Oath Taking Ceremony for its graduates prior to the 2019 – 2020 Academic Year Fall Term Graduation Ceremony. The graduates took the first step of their profession by taking their oaths at a ceremony held on January 28th, 2020, Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. 62 pharmacists took oaths to serve humanity, and uphold the ideals and obligations of their profession. The graduates vowed to maintain a life-long respect for their instructors and never to break the oaths of their profession.

“Our Graduates are All Around the World”

Following the observance of a moment of silence and the Turkish National Anthem, Vice Rector for Promotion Prof. Dr. Hıfsiye Pulhan gave a speech and congratulated all new graduates and wished them the best

in their professional lives. Highlighting the fact that EMU has an elite group of alumni whose members have reached over 60,000, Prof. Dr. Pulhan added that EMU’s graduates are all around the world.

“We have graduated 433 Pharmacists So Far”

EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet İlkaç also delivered a speech and mentioned that EMU Faculty of Pharmacy is growing with firm steps and has graduated 433 Pharmacists so far. Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkaç also added that graduates of the faculty are serving humanity at all corners of the earth. Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkaç stated his belief that each graduate would become an excellent pharmacist and they would uphold the name of their university. At the end of his speech, Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkaç congratulated the graduates and families and wished them the best in their professional careers.



RECTOR PROF. DR. OSAM VISITS THE UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Rector of Eastern Mediterranean University Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam paid a visit to the Rector of Health Sciences University Prof. Dr. Cevdet Erdöl. During the visit of courtesy, Prof. Dr. Osam congratulated Prof. Dr. Cevdet Erdöl for the building which has been renovated without destroying its original qualities. Given to the disposal of the University of Health Sciences, Mektebi Tıbbiye’i Şahane building, a hospital built by Ottoman Sultan 2nd Abdülhamid Han,

underwent renovations a while ago and a protocol between the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the University of Health Sciences was signed for the renovation of the aforesaid building. The Istanbul Survey and Monuments Directorate will cooperate with the university for the millennial historical heritage’s renovation under the protocol. EMU and University of Health Sciences also have an academic collaboration protocol.



EMU PRESENTS ELECTRIC CAR “DA VINCI”, A DOMESTIC VEHICLE DESIGNED AND PRODUCED BY EMU

Designed and manufactured by the Electric Vehicle Development Center (EVDC) operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rectorate, the electric vehicle named “Da Vinci” and designed for the “Da Vinci” 2020 project, was exhibited at the 2019-2020 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony. Having developed the “Z-ZERO” with Mechatronics Design, that was awarded 5th place in the TÜBİTAK Efficiency Challenge Competition, “Mediterranean STORM” and Electromobile 2018, that reached 9th place and the “Mediterranean Shark” electrical vehicles, “Team Ada stated that “Da Vinci” has also been produced domestically with their own resources. With only one full charge, the “Da Vinci” vehicle is able to go 100 kilometers, costing 1TL to go from Famagusta to Lefkosa. The center, which deals with its design, development and production, also represents the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) at the international arena with its electromobile racing team as “Team Ada”.

“Da Vinci” Garnered Huge Interest
“Da Vinci”, which emerged as a result of



the intensive efforts of EMU Engineering Faculty students, garnered great interest and feedback from the visitors during the ceremony. The single-passenger vehicle was designed and manufactured with the aim of providing a modern and comfortable driving experience for the driver. “Da Vinci” is named after the painter, scientist and engineer Leonardo Da Vinci, who was famous for his creativity and genius. Behind the name of Da Vinci, who had successful achievements beyond his time, lies the reasons to emphasize the importance of creativity and thinking ahead in engineering.

“Will Be Used on EMU Campus”

Powered by the electric battery system, the vehicle has lithium-ion battery technology. It is possible to fully charge the battery in a short while of thirty minutes with the fast charging feature and within three hours with the slow charging feature. In addition, phones and small electronic devices can be charged in the vehicle, thanks to the unit

integrated in the vehicle. Two airbags in the driver’s seat and steering wheel ensure crash protection. The blind spots of the vehicle were brought under surveillance with four strategically-placed different cameras capable of night vision. Two monitor units placed on the control panel provide vehicle information including speed and charge. Additionally the vehicle can be monitored from four different perspectives making, it easier for parking and driving.

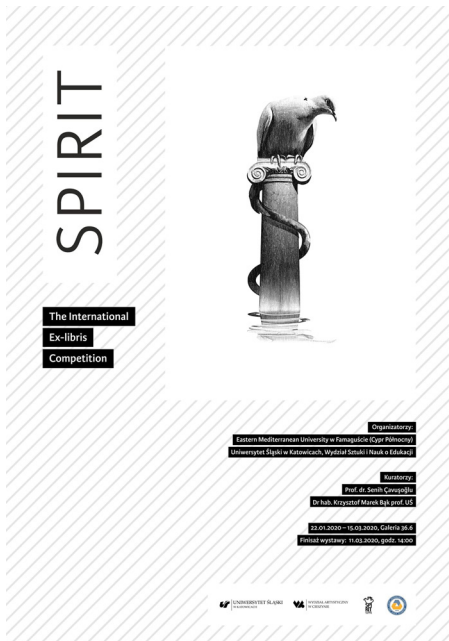
In Da Vinci, the two-cylinder circuit braking system allows fast braking in racing vehicles class. When using brakes with regenerative braking, the battery is recharged to achieve high energy efficiency. As the state-of-the-art work of EMU Engineering students and the domestic electric vehicle of the TRNC, “Da Vinci” will be used at the EMU campus in the coming days.

“I’m proud of the Team”

Making an announcement in relation to the “Da Vinci” Electric Vehicle, EMU Electric Vehicle Development Center (EVDC) President and EMU Rector’s Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı stated “We have received a lot of interest and we were very happy with the feedback. We will start using it on the campus as soon as possible. It should not be forgotten that this project is the work of a group of future engineers. It is not a product produced by a company with large budgets or for commercial purposes. Our aim is to give our students experience both in the field of engineering and in the context of team work. It is also to raise awareness in our society inside and outside the university and to inspire younger generations. Therefore, my team ‘Team Ada’ has completed a very valuable project and made me and EMU extremely proud. I would like to thank each of my young friends separately. On behalf of my team; we would also like to thank our Rector, his team and all affiliated units, who always supported and led us. Good luck...”.



EMU VISUAL ARTS AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN DEPARTMENT'S EXLIBRIS COMPETITION EXHIBITION OPENS IN POLAND



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department's collaboration with Poland's Silesia University saw the ExLibris International Competition titled 'Spirit' successfully completed and now it is the turn of the exhibition that has been opened in Poland. The exhibition will contain the competition winner's art pieces, as well as 220 other worthy pieces, in Poland's city of Katowice, displayed at the University of Silesia, Department of Arts and Educational Sciences.

The exhibition, which is presented to the audience with a printed catalogue, will meet with the audience at the EMU, Faculty of Communication, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department in the coming spring.

The competition which garnered intense participation was evaluated by an international jury on November 1, 2019, with 600 ex-libris works by 200 artists deriving from 35 different countries.

The evaluation jury that was held at the EMU Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department, Exhibition Platform, comprised of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, famous Belgian artist and EMU Rectorate art consultant; Martin R. Baeyens, Turkey Üsküdar University Faculty of Communications, Cartoon and Animation Department Head Prof. Dr. Hasip Pektaş, Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Education, Silesia University, Prof. Dr. Krzysztof Marek Bąk and EMU Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Chair Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu.

The competition titled "Spirit" awarded a special first prize to Anna Trojanowski (Poland), with the other first prize awarded to Xingting Li (China), second prize Ozan Uyanık (Turkey), while the third prize was awarded to Xin Yi Hong (China). The jury also awarded honorable mentions to Alperin Güldü (Turkey), Christine Debooser (Belgium), Aleksandra Hachul (Poland), Murat Ertürk (Turkey), Olexandra to Kalinska (Ukraine), Jiang Lu (China), Shaghayegh Ghasemzadeh (Iran) and Tezcan Bahar (Turkey).

EMU HONOURED RETIRING PERSONNEL EMİNE ESEN



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) awarded a plaque to retiring personnel Emine Esen, for her many years of devoted work.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam awarded the plaque to Esen at the Rector's Office, with the presence of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur and Banking and Finance Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç, as well as other staff from the Faculty of Business and Economics.

Emine Esen, who has undertaken different responsibilities at EMU since 1994, was thanked by Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, who also underlined how dedicated she has worked for many years.



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