

## GRADUATION ENTHUSIASM AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2023-2024 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremony for Associate and Undergraduate Programs took place on Wednesday, 31 January, 2024 at 02:00 p.m. at EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. Present at the ceremony were

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) President Ersin Tatar, TRNC Parliament President Zorlu Töre, TRNC Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu, TRNC Chief Prosecutor Sarper Altıncık, National Unity Party (UBP) member of the Parliament

Resmiye Canaltay, Republican Turkish Party (CTP) members of the Parliament Teberükten Uluçay, Şifa Çolakoğlu and Erkut Şahali, Higher Education Planning, Supervision, Accreditation and Coordination Board (YODAK) President Prof. Dr. Turgay Avcı,

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Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) 2023 – 2024 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony was held on Tuesday, 30 January, 2024, at 04:00 p.m. at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. At the ceremony, doctoral and master's degree graduates received their diplomas. Present at the ceremony were EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Gazi University Rector Prof. Dr. Musa Yıldız, Health Sciences University Rector Prof. Dr. Kemalettin Aydın, EMU Board of Trustees Members, Vice Rectors, Institute for Graduate Studies and Research Director Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy and Assistant Directors, Members of the Senate, Faculty Members, graduates and their families. The ceremony was broadcast live worldwide via BRT 3, EMU TV and the social media accounts of EMU (YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/user/eastmeduniv> and Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/eastern.med.univ/>) The ceremony commenced with the entrance of the 2023-2024

Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate Program Graduates to the ceremony area accompanied by music and applause. After a Moment of Silence and the National Anthem, a recital performance by EMU Faculty of Education, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program Academic Staff Member and Pianist Assist. Prof. Dr. Atakan Sarı and Violinist Başak Elcil took place. Then, EMU Faculty of Education, English Language Teaching Master's Program Graduate Şerife Engür and EMU Faculty of Architecture, Architecture Ph.D. Program Graduate Nessma Amin Qasem Alhammadi delivered speeches on behalf of graduates.

## “EMU Graduates Make a Difference”

Speaking at the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that the total number of EMU's graduates, together with the graduates to receive diplomas at the graduation ceremonies of 2023-2024 Academic Year Fall Semester, exceed 72 thousand, and that EMU takes pride in its graduates who are all around

the world. Providing information on EMU's international achievements and the accreditations the university holds, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that this semester over 16,300 students from 105 different countries have received education at EMU, adding that EMU is a huge educational institution with students from every corner of the world. Congratulating the EMU graduates and their families, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed that EMU graduates will be successful individuals making a difference in their professions no matter where they are in the world.

## “You will Proudly Carry the Torch of Science Ignited at EMU”

EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk also delivered a speech at the ceremony and noted that the graduation day is a proud day for the graduates, making their families, loved ones as well as EMU proud. Saying that the graduates, who came to TRNC from all around the world, received the best education, Dr. Özçenk emphasized → p. 3 that



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they will reap the benefits of the quality education they received at EMU in the next chapter of their lives. Thanking the graduates, their families, academic staff members and all EMU personnel, Dr. Özçenk expressed that there is no doubt that EMU graduates, wherever they may be in the world, will proudly carry the torch of science ignited at EMU and will always illuminate the path of science. Lastly, Dr. Özçenk wished the graduates success in their future endeavors.

## Graduates Received Their Diplomas

2023 – 2024 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony continued with the presentation of plaques to thesis advisors and diplomas to doctoral program graduates by EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. Gazi University Rector Prof. Dr. Musa Yıldız and Health Sciences University Rector Prof. Dr. Kemalettin Aydın presented diplomas to doctoral program graduates. EMU Institute for Graduate Studies and Research Director Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy and Assistant Directors Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe and Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rizaner presented the diplomas to the post-graduate program graduates. The ceremony ended with the counting down from 10 accompanied by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and the students throwing their caps into the air with great enthusiasm.





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The ceremony was broadcast live worldwide via BRT 2 channel as well as EMU TV and EMU's institutional social media accounts (YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/eastmeduniv> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/eastern.med.univ/>). Over 1,000 associate and undergraduate degree graduates received diplomas in the ceremony. Increasing the number of its alumni with each passing year, EMU's total number of graduates exceeded 72 thousand with its 2023 – 2024 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates.

The ceremony commenced with the entrance of graduates to the stadium along with Senate Members and Faculty Members. Then, a moment of silence and National Anthem took place followed by speeches of EMU Education Faculty, Special Education Department, Special Education Teaching Program's top student Ezgi Kudret and EMU Communication Faculty, New Media and Communication Department's top student Lore

Lekgotla D Bothate who respectively talked on behalf of fellow graduates. The graduates did not forget to mention about the Champion Angels during their speeches. Following the speeches, a symbolic tree planting session was held.

## **“We Share the Pride of Our Graduates”**

Delivering a speech at the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç provided information on the history of EMU, the values it adds to the country, its international structure, achievements and accreditations. Expressing that EMU has a very unique education environment that is rarely found in universities all around the world, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the students of EMU are privileged and that the university is sharing the pride of its graduates who have successfully completed their studies. Prof. Dr. Kılıç congratulated all the graduates, their families and EMU personnel members who contributed to the success of the graduates.

## **“The Success of Our Graduates is the Pride of EMU”**

EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk expressed great pride as they prepare to present diplomas to the young, dynamic, and well-educated EMU graduates who have become part of the EMU family since they arrived to the TRNC and the EMU campus from all around the

world. Stating their belief that the EMU graduates will always feel a belonging to the EMU, Dr. Özçenk added that it would bring them great happiness if graduates become ambassadors for EMU, particularly in the TRNC, and emphasized that their success in their new journeys will be a source of pride for EMU. Dr. Özçenk wished all graduates great success in their future endeavors.

## **“It's a Privilege to be a Member of EMU”**

During his speech, YODAK President Prof. Dr. Turgay Avcı stated that it is a privilege to be a member, graduate, academic staff or worker of EMU. Saying that he is also an EMU graduate who received his diploma from the first Business postgraduate program 32 years ago, Prof. Dr. Avcı noted that, over the course of 30 years, he has signed thousands of young people's diplomas at EMU while serving in faculty and administrative roles. Addressing the graduates, Prof. Dr. Avcı advised the graduates to celebrate their achievements today but to be aware that the most challenging journey of their lives is about to begin as of tomorrow. Prof. Dr. Avcı stated that the graduates are ready to the challenging awaiting them as they are now graduates of EMU. Lastly, Prof. Dr. Avcı wished success to all the graduates.

## **“The World will be a Better Place with You”**

In his speech, TRNC Minister of National



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Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu expressed their contentment and pride to be at the ceremony congratulating the graduation of the students. Noting that EMU is a state university established by statute and that it will remain so indefinitely, Minister Çavuşoğlu conveyed gratitude to the academicians who have trained thousands of students to become distinguished professionals in their fields. Addressing the families who have entrusted EMU by bringing their children to the education island of Cyprus, Minister Çavuşoğlu stated that they are now delivering their children to them, having nurtured them in the free lands of Cyprus with rights to freedom of thought, belief, life, and speech. Speaking to the graduates, Minister Çavuşoğlu emphasized that the graduates will return to their countries with a broad global vision, serving humanity and their nations, and noted that the world will be a better place with EMU graduates.

## “You will be Honorary Ambassadors of TRNC and EMU”

During his speech, TRNC Parliament President Zorlu Töre stated that they attended the ceremony to share the happiness of the EMU graduates. Noting that there was no university in the history of the TRNC about 50 years ago, Parliament President Töre mentioned that EMU, established in 1979 as the Institute of Higher Technology,



became a university in 1986 under the name Eastern Mediterranean University. Addressing the graduates, Töre emphasized that they will become honorary ambassadors of the TRNC and EMU in the countries they visit and stressed the importance of solidarity and unity among them.

## “Serve Your Countries While Always Improving Yourself”

President Ersin Tatar stated that EMU is a successful international institution of education

with its academic personnel, structure and the education it offers. Saying that the university has students from 120 different countries, President Tatar highlighted that the experiences gained during the university life is a significant obtainment. Stating that the education received and the friendships formed at the university will have great contributions to the graduates' careers, President Tatar emphasized that the graduates can always keep contact with other fellow alumni members, supporting each other, wherever they are by virtue of the communication tools. President Tatar wished the graduates to continue their personal developments, improving their visions in a way integrating it with universal values, and to serve their communities in their countries. At the end of his speech, President Tatar congratulated the students and their families.

Following the speeches, top students of faculties and departments were presented their diplomas and awards by the members of the protocol. Then, 2023-2024 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates received their diplomas. The ceremony ended with cap-throwing countdown along and Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Vice Rectors.



# OATH TAKING CEREMONY ORGANIZED FOR FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND SCHOOL OF HEALTH SERVICES FALL SEMESTER GRADUATES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences and School of Health Services organized an Oath Taking Ceremony for 2023-2024 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates. The ceremony took place on Tuesday, 30 January, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Champion Angels Amphitheater, where 75 healthcare professionals took their oaths. EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Acting Dean of the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Assist. Prof. Dr. N. İlke Akçay, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, vice deans of the faculties, department chairs, academic personnel, students and their families attended the ceremony.

Following a moment of silence and the national anthem, the Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics top ranking student Çağrı Özlütaş and, representing the English-medium program, top ranking student of the Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Alaa Gamal E. Mohsen delivered speeches on behalf of the graduates.

## “It Requires Great Responsibility to be a Healthcare Professional”

Delivering the opening speech of the Oath Taking Ceremony, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Malkoç emphasized that today they gathered for a highly honorable occasion. Stating that they were about to witness a huge step taken by the 75 young colleagues, Prof. Dr. Malkoç touched on the mission of the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, which is to raise qualified individuals in the field of health sciences who produce, spread, and practice knowledge.

Thanking all the personnel members who have significantly contributed to the graduation of the



students and worked relentlessly for the Faculty of Health Sciences to reach the point the faculty stands today, Prof. Dr. Malkoç address the families of the graduates, saying “Today, we are bidding farewell to your beloved children from the faculty. On behalf of the faculty and all the graduates, I extend our gratitude”.

Addressing the students, Prof. Dr. Malkoç said, “Dear colleagues, following a challenging education period, you are about to start a new chapter of your life. Being a healthcare professional requires great responsibility. Your responsibilities towards the community begins with this step you are about to take. Change, transformation and development hold great importance in today’s world. We observe this

transformation not only in technology but also in every aspect of our lives. Transformation begins with you. First envision dream, then run towards achieving it. As you change and transform, you will witness growth accompanying your journey. I have full confidence that each of you will represent EMU and the Faculty as outstanding healthcare professionals in remarkable places. Stay true to your professional oath. May success pave the way for all of you”.

Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Öztüren presented awards to the top ranking students of the Faculty of Health Sciences and School of Health Services. Then, the names of the top graduates were recorded in the memorial logbook.

## Students Took an Oath on Their Commitment to Principles and Ethical Values

Graduates from the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, including the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Department of Nursing, Department of Exercise and Sports Sciences, as well as graduates from the programs of Dental Health, Anesthesia, Operating Room Services, Dialysis, Physiotherapy, First and Emergency Aid, Radiotherapy and Medical Imaging, a recited their respective oaths accompanied by Department Heads and Program Coordinators.

Before starting their professional careers, graduates of the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences and the School of Health Services took an oath to express their commitment to principles and ethical values that they will adhere to throughout their professional lives. After reading their oaths, the graduates enthusiastically threw their caps in celebration of their graduation.



## FACULTY OF PHARMACY 2023 – 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR FALL SEMESTER GRADUATES TAKE THEIR FIRST STEPS INTO THE PROFESSION

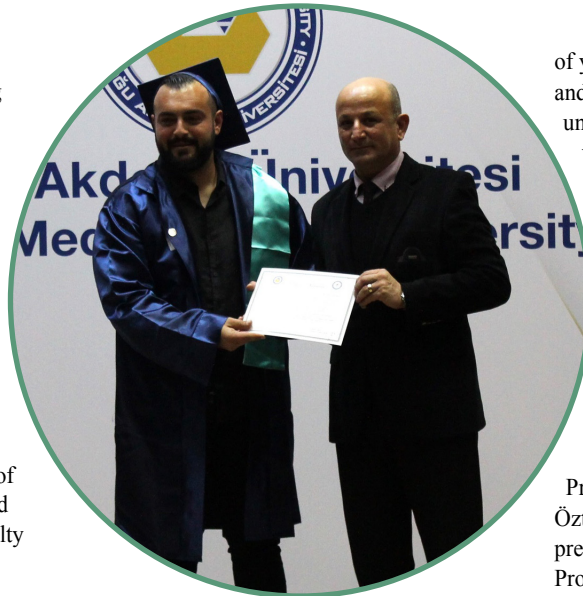


Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy organized an oath taking ceremony for 2023-2024 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates. The said ceremony took place on Monday, 29 January, 2024 at 03:00 p.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall where the graduates took their first steps into the profession. Present at the ceremony were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan, the Acting Dean of the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Assist. Prof. Dr. N. İlke Akçay, the Vice Deans of Faculty of Pharmacy Assist. Prof. Dr. Jale Yüzügülen and Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Dilen Özyılmaz, Faculty Members and graduates.

The ceremony commenced with a Moment of Silence and National Anthem followed by a music recital performance by EMU Faculty of Education, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program academic staff member and Chorus Master Erkan Dağlı and, Pianist Atakan Sarı. The ceremony continued with the speeches of 2023 – 2024 Academic Year Fall Semester top ranking student of Pharm-D program Elaleh Mirzaei and top ranking student of M-Pharm program Yağmur Hasipoğlu.

### “Always Adhere to the Scientific and Ethical Values”

Speaking at the ceremony, the Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Gülcan welcome everyone



attending the event and stated that, with the oaths to be taken, the student will take their first steps into their profession. Expressing their contentment, Prof. Dr. Gülcan stated that without a doubt, the graduates will do whatever it takes in the fields of healthcare, science and ethics. Addressing the families of the graduates, Prof. Dr. Gülcan said; “I can related how proud you are today. You are also big part of this success. I wholeheartedly congratulate you all”. Also thanking the faculty members of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr. Gülcan continued his words by addressing the graduates; “Young colleagues, you are about to graduate as pharmacists. Some

of you will work in pharmacies, some in hospitals and others in different research and development units. Always adhere to the scientific and ethical values you have gained during your studies at the faculty. Always keep track of the latest developments. Each and every one of you is a representative of EMU and the Faculty of Pharmacy. We are always here to support you. I wish you a professional life full of success”.

Following the opening speech, top students of Pharm-D and M-Pharm programs were presented with awards by EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren. The ceremony continued with the presentation of Oath Certificates by Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, the Acting Dean of the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Prof. Dr. Akçay, Vice Deans of Faculty of Pharmacy Assist. Prof. Dr. Yüzügülen and Assist. Prof. Dr. Özyılmaz and academic staff members.

### Nearly 40 Young Pharmacists Took Oaths

Nearly 40 young pharmacists took oath during the ceremony attended by Faculty of Pharmacy, B-Pharm and Pharm-D program students. The graduates took their first steps into their professional careers by expressing their oath to utilize all their knowledge and skills to protect the health of patients, not to misuse their profession, and to treat patients from every religion, language, and race equally and fairly. The ceremony ended with cap throwing after the reading of the oaths.



# RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES



A Graduation Reception was held on Tuesday, 30 January, 2024 at 06:00 p.m. at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center within the framework of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2023-2024 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation events.



The event that brought the EMU graduates and their families, who have played a crucial role in their children's success, together with the EMU personnel was attended by EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özcenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, the Rectors of visiting universities, Members of EMU Board of Trustees, Vice Rectors of EMU and visiting universities, EMU Senate Members, academic personnel, graduates and their families. The participant of the event had a joyful evening accompanied by the musical performance of Retro Çalgıcılar music band.



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