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EMU CELEBRATES WORLD PHARMACISTS DAY WITH A WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Pharmacy, White Coat Ceremony took place on Thursday, 25 September 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Green Hall of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy. Nearly 60 students wore their white coats during the ceremony held within the scope of the 25 September World Pharmacists Day.

Present during the said event were; Acting President of EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Halil İbrahim Orun, Acting EMU Rector and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Dentistry Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak, Dean of EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of EMU Faculty of Communication Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, Vice Deans of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Assist. Prof. Dr. Jale Yüzügülen and Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Dilek Özyılmaz, students and families.

The ceremony commenced with the observation of a moment of silence and the National Anthem,



and continued with a promotional video of EMU and Faculty of Pharmacy, followed by opening speeches.

"An Ever-Lasting Profession"

In his address, Dean Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan emphasized EMU's status as a globally recognized institution and highlighted the important role of the Faculty of Pharmacy within it. He noted that since its establishment in 2011, the faculty has graduated over 1,300

students from various countries and provides a modern, high-quality education supported by a strong academic team. Congratulating the students as they took their first professional step by wearing their white coats, Prof. Dr. Gülcan also shared insights on the history of World Pharmacists Day and celebrated the occasion with the young future pharmacists. Stressing the noble nature of the pharmacy profession, Prof. Dr. Gülcan pointed out that as long as humanity exists, illnesses and treatments will > pg. 2

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The 'Welcoming Night' event held as part of the Eastern Mediterranean University 28th Orientation Days organized between 19 August and 30 September 2025, ahead of the 2025-2026 Academic Year, was filled with colourful moments thanks to the enthusiastic participation of students. Supported by Municipality of Famagusta and with North Cyprus Turkcell (KKTCELL) as the communication sponsor, this year's EMU Orientation Days program also featured numerous activities, including online seminars, social and cultural events, workshops, and city and campus tours.

'Welcoming Night' Held

On Friday, 26 September 2025 at 06:00 p.m., a 'Welcoming Night' event was held at EMU Beach Club, for the new students of EMU. During the event, the Niyal Öztürk Band and DJ > pg. 4-5



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persist, making pharmacy a truly enduring profession. He further added that the faculty enjoys global recognition and holds international accreditations.

"A Clinical Health Science with a Vital Role"

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, the Acting EMU Rector and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, expressed how pleased he was to take part in this significant event on 25 September World Pharmacists Day. Prof. Dr. Karatepe emphasized that pharmacy is a clinical health science linking medicine and chemistry, playing a crucial role in disease prevention and treatment. He continued; "The white coat is more than just attire—it represents science, responsibility, ethical principles, and dedication to human health. By putting it on today, you are committing not only to learning but also to using that knowledge for the good of humanity". Prof. Dr. Karatepe stated his belief that the students will grow into competent, ethically responsible pharmacists who serve society through an education of international standards. He expressed his gratitude to the families for their support and to the faculty members for mentoring the students. Prof. Dr. Karatepe concluded his remarks by wishing all students a successful and rewarding academic year.

A Message from VYK President Dr. Erdal Özcenk

Unable to attend the event, EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özcenk sent a message for the students which read: "The white coat represents dedication to science, humanity and ethical values. Today, you are taking the first step of a sacred profession. I am proud of each and every one of you, and wish you continuous success in your journey. May your path be bright".

Following the presentation of white coats, the ceremony concluded with a first lecture titled "Effective Communication" by Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, the Dean of EMU Faculty of Communication. EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan present a bouquet to Prof. Dr. Ersoy for their contribution to the event.













9TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF EDUCATION AND VALUES HELD IN COLLABORATION WITH EMU AND TDK

Organized in collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Turkish Language Association (TDK), the 9th International Symposium of Education and Values (ISOEVA) was held on 7-9 October 2025. The event brought together scholars from Türkiye, North Cyprus, Kosovo, Malaysia, Macedonia, Nigeria, Romania, and other countries, offering an international scientific platform in the field of values education.

The event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Member of the Board of Trustees (VYK) Beyhan Gürgöze, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Chair of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Atatürk Teacher Academy Prof. Dr. Güner Konedralı, TDK Vice Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Harun Şahin, Dean of EMU Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, Mersin University Academic Persennel Prof. Dr. Kadir Ulusoy, as well as department chairs, academics and students.

"The Role of Education is not Only to Teach Information but Also to Cultivate Values"

At the beginning of the symposium, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Education, highlighted that education goes beyond merely imparting knowledge; it is a humanizing process that shapes one's identity, conscience, sense of aesthetics, and awareness of social responsibility. Prof. Dr. Pehlivan pointed out that values form the essential principles that give life to a society, yet in today's fast-paced digital world, they are sometimes quietly overlooked. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Pehlivan emphasized that the role of education is not only to teach information but also to cultivate and sustain values. He described values education as an ongoing awareness that extends to every aspect of life, influencing teacher behaviors, parental involvement, school environment, and student actions. Concluding his remarks, he wished the participants a successful symposium and stated, "Values are not taught in classrooms—they are nurtured in the human heart. The purpose of education is to touch that heart."

"The Shared Association of the 350-Million-Strong Turkic World"

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Harun Şahin, Vice Chair of TDK, expressed his pleasure at visiting Cyprus, saying, "It is a great honor to be here in the presence of members of the Turkish Resistance Organization, as well as our martyrs and veterans." He underscored









that the TDK serves not only Türkiye but the entire 350-million-strong Turkic community, emphasizing that "Turkish is more than a tool for communication; it is a way of thinking and a marker of identity." Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şahin added, "Values begin with language, live through language, and are sustained by language," noting that protecting Turkish identity is intrinsically linked to preserving the Turkish language. Highlighting Atatürk's commitment to the Turkish language, he stated that the TDK has continued its mission with unwavering dedication for 93 years.

"Values Education: A Fundamental Need in Today's World"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his pleasure at hosting the symposium and extended his warm greetings to all attendees. He highlighted that education is not just about conveying knowledge, but about cultivating individuals to be just, tolerant, and responsible, making values education one of the most crucial needs of the modern era. Noting the importance of safeguarding human values amid rapid technological advancements, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that the symposium, which brings together scholars from various countries, fosters intercultural understanding. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also pointed out that

the panels, presentations, and teacher-led sessions provided a valuable platform linking science with humanity and knowledge with values. He concluded by expressing his gratitude to the Faculty of Education, the Turkish Language Association, the academics, and all participants for their efforts in making the event a success.

On the first day of the event, "Education Policies within the Context of Values Education" panel moderated by EMU Faculty of Education Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, featuring Prof. Dr. Güner Konedralı, the Chair of Atatürk Teacher Academy; Prof. Dr. Kadir Ulusoy from Mersin University; and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Harun Şahin, the Vice Chair of Turkish Language Association as panellists were held.

As part of the symposium, multiple scientific presentations took place concurrently in different halls, both online and in-person, within international sessions highlighting the significance of social sciences and values education. Alongside the oral presentations, participants were able to attend "Best Practices in Education" sessions developed with teacher contributions. The event concluded with the evaluation and closing speeches.





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Fame performed, offering an enjoyable evening for attendees. Additionally, the event also featured a band performance and a stilt-walking show. Administrative units, faculties and schools, student clubs and international student societies and student council set booths, offering information for the new students of the university. Koop Süt provided beverages, and Oza Coffee sponsored the coffee for the event, while the noodles prepared by EMU Tourism Faculty students were a big hit among attendees.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, and General Secretary Derviş Ekşici met with the students during the event.

"This Is Your Home, and You Are Part of Our Family"

Making an address, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu said; "Dear students, welcome! Today, you are here to get to know EMU, spend time with your new friends and professors, and begin an exciting journey together. For many of you, this is your first time in Cyprus, and you are away from your families and loved ones. But rest assured, this is your home too, and you are part of our family. EMU will be stronger and more successful with you. The doors of both the university and your professors are always open to you". Drawing from her own student experiences, Prof. Dr. Zorlu shared that while the first days at university can be challenging, graduating leaves you reluctant to leave—an experience she believes students will also go through. Prof. Dr. Zorlu highlighted that students' families are an integral part of the EMU community and wished everyone a successful academic year, encouraging them to build strong friendships and create lasting memories.

"Celebrating Very First Steps towards Dreams and Lifelong Journey"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also delivered a speech, commencing by saying; "Today, we are delighted and excited to be together with the students who are joining the EMU family". Extending a warm welcome to the families, Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued; "Dear students, valued families, and members of the EMU community, it is a great pleasure to be with you this evening. Tonight, we celebrate not just the start of a new academic semester, but also the first steps toward your dreams and future journeys. The orientation period aims to help you bond with one another and settle into campus life and the city of Famagusta. This evening also marks the beginning of











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new friendships and meaningful connections". Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that EMU offers a unique international environment, uniting students from 100 different countries. He noted, "While it may not be possible to visit all parts of the world, studying

here gives you the chance to make friends from diverse nations. EMU stands out not only for its academic excellence but also for its 78,000-strong alumni network and the wide array of opportunities it provides".

COLLABORATION PROTOCOL SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND THE CHAMBER OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Union of the Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB), Chamber of Civil Engineers (IMO) has recently signed a collaboration concerning the organization of the 4th National Civil Engineering Symposium. The protocol was signed on Tuesday, 30 September 2025 at 01:30 p.m. at the EMU Rector's Office building by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Chairperson of the Chamber of Civil Engineers Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Ekinci.

Present during the signing session were; EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering academic staff member Prof. Dr. Khaled Hamed Marar, IMO Executive Board Members Assoc. Prof. dR. Ayşe Pekrioğlu Balkıs and Nüshet İlktuğ, and organising committee member Dr. Hamza Saeed.

The protocol focused on discussing the framework of the 4th National Civil Engineering Symposium, which is set to be organized with the aim of advancing the civil engineering profession, enhancing collaboration between academia and industry, and contributing to the country's engineering community. Stating that they had gathered for a very meaningful cause, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored that that the meeting marked the start of a meaningful collaboration between EMU and the IMO, with the protocol set to strengthen their partnership. The protocol was signed to organize the 4th National Civil Engineering Symposium, jointly hosted by EMU Civil Engineering Department and IMO, aiming to make scientific contributions to the construction sector, a key driver of the national economy. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed pride in EMU's role in supporting the country's economy through this symposium, acknowledged those who helped prepare the protocol, and wished the event's outcomes to benefit the country.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ekinci expressed his pride in being at EMU, emphasizing that



collaborating with the country's flagship university strengthens the IMO. He noted that EMU has consistently supported the national professional chambers and stated that they are pleased with this continued support. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ekinci explained that the aim of the 4th National Civil Engineering Symposium is to bring together industry and academia, allowing the accumulated knowledge in the construction sector to be applied effectively for the benefit of the industry.

Furthermore, he highlighted that this will be the first time the symposium is held at a university, and although it is referred as a national event, participants will include representatives from many Turkish chambers, universities, as well as international universities, making the symposium an international-level event. Lastly, Dr. Ekinci extended his best wishes for the success and positive outcomes of the protocol and the symposium.

EMU ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER ASSOC. PROF. DR. SÜHEYLA ÜÇIŞIK ERBİLEN REPRESENTS THE POWER OF WOMEN IN TURKIC WORLD DURING AN EVENT HELD IN BAKU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education academic staff member, EMU Center for Women's Studies (CWS) Executive Board Director and Umay Ana Turkic World Women's Association Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Representative Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilen represented EMU at the "2nd International Women's Workshop in Turkic World" event organized by Umay Ana Turkic World Women's Association (UMAY ANA TDKB) on 2-3 October 2025 in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. The gathering of pioneering and entrepreneurial women from different parts of the Turkic world took place at Khazar University with strong participation, under the theme "Pioneering and Entrepreneurial Women of the Turkic World".

The event was held with contributions of significant associations such as the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Türkiye (TR), Turkish Collaboration and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), International Organization of Turkic Culture (TURKSOY), World Union of Ahıska Turks (DATUB), Union of Turkish Women Academics (TURKKAB), Istanbul Gedik University, Women Entrepreneurship Application and Research Center (KAGIMER) and, Istanbul Azerbaijan Solidarity and Culture Association (ISTAD).

Participation from 63 Countries

The workshop was led by Prof. Dr. Mualla Uydu Yücel, a faculty member of Istanbul University Department of General Turkish History. Participants from 63 countries took part in the event, representing regions and communities such as the Ahıska Turks, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, East Turkistan, the Gagauz Autonomous Region, Iraqi Turkmens, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Crimea, Kosovo, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Türkiye.

The two-day workshop, which brought together women academics, writers, civil society representatives, and public officials, explored the roles of women in science, culture, social development, and entrepreneurship. Designed to evaluate the leadership potential of women in the Turkic world from an academic standpoint, the event consisted of five sessions. Alongside Prof. Dr. Mualla Uydu Yücel, the opening remarks featured Khazar University Rector Prof. Dr. Razia İsayeva, Azerbaijani Members of the Parliament Sevil Mikailova. Sabina Salmanova, and Dr. Tamam Caferova, DATUB Secretary General Fuad Uçar, Kosovo Member of the Parliament Fidan Brina Jilta, TRNC Representative in Baku Ufuk Turganer, and Turkish Ambassador to Baku Prof. Dr. Birol Akgün. The speeches emphasized the



importance and role of women in society, the state, and within the family.

The workshop showcased pioneering women across history, literature, science, society, and entrepreneurship. The opening session, "Azerbaijan in Historical Context," examined the Khojaly Massacre and Türkiye-Azerbaijan relations. In the "Pioneering Women in Literature and Media" session, figures such as Şefika Gaspıralı, Süreyya Ağaoğlu, and Zeyno Ganiyeva were highlighted. The "Pioneering Women in Science and Academia" session focused on the contributions of female scholars from the Turkic world.

The "Women in Social Life" session addressed topics such as family cohesion, motherhood, and women's roles in society. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçişik Erbilen delivered a presentation titled "Distinguished Figures of Northern

Cyprus: Female Fighters", emphasizing the crucial contributions of Turkish Cypriot women to the independence movement. The closing session, "Women in Leadership and Entrepreneurship", explored female leadership, entrepreneurial examples, and highlighted Nezihe Muhiddin's pioneering influence. The workshop, aimed at strengthening communication networks among women in the Turkic world, encourage entrepreneurship, and increase women's participation in scientific endeavors, concluded with notable outcomes. Participants underscored the historical strength of Turkic women across all sectors of society and stressed the importance of women continuing to assume active, productive, and leadership roles in the future. The joint statement issued at the end of the event highlighted the message: "The strong women of the Turkic world will guide the future by following the path of the past".



EMU DEPARTMENT OF GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS STRENGTHENS ITS ACADEMIC TEAM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts has strengthened its academic team by welcoming Chef Tolgar Mireli, who brings valuable experience from renowned Michelinstarred restaurants. With the contributions of the department's experienced chefs, students will have the opportunity to explore diverse culinary cultures and benefit from the expertise of industry professionals.

Who is Tolgar Mireli?

Completing Tourism Management and Gastronomy training in Bremen, Germany, Tolgar Mireli commenced his career at Ankara Hilton and Sheraton hotels. He gained international experience working alongside a two-Michelin-star chef at Le Canard Nouveau in Hamburg and at Al Muntaha in Dubai's iconic Buri Al Arab. Mireli continued his career at Austria's two-Michelinstar Restaurant Hubertus. Switzerland's Restaurant Vertigo, and London's two-Michelin-star Le Gavroche. and also served as Junior Sous Chef at San Francisco's Michelin-starred Gary Danko. He later took on the role of Sous Chef at the Michelinstarred Stromburg in Germany, led by Johann Lafer.

After returning to Türkiye, Mireli launched his own restaurant, Para Gastroteka, in Ankara and later served as Executive Sous Chef at Istanbul's Swissotel The Bosphorus, managing seven à la carte restaurants. He has also contributed to culinary education, mentoring future chefs at EMU. Continuing his gastronomic journey, Mireli opened Sia Eli in Bodrum Gümüşlük, earning a spot in the 2024 Michelin Guide and the Gault&Millau Hat Award.

Most recently, he led the kitchen at Aliee Istanbul, one of Türkiye's most prestigious hotels, located in the historic Tersane district, shaping its culinary vision from its opening.

Mireli, Once Again at EMU! In the 2025–2026 Academic Year, Tolgar Mireli will join EMU Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts as an instructor, sharing with students both the finer points of culinary arts and his international gastronomic vision. The Dean's Office at the Faculty of Tourism highlighted that this important development will further enhance the faculty's global academic perspective, emphasizing that students will have the exceptional opportunity to receive training from a chef with Michelin-star experience.

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The Chef Team of EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department

EMU Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts has a strong academic team consisted of experienced chef, both nationally and internationally. The current members of the academic team are: Dr. Kurtulus Özbaşar, Specialist Ali Rıza Doğan, Specialist Pınar Barut, Specialist Yiğit Zevneloğlu, Senior Instructor Atahan Tahsiner, Senior Instructor Efe Gençay, Senior Instructor Erdal Birlik, Senior Instructor Ezgi Topcu, Senior Instructor Fatma Öztunc. Senior Instructor Hatice Kumaş, Senior Instructor Hulus Hulusioğlu, Senior Instructor Kardelen Üntaç, Senior Instructor Kutay Arda Yıldırım, Senior Instructor Mine Adalıer, Senior Instructor Mustafa Kocabaşoğlu, Senior Instructor Tanya Kilitkayalı and Senior Instructor Uğur Yılmaz Deniz.

EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Undergraduate Program

EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Undergraduate Program is designed to train skilled chefs aspiring to become kitchen leaders and managers in the food and beverage industry, equipped to showcase dishes from both local and international cuisines. The program also aims to contribute to meeting the demand for trained professionals in the hospitality and food and beverage sectors.

The program aims not only to develop students' culinary skills but also to enhance their analytical thinking, communication, creativity, and research abilities. Students are trained to become future managers capable of generating knowledge and applying it in practice.

STRONG STEPS TOWARDS FUTURE THROUGH POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION AT EMU

Upholding high academic standards and following an internationally recognized approach to education, Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) postgraduate and doctoral programs continue student admissions. Postgraduate program applications for 2025 – 2026 Academic Year Fall Semester can be submitted online through https://applyonline.emu.edu.tr/grad/.

The oldest university in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and a globally recognized institution, EMU offers graduate education that broadens students' horizons. With its experienced academic staff, robust research facilities, and international collaborations, EMU provides master's programs (with or without thesis), in English or Turkish—across various disciplines, as well as doctoral programs in multiple fields. The master's programs aim to develop students into entrepreneurial, globally competitive professionals with strong analytical skills, while the doctoral programs prepare researchers to make original, worldwide contributions to science and pursue a fully equipped academic career.

Underlining the importance of postgraduate programs, Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy, the Director of EMU Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research, stated; "As EMU Institute of Graduate Studies and Research, our main goal is to provide students with not just academic knowledge, but also research expertise and a vision to make a positive impact on society. We are proud that our globally standard programs prepare graduates to succeed both in academia and in their professional careers".

Registrations for Programs Carried out in Nicosia Continue

In addition to the master's programs offered in EMU campus, registrations continue for programs that are delivered in Nicosia and designed for professionals who wish to pursue graduate studies while working. Offered in Turkish through the Faculty of Business and Economics, these programs include Business Management (thesis/non-thesis), Banking and Finance (non-thesis), Financial Economics (non-thesis), Management Economy (non-thesis), and Gender Studies (thesis/non-thesis), the latter in collaboration with the Center for Women's Studies and, the

Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Economics. These programs aim to develop specialized skills within the TRNC workforce and, with classes held after working hours and supported by a strong academic team, offer significant benefits for both public and private sector employees.

Discount Opportunity for Civil Servants

TRNC public sector employees and staff from TRNC institutions that have signed a collaboration protocol with EMU receive a discount on graduate program tuition fees. Moreover, EMU graduates are eligible for a 20% tuition reduction when enrolling in new master's or doctoral programs.

More information regarding registration procedures, fees and postgraduate programs can be accessed from the official website of the EMU Institute of Graduate Studies and Research, http://grad.emu.edu.tr, by contacting 630 11 57 / 630 11 11 land lines or by e-mailing igsr@emu.edu.tr address.



EMU CONTINUES ITS INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN TOLES EXAMINATIONS

The results of UK-based TOLES (Test of Legal English Skills) exam held on 4 July 2025 at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Law have been announced. Among the 25 participants, candidates achieved remarkable success by earning high scores across the Foundation, Higher, and Advanced levels.

According to a statement from the EMU TOLES Exam Center, which has coordinated TOLES exams in Cyprus since 2012, candidates this year took the exam at the Foundation, Higher, and Advanced levels and achieved notable results. The statement also highlighted that participants' average scores have consistently improved over the years.



A First

Gürsu Bengihan and Ece Gömdeniz set a milestone by achieving the highest score in their respective categories. In the Foundation level, Gürsu Bengihan scored 96 followed by Melike Şafak with 91 and Sevcan Kapan with 86 points. Moreover, in the Higher level, Ece Gömdeniz achieved 97, followed by Şevval Sude Dumanoğlu with 80 and Başak Gülten with 76. In the Advanced level, Arzu Alp successfully completed the exam with a score of 71.

Deans Office at EMU Faculty of Law stated that TOLES exam, which enhances students' and alumni's proficiency in international legal English, provides a significant opportunity for advancing their careers.

EMU PROVIDES STRONG SUPPORT TO NATION'S SPORTS WITH ITS OUTSTANDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUCCESFUL ATHLETES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues supporting sports and athletes by welcoming talented young individuals in the new academic year and strengthening its contribution to the nation's sporting life. National athletes from different disciplines in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) have the chance to pursue both their education and athletic careers at EMU. Through its athletic scholarship program, the university offers up to 50% tuition fee support to students who have represented their country and actively compete in EMU sports clubs. Depending on the decision of the University Executive Board, this support can even be extended to cover full tuition. Branches of Sports at EMU and Their Contributions to TRNC Sports EMU plays an active role in national sports through its teams competing in volleyball, basketball, athletics, tennis, handball, billiards, chess, wrestling, cycling, table tennis, triathlon, and football tennis. The university also participates in interuniversity tournaments and leagues with its cricket, bowling, darts, swimming, futsal, and football teams, where all student-athletes enjoy scholarship opportunities. Thanks to its modern facilities, professional coaches, and strong infrastructure, EMU stands among the leading institutions fostering the growth of sports in the TRNC. In the 2024-2025 Academic Year, EMU proudly secured championships in men's billiards, men's darts, men's futsal, men's wrestling, women's chess, women's swimming, as well as both men's and women's volleyball.

EMU Offers Sports Opportunities at International Standards

Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex at EMU offers students and the public access to modern, fully equipped sports studios, expert instructors, and flexible membership options. Facilities include cardio, fitness, TRX, spin bike, aerobics, pilates, and bosu studios, along with a table tennis hall that can be used free of charge.

EMU also offers a wide range of outdoor sports facilities, including three basketball courts, a volleyball court, two artificial turf fields, two beach volleyball courts, two beach tennis courts, and a skate park, all accessible day and night via a reservation system. Indoor facilities include







squash courts, a jiu-jitsu studio, and a multipurpose sports hall with a 3,500-person capacity. The university stadium features a tartan athletics track and a natural grass football field, making it a standout venue.

From EMU to the World Championship Ese Brume – Long Jump / Athletics

Ese Brume, a 2020 graduate in Tourism and Hotel Management, has made a remarkable mark in athletics. She competed at the 2017 World Championships in London and, won a bronze medal at the 2019 World Championships in Doha, Qatar. At the 2019 KoçFest Interuniversity Athletics Championship, she set a Turkish record with a 6.76-meter jump and later secured a bronze medal in long jump at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Brume also won gold at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and has claimed

three consecutive golds at the African Athletics Championships, holding both Nigerian and African records

Ayşe Mullacuma - Football Tennis

Exercise and Sports Sciences Department 2016 graduate Ayşe Mullacuma has earned numerous awards with the TRNC Football Tennis National Team. Mullacuma secured silver medals in singles, doubles, and women's triples at the European Championships in Türkiye (2013, 2022) and Romania (2015, 2016, 2017, 2024). She also helped the TRNC women's triples team achieve third place at the 2012 World Championship in Hungary and claimed second place in singles and doubles at the 2014 and 2016 World Championships in Nicosia. Additionally, she finished third at the Esther Jordi Women's Singles Tournament in Basel in 2018.

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Tuğba Aydın -Long Jump / Triple Jump

Tuğba Aydın, a 2017 graduate of the Exercise and Sports Sciences Department, has achieved notable success in long jump and triple jump. She claimed the Turkish long jump title in 2012, 2013, 2016, and 2017, and earned silver in triple jump in 2015 and 2017 before winning gold in 2018. At the International Athletics Indoor Championships, she set a personal best of 13.05 meters in 2019 and went on to improve her mark to 13.44 meters, finishing third at the 2020 Balkan Championships in Romania.

Alara Ghaffari – Billiards

EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department student Alara Ghaffari won a gold medal in 2025 Estonia European Billiards Championship.

Osman Şanlısoy - Billiards

A 2013 graduate of Department of Translation and Interpretation, Osman Şanlısoy, secured a silver medal in U23 division of 2021 European Billiards Championship held in Türkiye.

Mustafa Alnar – Billiards

Mustafa Alnar, who graduated in 2023 from the Exercise and Sports Sciences Department, claimed the gold medal in the U23 division at the 2021 European Billiards Championship in Türkiye.

Team Achievements of EMU

In 2020, EMU Chess Team and Billiards Team both captured the Turkish Interuniversity Championship titles. The Women's Basketball Team won the Turkish Interuniversity Regional League in 2021 and 2022, and had previously finished third in the Turkish Super League in 2006. The Men's Volleyball Team claimed the Turkish Interuniversity 1st League Championship in 2024 and secured fourth place in the Super League that same year.

EMU - The Choice of National Athletes

This semester, several accomplished athletes from TRNC national teams have joined the EMU family through the university's sports scholarship program. They will pursue their studies while proudly representing EMU in both national and international competitions.

Members of the TRNC national teams—Aslıhan Kandil (100/200m Athletics), Ecem Nehir Çelik (Long Jump), Turgut Çelikoğlu (100/200m







Athletics), and Kazım Gül (High Jump)—have started their education at EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Exercise and Sports Sciences. Kandil and Çelik compete for Türkiye's top club Galatasaray, while Çelikoğlu and Gül are part of the accomplished Enka Sports Club.

"We are dedicated to supporting Our Athletes in Every Aspect"

In his remarks on the sports vision of the

university, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "At EMU, we celebrate both the academic and athletic achievements of our students. Through our athlete scholarship program, talented sportspeople can pursue their education while continuing their athletic careers. We are proud to welcome this semester's national team-level athletes to our community. EMU will continue to invest in sports and is dedicated to supporting our athletes in every aspect, both academically and athletically".

EMU WELCOMES ITS FORMER GRADUATES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) welcomed its alumni graduating between the years of 1990 and 1994. Aiming to strengthen the relation between the university and the graduates, the said visit featured exchange of views and ideas towards developing possible collaborations and graduate relations. Visiting EMU after many years, the graduates expressed their contentment on once again being at EMU.

The visiting group, consisting of Mahiye Sabuncuoğlu, 1992 graduate of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Economics; Yasemin Karakaş, 1994 graduate of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration; Eralp Bektaş, 1991 graduate of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration; Şebnem Aydın and Cumhur Balkaroğlu, 1993 graduates of EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering; Birol Dündar, 1992 graduate of EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronics; Hüseyin Dinç, 1991 graduate of EMU School of Computing and Technology, Department of Electrical and Electronics Technology; and, Banu Üner, 1992 graduate of School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and General Secretary Derviş Ekşici.

After the visits, the graduates had the chance to explore the campus and revisit the faculties where they once studied. The visit program continued with a luncheon at the EMU Beach Club, where the graduates took pleasure in reuniting and reminiscing about their student days.

Emphasizing the importance of graduates and the special place they hold for the university, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "We take great pride in all our graduates who laid the foundations of our university and contributed to the achievements that brought EMU to its current standing".

What did the Graduates say? Mahiye SABUNCUOĞLU

Mahiye Sabuncuoğlu who graduate from the EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Economics in 1992, shared her joy to be at EMU after many years. Sabuncuoğlu said; "Returning here after so many years fills us with excitement. We are truly proud to be graduates of this university". Stating that she closely follows EMU, Sabuncuoğlu added; "EMU has developed remarkably. I'm delighted to see the improvements and progress made. Being here makes us relive our youth, which is truly thrilling". Sabuncuoğlu continued; "Throughout my studies at EMU, our instructors consistently supported us. We balanced both enjoyment and learning, completing our education successfully. The greatest gift EMU gave me was confidence in myself, and I came to fully appreciate the

















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excellence of our education when I started my career". Giving advices to today's students, Sabuncuoğlu said; "Cherish the values here and make the most of the university life".

Yasemin KARAKAŞ

1994 graduate of the EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration, Yasemin Karakaş who is a Private Banking Portfolio Manager, shared her joy at returning to EMU after many years. Reflecting on her career in the banking sector since graduation, she said, "I attended this visit thinking about whether my son might one day study here. I would be thrilled if he became an EMU graduate too." Karakaş expressed her happiness at seeing the university's growth and transformation, emphasizing how much her education at EMU contributed to her personal and professional development. She also noted that many EMU alumni hold prominent positions and added, "We often exchange ideas with fellow EMU graduates in our careers, which is a tremendous source of pride for the university".

Banu ÜNER

"I graduated from the Tourism and Hospitality Program in 1992, and I'm delighted to be back at EMU. This university always felt like a second home to us. It's incredible to see how much EMU has grown and evolved. Returning here revived so many memories, as our presence is still felt across the campus. I experienced the same joy as I did years ago. EMU instilled in us the most valuable



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qualities: self-confidence, discipline, and determination. My advice to current students is to stay dedicated to their studies and maintain strong connections with their professors."

Hüseyin DİNÇ

Hüseyin Dinç, who graduated in 1991 from the Electrical and Electronics Technology Program, shared his pride in seeing the remarkable changes at EMU. He recalled, "When we started, there were only six buildings on campus. Now, the university has experienced tremendous growth. Our class had around 260 students, and today there are over 15,000. This is a source of great pride for us." Emphasizing the benefits of EMU's strong English program and academic framework on his career, Dinç said, "EMU significantly strengthened my English skills. The university's academic and scientific approach greatly developed my analytical thinking. Thanks to the knowledge and skills I gained at EMU, I retired in 2013



MAHİYE SABUNCUOĞLU



from Total Energy and Gas Group, one of the world's largest energy companies." He advised current students, "Take full advantage of what the university provides and have confidence in your education."

Şebnem AYDIN

Sebnem Aydın, who graduated from the Civil Engineering Department in 1993, shared that returning to EMU after many years was a very emotional experience for her. She noted, "We shared the same classrooms with our friends and experienced the same excitement. It's wonderful to feel that same energy again today." Aydın also emphasized the lasting impact of the friendships she formed at EMU on her career, saying, "The relationships I built here helped me develop my professional connections. EMU is a university with strong academic and social foundations. Students should value this, as the connections made here are difficult to find elsewhere."

EMU AND AFİK GROUP PRESENT NEW ACADEMIC YEAR GIFT TO THE STUDENTS OF SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism and Community Involvement Center (CIC) organized a special event for the students of SOS Children's Village, with the sponsorship of Afik Group. Attended by 95 participants, the event held at the Cesar Blue Aqua Park in Iskele, offered students an unforgettable experience that would serve as a source of motivation for the new academic year.

The event was attended by Jack Afik, the CEO of the Afik Group; Münür Yücekal, the Program Director of the SOS Children's Village; Bora Liman, Director of the Children's Village; Cemil Hafiz, Funding and Public Relations Director; SOS social service specialists, educators at SOS, SOS mothers, the Chairperson of EMU CIC Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir and Public Health Specialist Mahroo Sadeghi.

During the event's opening, Münür Yücekal, Program Director of SOS Children's Village, presented appreciation plaques to the sponsor Jack Afik, his father, and the executives of Afik Group. Jack Afik shared that one of his longstanding dreams while creating Cesar Blue Aqua Park was to welcome SOS children, and he expressed his joy at seeing this dream come true.

Children were grouped by age and had a blast on colorful slides throughout the day. The program included a variety of games and competitions, with ice cream and lunch breaks adding extra enjoyment. At the end of the program, SOS Children's Village students and staff warmly thanked everyone who helped make the event possible.

Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlkay Yorgancı stated that such social responsibility projects play a vital role in social development of children. On the other hand, event coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir said; "Seeing the smiles on children's faces was worth all our efforts. We are delighted to provide the children a memorable day".



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