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The 2025 – 2026 Academic Year Spring Semester Associate and Undergraduate Graduation Ceremony of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) took place on Wednesday, 8 July 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. With diplomas conferred upon more than 1,800 graduates at the ceremony, EMU alumni community has grown to over 80,000.

The ceremony was attended by the Minister of National Education of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Nazım Çavuşoğlu; Leader of the Main Opposition and Chairperson of the Republican Turkish Party (CTP), Dr. Sıla Usar İncirli; Minister of Labour and Social Security, Oğuzhan Hasipoğlu; Members of Parliament Resmîye Eroğlu Canaltay, Teberrüken Uluçay, Erkut Şahali and Şifa Çolakoğlu; Deputy Commander of the Security Forces Command, Brigadier General Mehmet Ali Akbaş; Commander of the 8th Commando Brigade, Brigadier General Ali Mete; Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, Suat Yeldener; Chair of the Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK), Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın; President of the Civil Defence Organization, Hakan Balaban; President of the EMU Board of Trustees, Şemi Bora; EMU Rector, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç; Rector of Girne American University, Prof. Dr. Serdar

Yurtsever; Rector of On Beş Kasım University, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Menekay; Rector of Istanbul Technical University TRNC, Prof. Dr. Erkan Ayder; Mayor of Famagusta, Dr. Süleyman Uluçay; Chair of the Communal Democracy Party (TDP), Zeki Çeler; Secretary General of YÖDAK, Cenk Dökmen; YÖDAK Members Prof. Dr. Remziye Terkan and Prof. Dr. Akın Cellatoğlu; EMU Board of Trustees Members Recai Ergün, Turan Büyükyılmaz, Özdiñç Akdel and Dr. Eyüp Göksu; EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren; EMU Secretary General Derviş Ekşici; ministry directors, representatives of various universities,

academics, students and their families. The ceremony commenced with the graduates entering the stadium to applause and music while proudly carrying banners they had prepared. Following a moment of silence and the National Anthem, the program continued with a musical performance by Deniz Özkalay, Aylin Akyüz, Sıla Gutan, Kubilay Patoğlu, Teoman Eyüpoğlu and Işık Çağrı, students from the Music Teaching Program of the Department of Fine Arts Education within the Faculty of Education. At the conclusion of the performance, the student performers were presented with flowers by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu.

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NEARLY 300 MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL STUDENTS TOSSED CAPS AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2025 – 2026 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony was held on Tuesday, 7 July 2026 at 8.00 p.m. at Venetian Palace, one of the iconic landmarks within the Walled City of Famagusta. Eastern Mediterranean University crowned its strong tradition of scientific research and postgraduate education once again by sending nearly 300 master's and doctoral graduates into academia and the professional world.

The ceremony was attended by Member of Parliament of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Resmîye Canaltay Eroğlu; President of the EMU Board of Trustees, Şemi Bora; EMU Rector, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç; Rector of Cyprus International University, Prof. Dr. Erbuğ Çelebi; Rector of Final International University, Prof. Dr. Orhan Gemikonaklı; Rector of Istanbul Technical



University (ITU)–TRNC, Prof. Dr. Erkan Ayder; Vice Rector of Near East University, Prof. Dr. Murat Tüzünkan; EMU Board of Trustees Members Özdiç Akdel, Anıl İmre and Dr. Eyüp Göksu; EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren; EMU Secretary General Derviş Ekşici; Director of the EMU Institute of Graduate Studies and Research, Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy; ITU–TRNC Rector's Advisor, Prof. Dr. Yılmaz Akkaya; Famagusta Regional Director of the TRNC Civil Defence Organization, Hasan Özboltaşlı; Senate Members, academic staff, graduates, and their families.

The ceremony commenced with the graduates of the 2025–2026 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Programs entering the venue to music and applause. Following a moment of silence and the National Anthem,



the program continued with a musical performance by the EMU Quintet Group. At the end of the performance, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, presented the EMU Quintet Group with certificates of appreciation and flowers.

Graduate Representatives Delivered Addresses

The program continued with speeches delivered on behalf of the Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduates of the 2025–2026 Academic Year by Elif Acu, a graduate of the Master's Program in Guidance and Psychological Counselling at the Faculty of Education, and Ezinne Favour Ogulewe, a graduate of the PhD Program in Chemistry at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. In their addresses, the graduates emphasized the importance of perseverance, determination, and pursuing one's dreams, noting that the knowledge and experience they





had gained should be used not only for personal success but also for the benefit of society. They also highlighted that graduation marks not an end but a new beginning, and expressed their gratitude to their families, academics, and the University for their support throughout their academic journey.

“Universities Are Institutions That Shape the Future of Societies”

In his opening address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his pride in sending nearly 300 postgraduate graduates into the world of science during this meaningful ceremony held in the historic atmosphere of Famagusta. Emphasizing that universities are not merely institutions that impart knowledge, but also institutions that encourage inquiry, foster research, and shape the future of societies, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that, with nearly 50 years of experience, EMU has distinguished itself as a respected research university on the

international stage. Referring to EMU’s strong position in the QS World University Rankings, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the University’s achievements in scientific output and research quality. Addressing the graduates, he stated that the education they had received represents not only a diploma but also a responsibility to contribute to humanity’s collective body of knowledge. He also drew attention to the importance of artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and scientific developments in today’s rapidly changing world. Expressing his expectation that the graduates would become individuals who shape the future, Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded his remarks by thanking the families and academics for their contributions and quoting Mustafa Kemal Atatürk: “The truest guide in life is science”.

Following the speech, the graduates enthusiastically recited the Graduation Oath under the leadership of EMU Rector Prof. Dr.

Hasan Kılıç, celebrating a significant milestone in their academic journey.

Postgraduate Graduates Bid Farewell with Pride and Joy

As part of the 2025–2026 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented plaques of appreciation to the thesis and co-thesis supervisors of the doctoral graduates in recognition of their valuable contributions. Doctoral graduates received their diplomas from Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Director of the EMU Institute of Graduate Studies and Research Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy, the guest rectors, and EMU Vice Rectors. Master’s graduates received their diplomas from members of the protocol, faculty deans, and Director of the EMU Institute of Graduate Studies and Research, Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy. The ceremony concluded with the traditional cap-toss celebration.





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Representing the Spring Semester graduates, Deniz Yücel, highest ranking student of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Psychology, and Mamoon Eissa Mamoon Bakr, top student of the Faculty of Engineering and the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Program, delivered speeches. This was followed by a symbolic tree-planting ceremony carried out by the graduating students.

“EMU Graduates Are Shaping the Future”

In his opening address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç described the day as a special occasion on which universities bid farewell to their most valuable achievements as they embark on new chapters in life. He expressed his pride and joy in awarding diplomas to an additional 2,316 graduates during the Spring Semester of the 2025–2026 Academic Year. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also noted that the total number of graduates for the 2025–2026 Academic Year had reached 3,075, bringing the University's total alumni since its establishment to 80,500. Reflecting on EMU's 47-year history, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the University has achieved numerous successes, earned accreditations, established national and international collaborations, organized a wide range of social activities, and produced significant academic publications. He emphasized that these accomplishments are a testament to EMU's status as a truly international university. Referring to the latest QS rankings,

Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that EMU ranks first among universities in the TRNC and is placed within the 600–700 range worldwide. He stressed that a university's success is measured not only by academic achievements but also by the importance of students' participation in social activities and community service projects. Emphasizing that EMU graduates are individuals who shape the future, he stated that they are well-qualified graduates who serve their countries, the world, and humanity.

“A Truly International University”

In his remarks, EMU Board of Trustees President Şemi Bora described the graduation ceremony as a special occasion celebrating years of hard work, patience, sacrifice, and determination, while also marking the beginning of new hopes and opportunities. He emphasized that, since its establishment, EMU has been a truly international university committed to generating knowledge, embracing universal values, bringing together diverse cultures, and educating qualified individuals for the world. Bora noted that the University is a distinguished higher education institution recognized in international rankings and accredited by international bodies. Bora also highlighted that EMU offers an international campus environment, drawing attention to its multicultural and diverse community. He concluded by noting that EMU graduates have achieved success in the institutions where they



serve and continue to represent the University with pride.

“EMU: A Truly International Educational Environment”

Addressing the graduates, YÖDAK Chair Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca offered his heartfelt congratulations, emphasizing that they were graduating from EMU, one of the foremost institutions of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, having received a high-quality education. He expressed his belief that the knowledge and education they gained at EMU would lead them to success in both their professional careers and postgraduate studies. Stressing EMU's commitment to



quality education, Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın described the University as a truly international learning environment.

“EMU Is a Shared Value and a Remarkable Success Story for Turkish Cypriots”

In her opening address, Leader of the Main Opposition and Chairperson of the Republican Turkish Party (CTP), Dr. Sıla Usar İncirli, began by highlighting the sense of pride and the emotional atmosphere created by the graduates in their academic gowns. Emphasizing that EMU is a shared value and a remarkable success story for Turkish Cypriots, Dr. İncirli stated that the University continues to grow stronger with each passing day. Wishing the graduates every

success, she said that they are individuals with the power to accomplish significant things for the world and to make a difference. Stressing that young people represent the greatest hope for the future, Dr. İncirli concluded by emphasizing that the real priority is to create a country that gives its young people hope.

“The TRNC’s Gateway to the World and a Pathway to Global Engagement”

Addressing the audience, Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu described EMU as the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus’ gateway to the world and a pathway to global engagement. Referring to the University’s alumni network of more than 80,000 graduates,

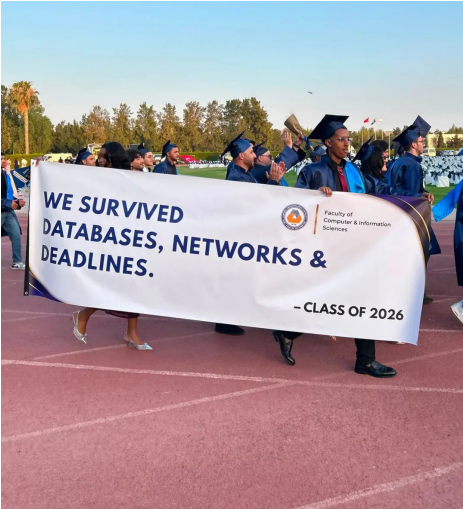
Minister Çavuşoğlu noted that EMU alumni can be found in many parts of the world, describing this as a source of pride and motivation. He emphasized that, since its establishment, EMU has played a significant role in strengthening the TRNC’s knowledge base and overcoming the challenges posed by international embargoes, expressing his appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the University’s development. Addressing the families, Minister Çavuşoğlu stated that the students entrusted to the University are now graduates who will represent their country in a wide range of professions and contribute to its development. Wishing the graduates success in their professional careers, he also expressed his confidence that EMU’s international graduates would represent the University with distinction in their home countries, highlighting the importance of the University’s multicultural character.

After the opening addresses, members of the protocol presented diplomas and awards to the highest ranking students of the faculties and schools. The ceremony proceeded with the presentation of diplomas and awards to department valedictorians, followed by the conferral of associate and undergraduate degrees by faculty deans, department chairs, and academic staff. The celebration concluded in high spirits as the graduates marked the occasion by tossing their caps into the air.









EMU HEALTH GRADUATES READY TO BEGIN THEIR PROFESSIONAL CAREERS WITH THE OATH CEREMONY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty and the School of Health Services held their traditional Professional Oath Ceremony for the graduates of the 2025–2026 Academic Year Spring Semester. During the ceremony, graduates pledged to uphold ethical principles, respect human rights, and fulfill their professional responsibilities as they embark on their careers. The ceremony took place on Monday, 6 July 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Palace.

The ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Commander of the 4th Infantry Regiment Infantry Staff Colonel Mahmut Gergin, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Members Özding Akdel and Turan Büyükyılmaz, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Vice Rector of Turan University, Kazakhstan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gulzhanat Tayauova, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, Dean of the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry Assoc. Prof. Dr. Işıl Ö. Kalyoncu; as well as vice deans and department chairs. The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem, followed by the screening of promotional videos showcasing EMU and the Faculty of Health Sciences. The program

also featured a musical performance by Mert Emir Gülerler and Elfin Arcan, students from the Music Teaching Program of the Department of Fine Arts at EMU Faculty of Education, which added a vibrant touch to the event. Representing their fellow graduates, Melda Uzun, top student of the Department of Nursing; Malak Salem, top student of the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation; and Tuğçe Tak, top student of the Medical Imaging Techniques Program at the School of Health Services, addressed the audience and reflected on their academic journey and future aspirations.

“To Serve at the Most Critical Moments of Human Life”

Delivering the opening remarks, Dean of EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, stated that a total of 386 graduates were embarking on their professional careers, emphasizing that the graduates had been equipped not only with academic knowledge but also with strong ethical values, compassion, and a deep respect for human life. Highlighting the profound responsibility that comes with working in the healthcare sector, Prof. Dr. Malkoç noted that the graduates would play vital roles at some of the most critical moments in people's lives. She stated that the Faculty's mission extends beyond awarding degrees, aiming instead to educate healthcare professionals who are inquisitive, research-oriented, and committed to social responsibility. She





added that EMU's robust scientific infrastructure and institutional support continue to strengthen this vision. Prof. Dr. Malkoç also expressed her pride in celebrating the first graduates of the Paramedics Undergraduate Program, describing it as a significant milestone for the Faculty. Concluding her address, she encouraged the graduates to remain committed to scientific advancement, uphold the highest ethical standards, and continue embracing a patient-centered approach throughout their professional careers.

"Cornerstones of Quality Healthcare"

Addressing the audience, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç described the ceremony as a landmark occasion, symbolizing both the successful completion of the graduates' rigorous academic education and the beginning of their professional journey in healthcare. He noted that, through its distinguished history and strong academic tradition, Eastern Mediterranean University has established itself as a leading institution whose graduates continue to contribute to the healthcare sector around the world. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also addressed the rapid transformation of healthcare

driven by technological innovation, highlighting the growing impact of artificial intelligence, digital health technologies, and advanced treatment methods. While acknowledging the importance of these developments, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that compassion, ethical responsibility, respect for human dignity, and empathy will always remain the cornerstone of quality healthcare. Stressing the importance of sustainable healthcare systems, he concluded by underlining that accessible, equitable, and effective healthcare services for all members of society are essential to the well-being of every community.

Ceremony continued with the traditional inscription of the names of the highest ranking students of the Faculty and the School into the commemorative registry, accompanied by Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, followed by the presentation of commemorative gifts.

As part of the ceremony, undergraduate and associate degree graduates of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the School of Health Services took their professional

oaths, marking the official beginning of their careers in the healthcare sector. In accordance with the ceremony program, graduates of the undergraduate programs in Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Nutrition and Dietetics, Nursing, Exercise and Sports Sciences, and Paramedics were invited to the stage to recite the professional oaths specific to their respective disciplines. Graduates of the associate degree programs in Oral and Dental Health, Operating Room Services, Dialysis, Physiotherapy, Medical Imaging Techniques, Anesthesia, Radiotherapy, First and Emergency Aid, and Orthopedic Prosthetics and Orthotics also took their professional oaths under the guidance of their program coordinators. In addition, graduates of the Paramedicine program were presented with graduation sets in recognition of this important milestone. Following the oath-taking ceremony, the graduates celebrated the occasion by tossing their graduation caps into the air, bringing the event to a joyful and memorable close.



EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY HOLDS PROFESSIONAL OATH CEREMONY FOR GRADUATES AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy organized an oath taking ceremony for its 2025-2026 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates on Tuesday, 7 July 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

The event was attended by Işıl Güler, Famagusta General Consul of the Republic of Türkiye; EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç; EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Member Recai Ergün; EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren; EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici; Hasan Boltaşlı, Famagusta Regional Director of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Civil Defence Organization; Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy; Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences; Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, Dean of Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Işıl Ö. Kalyoncu, Dean of Faculty of Dentistry, as well as vice deans and department chairs.

Following a moment of silence and the national anthem, the program featured a musical performance by Music Teaching Program students Deniz Özkalay and Kubilay Patoğlu, under the guidance of Assist. Prof. Dr. Atakan Sarı, a faculty member of the Department of Fine Arts Education at EMU Faculty of Education. After the performance, the students were presented with flowers by Vice Deans of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet İlktaş and Assist. Prof. Dr. Jale Yüzügülen.



The ceremony program continued with speeches delivered on behalf of graduates by Şeyma Balandı and Seydehmahnaz Hosseini, highest ranking students of MPharm and PharmD programs, respectively. Following their addresses, the graduates received their professional oath certificates and commemorative gifts from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe.

"To Assume Significant Responsibilities"

In his address, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, noted that this year's ceremony held special significance as it coincided with the 15th anniversary of the Faculty's establishment. He stated that, for the



past fifteen years, the Faculty has remained committed to educating compassionate healthcare professionals who uphold academic excellence, innovation, and the highest ethical standards. Prof. Dr. Gülcan described the professional oath as a meaningful commitment to integrity, professionalism, and ethical practice. He emphasized that today's pharmacists are entrusted with responsibilities that extend well beyond dispensing medications, playing a vital role in patient counselling, promoting the rational use of medicines, and contributing to the overall well-being of society. He also highlighted the importance of lifelong learning and continuous professional development in keeping pace with scientific and technological advancements throughout one's career. Concluding his remarks,





Prof. Dr. Gülcan congratulated the graduates and their families, wishing them every success in their future professional endeavors.

“A Respected Profession Where Science Meets Compassion”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his pleasure at sharing this important milestone with the graduates and



congratulated them on successfully completing a demanding and rigorous academic journey. He emphasized that graduation signifies not only the completion of their studies but also the beginning of a lifelong commitment to safeguarding human health and serving society. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that EMU Faculty of Pharmacy is dedicated to educating highly qualified professionals who combine academic excellence with a strong commitment to ethical values. Describing pharmacy as a respected profession where science meets compassion, he stated that pharmacists play a far broader role than simply dispensing medicines—they are trusted healthcare professionals who guide patients and contribute to public health. Encouraging



the graduates to embrace lifelong learning, uphold the highest ethical standards, and remain responsive to scientific and technological advances throughout their careers, Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by congratulating the graduates, their families, and the academic staff whose dedication had contributed to their success, wishing them continued achievement in their professional lives.

The ceremony concluded with a photo slideshow showcasing memorable moments from the graduates' academic journey. This was followed by the presentation of their professional oath certificates and the recitation of the professional oath, marking the official beginning of their careers in pharmacy.



9TH TERM GRADUATES OF THE EMU–MARMARA UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL JOINT MEDICINE PROGRAM TAKE THE PHYSICIAN'S OATH



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty – Marmara University Medicine Faculty International Joint Medicine Program's 9th term graduates took their Physician's Oath during a ceremony held on Wednesday, 8 July 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

The ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç; EMU Board of Trustees Member Recai Ergün; EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren; Dean of the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu; Vice Dean of the Marmara University Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Hasan Raci Yananlı; Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç; Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan; Acting Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Işıl Ö. Kalyoncu; Founding Dean of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora; Member of the Executive Board of the Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD), Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kemal Alimoğlu; as well as numerous academics, graduates, and their families.

The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and the National Anthem, followed by the screening of promotional videos introducing the University and the Faculty. The program continued with a musical performance by Mert Emir Gülerler, a student in the Music Teaching Program of the Department of Fine Arts Education within the Faculty of Education. Following the performance, Dean of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Prof. Dr. Nilüfer



Güzoğlu, presented flowers to Prof. Dr. Serdar Çetin Aydar, Chair of the Department of Fine Arts Education, and to Mert Emir Gülerler.

“The Faculty's Greatest Strength and Source of Pride”

In her opening address, Dean of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, emphasized that the graduation ceremony was a moment of great pride and significance for everyone in attendance. Expressing her delight at graduating 38 students from Cyprus, Türkiye, Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Egypt through the International Joint Medicine Program, Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu stated that this cultural diversity represents the Faculty's greatest strength and source of pride. Recalling that the Class of 2026 began their medical education under pandemic conditions, Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu noted that, despite the challenges of online learning, the



students demonstrated remarkable determination and achieved success. She added that the transition to face-to-face education provided them with the opportunity to interact directly with patients. Thanking the families and academics for their support, Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu congratulated the graduates, stating that, by taking the Physician's Oath, they would become part of this honorable profession.

“Not an End, but the Beginning of Lifelong Learning”

In his speech, Vice Dean of the Marmara University Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Hasan Raci Yananlı, emphasized that the graduating students are assuming an important responsibility as part of an international educational model shaped by the shared vision of two long-established institutions. Prof. Dr. Yananlı stated that a good physician is not only knowledgeable, but also someone who is capable of empathy, listens to others, and upholds both conscience and scientific integrity. Stressing that medicine is a field of continuous advancement and renewal, he noted that graduation marks not an end, but the beginning of lifelong learning.

Prof. Dr. Yananlı thanked the families and academics for their support and congratulated the graduates, expressing his confidence that they would carry forward the scientific and ethical values of both Marmara University and Eastern Mediterranean University.

“Dr. Fazıl Küçük's Approach to Medicine Should Inspire Our Graduates”

In his address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized the significance of the International Joint Medicine Program conducted in collaboration between Eastern Mediterranean University and Marmara University. Describing





graduation as a major achievement reached after a long and demanding journey, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that the program, launched nearly 15 years ago, has now produced successful physicians serving around the world. Stating that the Faculty continues to develop year by year, further strengthening its international character, Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked that the approach to medicine embraced by Dr. Fazıl Küçük, one of the prominent leaders of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, who regarded medicine as one of the most honorable ways of serving society, should serve as an inspiration to the graduates. Emphasizing that, despite advances in artificial intelligence and digital health, empathy, trust, and compassion remain indispensable in the physician-patient relationship, Prof. Dr. Kılıç

congratulated the graduates and thanked their families and academics for their support.

The ceremony continued with a slideshow featuring photographs of the graduates, followed by a speech delivered by the Highest Ranking Student of the Faculty, Dr. Kayra Kansu. Following the address, plaques were presented to Dr. Kansu, Dr. Reşit Mert Bayraktar, Second Highest Student of the Faculty, and Dr. İlayda Mahmutoglu, Faculty's Third-Ranking Graduate, by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Dean of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, and Vice Dean of the Marmara University Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Hasan Raci Yananlı.

As part of the ceremony, a symbolic tree-planting ceremony was also held on behalf of the Spring Semester 2025–2026 Academic Year graduates of the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty. Following the symbolic tree planting carried out by program graduate Dr. İrem Oben, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kemal Alimoğlu, Member of the Executive Board of the Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD), delivered the traditional final lecture titled “Graduate Competencies in Medical Education”. The ceremony concluded with the presentation of graduation certificates to the graduates, the recitation of the Physician's Oath led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amber Eker, Chair of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Clinical Practice Center, and the traditional cap-toss celebration.



HUNDREDS OF EMU GRADUATES BID A TORCHLIGHT FAREWELL TO FAMAGUSTA

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) sent off its 2025–2026 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates into the future with the traditional Farewell to the City Walk through the historic streets of Famagusta. Hundreds of EMU graduates, dressed in their academic gowns and carrying torches, joined the procession, filling the city with graduation excitement. Once again, Famagusta witnessed one of the most meaningful displays of the strong bond between the University and the city. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren accompanied with students during the procession.

The procession commenced at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, 6 July 2026, from the Famagusta Development Academy (MGA) and continued through the historic streets to the Walled City of Famagusta. Carrying torches and dressed in their academic gowns, the graduates marched through the city as residents and visitors joined the celebration with warm applause. Lasting approximately one hour, the procession transformed Famagusta into a vibrant celebration of youth, hope, and achievement, creating a memorable graduation atmosphere throughout the city.

Following the procession, which concluded at Namık Kemal Square, a folk dance performance and musical entertainment added further color and excitement to the graduation celebrations. Joined by their families, academics, and friends, the graduates shared one of the most memorable moments of their university lives.

Addressing the participants, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç commenced with words by saying, “Good evening Eastern Mediterranean, good evening Famagusta”. Emphasizing the vibrant environment and excitement, Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued; “An unforgettable night and an incredible atmosphere. It had been many years since this square had witnessed such a remarkable sense of unity”.

Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that the Farewell Walk is far more than a graduation celebration, describing it as a long-standing tradition that symbolizes the strong bond forged over the years



between Eastern Mediterranean University and the city of Famagusta.

Addressing the students, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated; “Today, you are not only celebrating your graduation, but also bidding farewell to Famagusta, the city that has been your home throughout these years. The friendships you have formed, the memories you have created, and the values you have gained here will remain with you for the rest of your lives. Wherever in the world your paths may take you, I wholeheartedly believe that you will preserve this bond as voluntary ambassadors of Eastern Mediterranean University and Famagusta”.

Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also expressed his gratitude to the academics and families, thanking all academic and administrative staff who had contributed to the students’ education and congratulating the families

who had supported their children with unwavering dedication throughout their journey.

Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç encouraged the graduates to let science, ethical values, and compassion guide them throughout their professional lives, emphasizing that their true success would be measured not only by their careers but also by the positive impact they make on society.

Held annually as a cherished tradition, the Farewell to the City Walk once again highlighted the strong sense of belonging shared between Eastern Mediterranean University and the city of Famagusta. Carrying torches through the city’s historic streets, hundreds of EMU graduates took part in one of the most meaningful traditions of their university experience, bidding an emotional farewell to both their alma mater and the city they had called home during their years of study.



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