Alumni News

Elnur Huseynov

Elnur has another success in his career. He is now Regional Corporate Manager of Turkish Airlines.
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Inara Yagubova

Another good news comes from Inara, who got job promotion. She is now Career Advisor for the School of Public and International Affairs.

Mahammad Ibrahimov

Congratulations to Mahammad, who got accepted for one-year MSc in International Public Management and Public Policy at Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Orkhan Ahmedli

Orkhan is awarded with Master's Excellence Scholarship by Central European University. He will be studying one-year Master of Arts in Public Policy (MAPP) with the concentration on Economic Development.
Meet newly graduated alumni!

On April 29, 2016 ADA University marked a very special day - a day 5 years in making. Very first cohorts in Undergraduate class: 20 first ADA Bachelors of Arts in International Studies and 38 first ADA Bachelors in Business Administration graduated from ADA University. They were joined by graduating cohort of 21 Masters of Arts in Diplomacy and International Affairs and 8 Masters in Public Policy. The group of brilliant young minds has representatives of 10 nations: Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Japan, Kenya, Montenegro, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Serbia, Syria, Zambia.
Annual Alumni Day

On June 4, ADA University hosted Annual Alumni Day. This special day welcomed first ever bachelor alumni and was a gathering of a very diverse alumni community consisting from MADIA, MPP, MBA, EMBA, BAIS and BBA Classes.

The special guest, keynote speaker, Mr. Timothy Madigan, Chief of Party at USAID/East-West Management Institute, currently leading the social-economic activity project (SEDA) in Azerbaijan shared his own experience and stressed the importance of the giving back culture among the alumni.

The event was continued by group discussions, where each of cohorts had a chance to identify and present their vision of future alumni activities. Then the newly graduated classes planted trees in the Campus and enjoyed their time for networking.
Catchphrases To Use in Your Cover Letter

I am particularly well-qualified for this position, because...

Examples of my passion for doing the job well are...

I believe this is a position where my passion for the job will grow because of the opportunities you provide...

I would like to point out...

I am very excited to learn more about this opportunity and share how I will be a great fit for your company...

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me...

I would enjoy the opportunity to meet with you...

You can contact me as per your convenience...

Your position for (job title) strongly appeals to me because...

Not sure?

If you are still not sure about the correctness and quality of your cover letter, you can always untrust it to the professionals who can write it instead of you.

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Find Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities

1. UNIL Master’s Grants for International Students in Switzerland

To facilitate access to Master’s degrees by students with qualifications from foreign universities, the University of Lausanne provides around ten Master’s grants which are awarded on a competitive basis. Deadline: 15 December 2016

For more information:

http://www.mladiinfo.eu/2016/05/27/unil-masters-grants-international-students-switzerland/

2. NATO Defense College Fellowships in Rome, Italy

The NATO Defense College currently offers eight fellowships each year in the field of defense and security policy research related to NATO and its partners. Deadline: 30 September 2016.

For more information:

http://www.mladiinfo.eu/2016/05/11/nato-defense-college-fellowships-rome-italy/#ixzz4D8pKLOnb

3. Schwarzman Scholars Master Degree Program

Schwarzman Scholars announced that it is now accepting applications for its second class. Schwarzman Scholars is a highly selective, one year Master’s degree program based at Tsinghua University in Beijing, one of China’s top academic institutions. Deadline: 15 September 2016

For more information:

http://www.mladiinfo.eu/2016/04/29/schwarzman-scholarss-master-degree-program/#ixzz4D9SeaidT
Let’s discover each other: ADA Alumna now Representative of Mexico in APEC

We have great success stories within our diverse alumni community. Each issue of Alumni Newsletter will contain this rubric to present the interview with one of them.

Meet Olinka Vieyra, MADIA 2011 alumna, who committed is now representing her country in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Organization. She shares with us her extremely interesting success story:

1. **What was your dream-job in your childhood?**

I had several dream-jobs: I wanted to be a diplomat, a physician, a photographer, and a hairdresser. Curiously, none of them came true.
2. You were one of the first alumni of MADIA Program. What encouraged you to choose this university to get your Masters Degree?

I have been interested in the Caucasus and Central Asia for several years. I had the privilege to meet Mr. Ilgar Mukhtarov, Azerbaijan’s Ambassador to Mexico, and he invited me to do my Master’s Degree at ADA. I think that the best way to know a country is to live in it, smell it, talk to its people, walk its streets, eat its food, understand its History and traditions, and make good friends there. I got all that and more during my stay in Azerbaijan.

3. What was your first impression about ADA, when you first came to this institution?

I thought it was a bit small in terms of the facilities (we, MADIA 2011 students, did not have the chance to study at the current campus) and staff. However, that was pretty much an advantage because it gave me a sense of familiarity and closeness to my classmates and faculty.
4. **What was the most important influence of ADA on you?**

People at ADA were always willing to help and they were sympathetic to others’ concerns. That was strange for me at the beginning, but with time, I understood that somehow it is part of Azerbaijanis’ culture. You are open to help, open to share, and I very much appreciated that. I try to do the same both in my personal and professional life.

5. **What was your best memory at ADA?**

I have some very good memories: an interesting talk with Ambassador Pashayev; a snowball fight with some MADIA 2011 students outside ADA; the bonfire with ADA faculty and staff in Novruz; Spanish lessons for Azerbaijan’s diplomats, together with Elnur; Anar Valiyev always asking if I was ok; Veronika, from the Czech Republic, buying a cake for me on my birthday; learning to make chapati, a traditional meal from Kenya, with Nelly; celebrating Christmas with Naman and his family from Pakistan; and walking on the Caspian seaside.
6. It must be such a big responsibility to become first woman Senior Official of Mexico before APEC. What has been your biggest challenge?

I have come up with two main challenges:

1) to change the “business as usual” mindset, and try to work in more efficient and pragmatic ways;

2) to keep up with the responsibility I have been given. It is an honor to represent Mexico in APEC, so I do my best to strengthen my country’s stand in such an important Forum. It is motivating to think that I can do something meaningful for Mexico. I hope that I will.
7. What do you enjoy most about your job?

- I enjoy very much working with my team for they teach me something every day; and it is always enriching and challenging to address many different topics with officials from 21 economies.

8. What will be your advice to those who are about to make a decision regarding their future jobs?

- Work hard, work hard, work hard… it will pay off.
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