Great news comes from one of the very first alumni of ADA University. He got a very prestigious Schwarzman Scholarship to study in the leading university of China. Being a successful candidate, Rza was selected out of pool of 3000 young leaders from all over the world.
Alumni News

Ramin Aliyev

We congratulate Ramin for his promotion to the to 3rd Secretary at the Consulate General of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles! Previously he served as attaché at the Consulate.

Tunjay Musazade

Another good news comes from Tunjay, who is now working in the Admission team and serves passionately to bring smart brains among the student body of the University. We wish her best of luck.

She shares her feelings with us:

“Education is very important for everybody who wants to build a successful career and become a socially responsible citizen in the future. "ADA" University, as one of the leading education center in the region, offers such opportunities to everybody and invites them to change the future together. It is such happiness that, I am a part of this great mission and help people to choose their education path. It makes me so proud of my work, especially when I meet young people and see the spark in their eyes towards education and self-development! Therefore, I work even more enthusiastically after becoming an admission specialist because I strongly believe that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world!"
Alumni News

Farid Osmanov

We congratulate Farid on his successful completion of Program on Applied Security Studies, George C. Marshall Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. Moreover, he is now 3rd Secretary at Regional Security Department of MFA of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Olinka Vieyra

Another success comes from Olinka, who has been serving as an advisor to the Undersecretary for Foreign Trade at the Ministry of Economy of Mexico for almost four years. She is now appointed as Senior Official of Mexico before Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation. It is worth to mention that Olinka is first woman taking over this responsibility in the country. Congratulations with this great achievement.
Alumni News

Ahmad Gumbatov

We congratulate Ahmad who moved on to the British Embassy in Baku as an adviser on energy affairs! He served devotedly while working at the Caspian Center for Energy and Environment at ADA and we are sure that he will do great job within this new and tremendously responsible position.

Turkana Allahverdiyeva

Turkana is among our alumni who are getting international scholarships. She is awarded with Effort scholarship as a research fellow for ten month at IPVC, in Portugal. She is completing her program in June, 2016. We wish good luck in her studies.
Alumni News

Fridah Mwakasyuka

Congratulations to Fridah, MADIA2015 alumna, whose career path’s raised a lot recently – she secured a job with UNDP Tanzania country office at the position of program associate - democratic governance. “I admit that ADA has helped me prepare for life and working comfortably as an International Civil servant”, says Fridah. Here is the success she shares with us:

“At my position for a very short time I've been exposed with various activities like coordinating 3 big projects of Support to Effective and Responsive Parliaments for Tanzania National assembly and Zanzibar House of representatives, Improved Access to Justice and Human Rights Promotion, and Supporting Public and Private Anti-corruption Initiatives in Tanzania. In addition to this I am actively involved in the development of United Nations Development Assistance Plan II (UNDAP II) for Tanzania. The UNDAP is the first of its kind among One UN pilot countries, bringing together 18 UN Agencies in a common country program, delivering through 10 sector specific programs to be implemented starting June 2016.”
Inaugurate class of School of Business
Graduated!

56 bright and talented master students of Executive MBA and MBA program of School of Business graduated on January 23, 2016. We congratulate these young smart people and wish them success in their future endeavors.

Here are some impressions of the class representatives:

**Akif Aliyev:**

“EMBA program of ADA University helped me a lot to reorganize my professional activity. Moreover, ADA University has created unforgettable environment of integrity and platform for people to consolidate power to reach success together. ADA University model is the perfect sample of how education system in high schools of Azerbaijan need to be to be organized.”

**Anar Imamverdiyev:**

"I would divide my life in two parts: before and after the ADA. It has taught me a lot, but the most important thing for me is that it helped to eliminate uncertainty regarding my career path, as it taught me to Study whatever I want. Another crucial aspect is a new community-family of ADA I found here, which is may be the best networking opportunity in our country.”
First Graduate Research Conference

Alumni Relations Office organized First Graduate Research where brilliant alumni and graduate students got a chance to present their research works and participate in debates. Such topics as Security and International Conflicts, International Community: Cooperation, Sustainability and Partnership, Social Factors in Nation Building and Public Administration, Public Policy and Management were covered during the discussions. Chaired by faculty members, the panel discussions were followed by questions and answer session. Three best papers were awarded at the end of the event.

The compilation of research works is available in the Library and on the website:

Publications of ADA University Alumni

It is such a pride to see the works of our alumni in influential international publications.

Elmar Baghirov

The policy brief by Elmar Baghirov, “The momentum for the Trans-Caspian Pipeline” was published in Natural Gas Europe and was selected as most-read article:

http://www.naturalgaseurope.com/most-read-article-for-july-2015-27336

Hajar Huseynova

Hajar achieved a great accomplishment: her policy paper “Water Energy Nexus and Transboundary Water Management as part of Integrated Water Resource Management in Azerbaijan” was published by one of the leading think tanks of the world Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS): http://www.kas.de/suedkaukasus/de/publications/43558

Her another policy brief, “The Decline of Oil Prices and Development in the Renewable Energy Sector of Azerbaijan”, was published by Caspian Center for Energy and Environment (CCEE):
Ahmad Gumbatov

An insightful policy brief “Lifting Sanctions on Iran: Implications for the Global Oil Market” by Ahmad is now in Natural Gas Europe!

http://www.naturalgaseurope.com/lifting-sanctions-on-iran-implications-for-the-global-oil-market-27474

His another article, “Prospects of Delivering Israeli Gas to the Turkish Market” was published in “Turkish Policy Quarterly” providing analysis on Turkey and its neighborhood:

IV Career Week at ADA University and Alumni Career Mentoring

Annual Career Week was held by Career Management Center (CMC) at ADA University, where students and alumni had a chance to meet HR officials of more than 40 companies.

For the first time there was organized Alumni Panel and Alumni Networking event within the Career Week. Alumni as role models shared their experience and tried to navigate for upcoming graduating students.
Career Development Tips by CMC

Career Management Center (CMC) of ADA University kindly shares its tips and guides alumni and students in Alumni Newsletter as well. In this issue, you will find interesting information about Social Media and Job Search.

Social Networking and the Job Search

Students remain somewhat resistant to the idea of employers communicating with them through social media and reviewing their personal information online, according to results of NACE’s Class of 2015 Student Survey.

Respondents were asked how comfortable they felt about contacting and being contacted by potential employers on social media. Expressing a generally wary sentiment for both, only one-third of students (30.1 percent) felt either “very” or “extremely” comfortable having recruiters personally reach out to them on social media, while an even smaller group (23.3 percent) indicated the same level of comfort when it came to the idea of themselves reaching out to employers on social media. (See Figure 1.)

Figure 1: Communicating with employers through social media

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<th>How comfortable do you feel about:</th>
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<td>Potential employers contacting you</td>
<td>9.7%</td>
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<td>Reaching out to potential employers</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
<td>28.7%</td>
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Source: Class of 2015 Student Survey, National Association of Colleges and Employers

Respondents were also asked about employers reviewing candidates’ online profiles in the application process. This year, students were more likely than ever to believe both that employers engaged in this practice (84.2 percent) and that employers should engage in this practice (47.2 percent).

Despite all this, students’ use of social media for discussing specific job openings with friends; researching potential employers; or talking with friends,
alumni, or colleagues about their job-search experiences has continued to rise at a steady pace. While just 36.9 percent of students were using social media in any of these ways in 2010, 66.3 percent were doing so in 2015.

The most widely used platform was LinkedIn (87.4 percent), which was the only platform to garner any significant rating of effectiveness (69.6 percent). In terms of both use and effectiveness, all of platforms paled in comparison to LinkedIn, with the exception Facebook, which was widely used but not considered effective (23.2 percent). A smaller group of students used Google+, Instagram, and Twitter, as well as blogs (in general) (40.5 to 48.3 percent).

The *Class of 2015 Student Survey*, was administered to 39,950 students at the associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree levels through NACE’s college members from February 11, 2015, to April 30, 2015. The focus of the survey report is the 9,184 bachelor’s degree students who indicated that they would be graduating—or already had graduated—during the 2014-2015 academic school year (July 1 to June 30), and were thus members of the Class of 2015. The *Class of 2015 Student Survey* was sponsored by Enterprise. The survey report will be available this fall.

**Figure 2: Use of social media**

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Find Scholarship Opportunities

Rotary Peace Fellowship

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of the peace centers. In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank.

Deadline: May 31, 2016

For more information: http://www.mladiinfo.eu/2016/03/18/apply-rotary-peace-fellowship/#ixzz43zghC8XU

Full-Time PhD Scholarships in UK

Canterbury Christ Church University is please to announce its 2016 round for PhD scholarships. Applications are invited across a range of subjects and themes: Education; Contemporary Studies in Childhood, Youth and Parenthood; Health and Wellbeing; Arts and Humanities; Social and Applied Sciences.

Deadline: April 30, 2016

Read more: http://www.mladiinfo.eu/2016/03/04/full-time-phd-scholarships-canterbury-christ-church-university/#ixzz43ziQ2Nlq
Let’s discover each other

We have astonishing 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 Veronika Tymova, MADIA 2011 alumna, who committed herself to the humanitarian aid after ADA and worked in such difficult parts of the world as Iraq and South Sudan. She shares with us her extremely interesting and challenging success story:

1. What was your dream job since childhood?

I wanted to be a traveler ever since I can remember. I’ve been drawn to Middle East in particular and that stayed with me till today. I didn’t know at the time that being a traveler wasn’t an actual job but I am happy that I was able to incorporate this childhood dream into my work and life today.

2. Why did you choose to work in humanitarian aid sphere? Do you enjoy it?

Well, I didn’t wake up one day and told myself that I want to work in
humanitarian aid sector. I tried other possibilities that would allow me to do something meaningful while also allowing me to travel. So after I realized that state sector nor private sector are not the right directions to go, humanitarian aid sphere was the place to be. Other people benefit from my work and on top of that I get to experience life in different cultures and meet amazing people from all over the place.

3. **You are involved in the work in the most dangerous places of the world. How do you manage it?**

The thing is that after a while one stops to think about the security risks and becomes accustomed to it. It’s actually easier than one would think. I think that aid workers are bothered more by the restrictions that come with tight security measures than the risks themselves. One’s movement is limited, some places are completely out of limits, curfews are in place in many countries and services like electricity and drinking water are scarce. That can be very stressful.
4. You are one of the very first alumni of ADA. What made you to apply to a newly established university?

My professor at the time tipped me off and suggested that it could be a good fit for me. However, I wasn’t convinced until I met Anar Valiyev in Prague who convinced me to apply. I’m happy that he did.

5. How did ADA impact on your career goals?

I think ADA was one of the turning points in my life and it set me on my current career path. My interest in humanitarian sector was ignited in ADA and further developed in Geneva.

6. What is your brightest memory about ADA and life in Baku?

There are many but one of those that really stands out is when Naman (our fellow student from Pakistan) and his family prepared a Christmas dinner for those who stayed in Baku over holidays. We even had an Xmas tree!

7. What would you advise to further generation of students?

Don’t get discouraged and never give up. You may start walking one way and it may not work but that’s ok because at some point you’ll find the right direction.
Dear Alumni,

Baku Dialogues journal, which has been published since 2014, now calls for papers! Many prominent world politicians have been published in previous issues, including President of EU, Head of UNDP, Prime Minister of Turkey, President of Serbia and many others. Please submit your articles of no more than 4000 words by April 30, 2016. Send your paper and get published!

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