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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S GUIDE TO
NAVIGATING LIFE AT IAU!



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ABOUT SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT is the ultimate treasure map for international students, leading the way to all things academic, cultural, and just plain intriguing! It's where our incredible students and alumni shed light on their adventures, challenges, and triumphs. Additionally, we've got an incredible entertainment section that's just begging for your attention!

For the Students, by the Students.

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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa AYDIN
Istanbul Aydın University President

Today more than ever, there is a need for a generation that can respond to the expectations of society, dominate the use of information and technology, speak at least one foreign language in business life, research, inquire, and produce; renew itself in every area as well as the information necessary for life, that is participant, can think and work independently in universal dimensions.

Istanbul Aydın University is a higher education institution that will bring you the knowledge, awareness, entrepreneurial, and creative spirit that the 21st century requires with its expert teaching staff, privileged, contemporary, and constantly renewed programs, vocational English language preparatory school implemented for the first time in Turkey, contemporary technical equipment, ergonomic physical structure, distinguished solution partners, international education cooperation, freedom of unlimited learning which provides undergraduate education and its continuing education process, and its rich social structure.

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

November '23



Prof. Dr. Zafer ASLAN
Director International Relations

"In the pursuit of education and global engagement, our university stands as a beacon of inspiration and opportunity."

It gives me great pride that our students have taken the initiative of publishing a university magazine for the international community. A magazine for international students is essential as it creates a sense of community, shares valuable information, and promotes cross-cultural understanding, fostering an inclusive and enriched campus environment.



Syed Sohaib HASSAN
Vice Director International Relations
Management

"At IAU, our goal is to shape global citizens"

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Muatasem B. Alkhouli
ISU President

The International Student Union has catered to multiple foreign student communities and has established an atmosphere where international students feel represented and accepted at Istanbul Aydin University. I wanted to be a part of a goal that prioritizes foreign students and their needs, a goal that embraces our many cultures and aids the integration of these foreign cultures within our new home, Turkey.

With SPOTLIGHT MAGAZINE we aim to be the ultimate guide for our students at Istanbul Aydin University. Our goal is to reach international students and provide them with important information from all around our university while keeping the fun included.



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ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY

**The First ISU Orientation
is coming soon!**

EVENT NOV '13

WHAT IS ISU

The International Students Union (ISU) aims to create a harmonious and inclusive environment where students from across the globe come together, learn from each other, and forge lifelong connections. ISU provides a supportive framework that nurtures personal growth, cross-cultural understanding, and a sense of belonging. Join us in creating a global family within the heart of Istanbul Aydin University. Whether you're looking to meet new friends, explore new horizons, or make a difference, ISU welcomes you with open arms.



M. A. Saadan Qasmani
Chief Editor

For far too long, these voices have echoed in the hallways, yearning for a stage to shine, a canvas to paint, and a spotlight to bask in. It's with immense passion that our team brings you your "Spotlight." We envisioned a haven, a sanctuary where international students could pour their hearts, their ideas, and their dreams.

"Spotlight" is not just a magazine; it's a testament to the resilience, the creativity, and the diversity of our global family. It's a celebration of the tears shed during late-night study sessions, the laughter shared over international cuisine, and the friendships formed between nationalities.

"Every student brings with them a unique story, a culture, and a wealth of ideas."

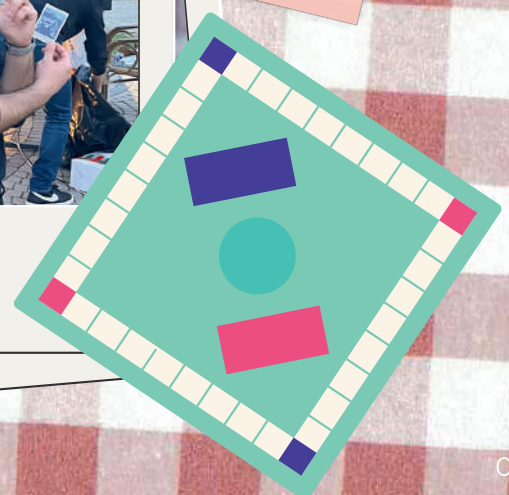
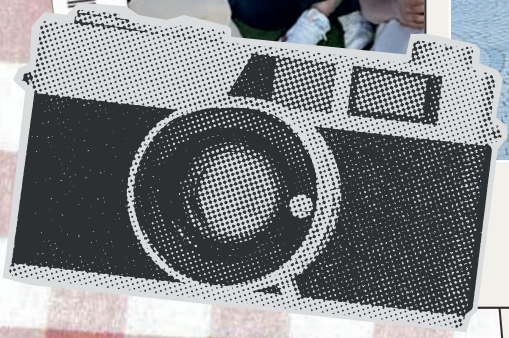
This magazine is a reflection of the kaleidoscope of cultures that unite under our university's banner. As we embark on this journey with you, dear readers, we invite you to take your place in the spotlight, to share your stories, your experiences, and your dreams. Together, we will illuminate the world with the brilliance of our collective narratives. "Spotlight" is your canvas, your stage, and your sanctuary. Let the first issue be a testament to the power of our international community's voices and the emotions that bind us together.

Welcome to "Spotlight" – where every story, every idea, and every heart finds its rightful place in the limelight.

IN THIS ISSUE

For our very first issue of SPOTLIGHT, we aim to commemorate Turkey's 100 years as a republic and acknowledge the achievements and creativity of our students in this inaugural edition. The magazine features an entertainment section and offers students the opportunity to engage in riddles, discover the university, and win exciting prizes. Additionally, the Ask Ed section is specially designed to provide a safe space for our students and we have told the tales of our students and their life at IAU.

Monthly recap



ISU STORIES

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Fri, 10th Nov



MUN Opening Ceremony

Mon, 13th Nov



ISU Communities Ceremony

Fri, 16th Nov



MUN Orientation

Sun, 19th Nov



CRICKET MATCH SCREENING

Fri, 1st Dec



FUTSAL LEAGUE

Fri, 1st Dec



INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM



MEET OUR ALUMNI

You won't look back at your exams you will look back at the memories you make"

We had the honor of sitting down with one of our esteemed Alumni, Ms. Israa Musharaf. Hailing from Afghanistan, and having been brought up in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Ms. Israa arrived in Turkey for her bachelor's in Industrial Engineering at the young age of just nineteen.

As a child, she had a keen interest in mathematics but later in life decided to pursue Business and commenced her BBA in KSA. However, she soon outgrew the confines of her environment and decided to shift to Turkey and transfer to IAU in hopes of expanding the horizons of her knowledge and here she united her first love, Lady Mathematics, and second, Sir. Business and enrolled in Industrial Engineering.

Upon her arrival, she claims to have been satisfied almost immediately by the life at IAU and added, **"The multicultural environment at IAU was something new for me"**.

She stated that she highly admired the fact that most of her professors were from different cultural backgrounds as well and not only did that make her feel more comfortable but also more at peace in her new foreign home.

"Now I've started accepting situations that I couldn't accept before. I am more accepting of new ideas and environments and see things differently" said Israa when asked to comment upon the impact that this new multicultural environment had on her.

She did however confess that initially she had struggled with group work but that soon changed. Her favorite memory from her days at IAU is from her 4th year of her bachelor's program when she was offered the chance to volunteer for the IBA Women's Boxing Championship 2020. Her duties involved working alongside organizers from Russia and contacting and collaborating with the producer. This opportunity allowed her to meet famous boxers from all over the world and she commented on her experience by saying that **"it can't be described but only experienced"**.

Years later, Israa still benefits from all that her degree program at IAU taught her. She still looks back at the simulations she had after studying. **"Whenever I go to a restaurant I think of my job."** Said Israa while joking about how she can't help but point out the role of industrial engineering in organizing and helping establish a business and she makes she always offers her critical analysis.

As an alumna of IAU, she wishes to advise all enrolled students to live in the moment and to cherish it.

"Enjoy every second of your time, the best time of your life is your time at uni. Academics are minor problems that you can overcome easily." Says Israa

Currently, Ms. Israa is working at Huda American School here in Turkey, and in the future, she wishes to come back to IAU but this time as an International Lecturer, like the ones that once amazed her.



OUR VALEDICTORIAN

Soaring to Success: Alhanoof's Odyssey in Aviation Management

When the International office was consulted about who should be featured in the inaugural issue of SPOTLIGHT, their immediate response was, "The Yemeni Girl!" However, it wasn't until we had the privilege of interviewing Ms. Alhanoof Abdulmajid Abdo Anaam that we truly grasped the extraordinary nature of her journey. Alhanoof is an exceptional student who has risen to the rank of valedictorian for the class of 2023, and her path in aviation management is nothing short of remarkable.

"Stay passionate and committed to the field. Stay open to learning, embrace challenges, and network with industry professionals. It's a dynamic field with immense opportunities for those who are dedicated and innovative."

Her biggest challenges

In our conversation, Alhanoof candidly revealed that her journey as an aviation management student at IAU was both exciting and enlightening, despite its challenges. Moving to Turkey at the age of twenty, leaving her home, family, and friends behind, was a significant hurdle. She expressed gratitude for the opportunity to explore the dynamic world of business and appreciated her mentors and professors. However, she faced hardships as her bachelor's degree program coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic and an earthquake crisis. Alhanoof described this as one of the most challenging times in her life, being far from home. Yet, she remained dedicated, coping by developing effective time management strategies. Her unwavering dedication allowed her to delve deeply into aviation, exploring areas like airline operations, airport management, and aviation safety, merging her passion with a strong academic foundation in the midst of turbulent times.

Her strategy

Contrary to the stereotype that academic high achievers tend to be antisocial and uninvolved in extracurricular activities, Alhanoof argued that effective task prioritization and time management prevented her academic and social life from encroaching on each other. She stated, "I used to dedicate weekdays to academic pursuits and reserved weekends for me and my friends." Balancing coursework, extracurricular activities, and a social life while safeguarding her peace of mind did hinder her from gaining work experience. However, she noted that she is actively addressing this during her pursuit of a master's degree in Business Administration. Alhanoof emphasized the significance of impeccable time management, unwavering discipline, and seeking guidance from professors and peers as her strategies for success.

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For Alhanoof, the most captivating aspect of aviation management is its ever-evolving nature. From technological advancements to global market dynamics, this field is in constant flux. This dynamic nature has inspired her career goals, motivating her to remain at the forefront of these changes and drive progress and sustainability within the industry. She encourages others to pursue this field, firmly asserting, "Aviation managers are just as important as doctors and engineers, and the field has so much to offer."

It's worth noting that Alhanoof also spent two semesters abroad for the Erasmus+ student exchange program in Lithuania.

Her Mentors

Alhanoof's academic and personal development were profoundly influenced by several professors and mentors. She highlighted the instrumental role of Professors Dr. Konstantinos Kalligiannis and Dr. Fatima Elif Demirhan, who provided invaluable guidance, especially during her Erasmus program.

Dr. Esin Nesrin Can's mentorship expanded her horizons in the accounting field, and Prof. Salvatore Joseph Terregrossa enriched her academic journey with insights into the economic field.



Her future goals

Looking to the future, Alhanoof envisions a successful career in the aviation industry, potentially working for airlines, airports, or aviation management organizations. As previously mentioned, she is pursuing postgraduate studies to further specialize in aviation management. Her aspirations include maintaining a harmonious work-life balance while continuing her passion for aviation as a lifelong hobby and, hopefully, becoming a lecturer one day.

THE IAU EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

Vice Director of International
Academic Relations
Osman GÜLTEKİN



WHAT EXCHANGE OPPURTUNITIES ARE OFFERED AT IAU?

The Directorate of International Relations at IAU offers various exchange programs, including Erasmus+ in European Higher Education Area countries, bilateral exchange programs with over 500 partner universities worldwide, study abroad programs, and international summer and winter programs. These programs offer cultural experiences and new perspectives to students in their studies.

INCOMING STUDENT



Carlos Emiliano, a dedicated law student from Panamerican University, Mexico City, is currently living his dream that began over a decade ago. His story is one of passion, devotion, and an unwavering desire to explore the rich history, culture, and natural beauty of Türkiye.

Carlos's Istanbul story begins with his admission to Istanbul Aydin University, through the Bilateral Exchange program, in the course of International Relations and Political Science. "I became obsessed with the idea of coming here" he expressed while recalling his Exchange admission formalities and having become an Exchange student, he embarked on this journey to bring his dream to life. Upon arriving in Istanbul, Carlos was immediately taken aback by the city's beauty and vibrancy.

As a teenager, Carlo's fascination with Türkiye sparked through watching Ottoman empire documentaries for hours. The rich way of life as well as the beauty of the city was too appealing a sight. He knew he had to travel to Istanbul someday, "I have been wanting to come here for over ten years" he told us.

Carlos loves history and he claims that he inherited this interest in the field from his father. His fondness of History naturally instilled in him a liking for all social sciences. Working as an intern at Backer McKenzie, a law firm in Mexico City helped Carlos gain the right experience and gave his career path the much-needed direction. "I don't want my motivation to be money... if that's what my life is when I grow up it's going to be a little depressing," he said while explaining his intentions behind studying the ways of the world.

Carlos came across a small restaurant, soon after his arrival. The warm ambiance of the place and the hospitality of its owner, a sweet old lady, made it a very pleasant experience. The lady happened to speak fluent English, and looking forward to their conversations he found himself visiting the restaurant often.

One evening their conversation stirred toward history and to his pleasant surprise she too was fond of the subject. Hours melted away as he sat there listening to her narrating stories of the Ottoman period. The casual visits to the restaurant have now become a part of his routine, in this tiny corner of the city, he not only finds good food but also a bond very dear to him. Moving abroad brings its own set of challenges and for Carlos, it has been the seemingly never-ending documentation procedures. However, the helping attitude of the exchange staff has made this experience much less daunting. Carlos expressed his gratitude towards the amazing IAU exchange team who are constantly working to cater to the needs of exchange students, "Oh my god they're amazing, they made me feel very welcomed, they are like friends...", he eagerly told us.



The language barrier was just one of many hurdles that stood in his way. But, with his sights set on conquering new horizons, Carlos jumped into the A1 Turkish proficiency course offered by IAU. With his eagerness and determination, it's only a matter of time before he's chatting up a storm with the locals. Istanbul has welcomed him with open arms, and Carlos isn't ready to leave just yet. He's planning on extending his stay by another semester, eager to discover all that Türkiye has to offer. He plans on broadening the scale of his adventures across the country with his new friends, in hopes of creating unforgettable memories. According to him, this journey of cultural discovery and personal growth is just getting started and Carlos doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon.

His days are filled with new experiences and adventures as he immerses himself in the local culture. From wandering through the cobbled streets of the old town to sampling the delicious cuisine at the bustling food markets, he's savouring every moment of this unique experience. With open arms, he's embraced the unfamiliar and is relishing the opportunity to learn about a new way of life. And in the evenings, he's always on the lookout for exciting events and performances, eager to soak up the city's vibrant arts scene. Through his enthusiasm and energy, he's spreading joy and positivity wherever he goes, leaving a lasting impact on all those he meets.

OUTGOING STUDENT

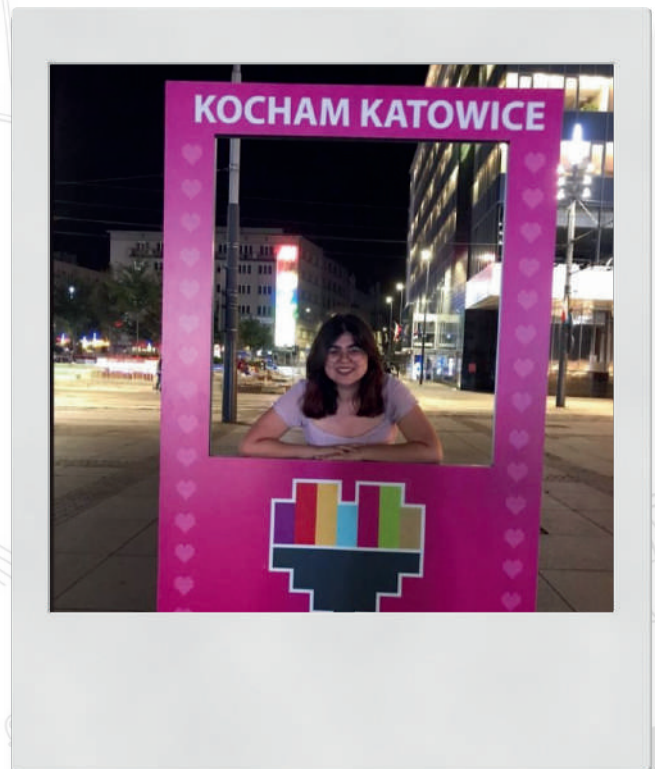


From being an Erasmus student to now playing the role of the IAU Erasmus club President. Şevval Türk, a senior year student at Istanbul Aydın University, majoring in Translation and interpretation, shared her tale of personal and academic growth. Her journey with Erasmus began at a strange time, right after the COVID-19 pandemic. She viewed the opportunity as an exciting way to break free from the limitations imposed by the pandemic and a chance to explore new horizons. Her academic excellence Enabled her to secure the semester grant offered by Erasmus; further catalyzing her ambitions. In 2021 she flew to Katowice, Poland, to study at the University of Silesia. Pursuing foreign language teaching, and foreign language literature with a particular focus on American and British literature, she also completed A2 Polish proficiency.

During our interview, she joyfully boasted, “by the end, I was completely speaking Polish!”. Shifting from the hustle and bustle of Istanbul to the calmness of a small town in Poland turned out to be a big change for Şevval, and she recalled asking herself “I am used to that chaos...what am I going to do for 5 months here”.

The cold European silence of the new city felt alien to her ears that had become accustomed to the loud Turkish chaos of Istanbul. While away, homesickness did creep up every now and then but the city and the community didn’t allow it to linger for too long. The town, with time, became a comforting presence and the silence that she had initially dreaded had now become her peace so much so that she began questioning herself as to how she had managed to live in the chaos that is Istanbul in the first place.

Despite the cold weather, the lively international community played a significant role in keeping Şevval warm. Erasmus offered her countless experiences so having to pick just one favorite was certainly a task, a random interaction with a strangely dressed man was the first thing that came to her mind. While exploring Kraków with her Turkish friends, she noticed a little crowd surrounding a man dressed as a Viking. The man upon overhearing them speak in Turkish asked “Are you guys from Türkiye”, and to their pleasant surprise, the Polish man started speaking in Turkish.





A sight so unreal that it took her a few seconds to take in, it turns out the man was an Actor, he had earlier traveled across Türkiye and even acted in a famous Netflix Turkish horror movie called Dabbe. This little seemingly insignificant interaction in that foreign land felt like a hug from home.

April 9th, 2022, a day Şevval will never forget, her tour took an unexpected turn in Barcelona. While she was walking in a park with her friends an old man there started complimenting them, insisting on clicking their pictures. After successfully distracting them, he disappeared along with Şevval's bag which happened to hold all her essential belongings. Anxiety took over immediately; in a foreign country not only did she not have any documents to prove her identity but she also had no money to sustain herself.

The horror, the panic, and the thoughts all came flooding. What was she going to do? Who would she go to for help? Would the robber steal her identity? At one point, she was convinced that she'd either end up stuck in Barcelona for the rest of her life or get deported her program degree remaining unfinished and incomplete in either scenario. After countless panic attacks, running around all of Poland for her, and exhausting her tear glands, she was eventually issued relief in the shape of a pink passport by the Turkish embassy, enabling her to return and complete her semester. Alas! She stopped worrying about ending up as a refugee.

Putting her learnings and experiences to use, Şevval came back wanting to tell her tale and to guide other students who were ambitious about spending a semester or two abroad; and so far, she has spent a year mentoring incoming as well as outgoing Erasmus students, while also working as the club's accountant. Because of her dedication towards this work, this year, she was elected as the Erasmus club President. Şevval now plays a crucial role in creating and maintaining a supporting network for all Erasmus students with the motivation of making Erasmus a smooth journey for all. Recalling her Barcelona experience, she explained how she would never want anybody else to feel as helpless as she once did, or to put it in her own words: "My main aim is to help because I was helpless in Poland".



**The First Edition of
IAUMUN is coming soon!**

EVENT FEB '24

ABOUT IAUMUN

In our increasingly interconnected world, we find ourselves continually drawn to discussions about various political events, spanning from economic matters and human rights to elections.

What if I were to tell you that there is a unique avenue for you to express your opinions with a diverse community of like-minded individuals?

We proudly introduce the IAUMUN Club at Istanbul Aydin University, and we're thrilled to unveil the inaugural edition of our very own Model United Nations. This club encourages them to cultivate their diplomatic acumen, hone their leadership skills, and, who knows, possibly even have a hand in resolving some of the most complex debates and discussions taking place within various committees.

The IAUMUN Club isn't just any club; it's a transformative intellectual journey. It empowers you to participate in meaningful discussions, deepening your understanding of international affairs, and providing you with the tools necessary to make a lasting impact.



Tala M.K. ALLULU
President, MUN club

Attend the Opening Ceremony on 10th November '23. T block, Purple hall, 2pm

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Or contact us at iaumun@aydin.edu.tr

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE
BIGGEST DIPLOMATIC EVENT AT IAU!**

AUNTIE ZUBEYDA'S CAT-EYE VIEW

MEET OUR TOP COLUMNIST



Meow! You've fed me, you've pet me, now get to know me. Greetings, fellow humans, it is I, Your Auntie Zubeyda, though you may know me simply as the moody campus cat. I can often be found basking under the warm sun, stretched out elegantly on the grass just outside A block along with my cousins Sher Khan and Hubbi. As much as I'd love to keep up with the sun, the unforgiving winds of inflation in Turkey have forced me into an odd profession – I've become a columnist for this very Magazine. In return for my literary genius, Saadan, the editor, has promised me a treasure trove of tantalizing treats.

For far too long, I've been the silent observer of your student antics. Your bustling energy, laughter, and even your occasional clumsiness have not escaped my keen feline eyes. Now, I look forward to putting my keen observations to good use. It's time for me to step into the spotlight, hissing and meowing to add a touch of purr-fiction to your world.

As for J block and its strategy team, oh, the tales I could share! From my cozy spot in the shadows, I've had the privilege of eavesdropping on their meetings, overhearing their hushed conversations. They scheme, they plan, and they work tirelessly to make our campus an even better place. And let me tell you, the tea is piping hot in that corner of the campus! I'm looking forward to shedding light on their strategies and antics, adding a touch of feline flair to the behind-the-scenes drama.

So, as we embark on this new journey together, I promise to bring you a unique perspective, a cat's-eye view, and perhaps a dash of mischief. Stay tuned, dear students, for you are about to witness the world through my wise and whiskered eyes.



HOROSCOPES

FACULTY OF LAW

The cosmic gavel has fallen, and the celestial courtroom has declared your faith for the coming days. You better be careful with that secret of yours, any more slip-ups and you might get yourself in much trouble! Of course, you can enjoy a nice long conversation but be careful of your company, not everything is meant to be shared with everyone. The coming weeks are going to be adventurous and exciting but don't ruin that with your courtroom debates. Joy, adventure, and a lot of fun memories await you so go out and explore!

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

You're going to die, not literally but if you don't start showing up to class the workload will certainly start feeling like that. Don't allow your focus to get dilated. Know that you are heading in the right direction with that decision of yours, your days have been long and tiring but there's light at the end of the tunnel and something very beautiful awaits you :)

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

"Can we fix it? Yes, we can!"

The stars need you to hold dear the words of the great Bob the Builder, life brings all sorts of challenges but with the right mind frame, you can build, fix, and navigate your way through anything. It's time you put your skills to use and build yourself a way out. The coming time is challenging and full of obstacles and your academics will seek special attention so be prepared to work your way out.

Recommendation – Watch Bob the Builder, you idiot

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

The plain canvas of your life is getting repainted and as the colors add magic your social life will get a whole lot exciting! Hold the stardust with grace and make sure to welcome new blessings with open arms. Also, it's time you pick that book you bought ages ago and spend some time reflecting on its words.

Beware for a while do not wear yellow keep a safe distance from the color yellow and maybe even consider not saying the word yellow.

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

Don't break a tooth!

Your perfectionism is unhealthy, you need to calm down, step back, and appreciate how far you have come. Forget about cavities, drop whatever you are doing, and treat yourself to an ice cream and when you are not examining molars make sure to take some time out to have a much-needed conversation with your friend.

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND ADMIN. SCIENCES

You have been working very hard, but rest assured all those long hours are going to bring you plenty of opportunities. Recently things haven't been easy for you, allow time to do the healing and meanwhile focus on your objective. The coming days hold a lot of joy and will bring you peace as long as you have faith. 8k Look forward to a warm interaction with a stranger that might even give your life a new direction.

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Listen and listen carefully, your journey will get a lot easier if you stop throwing yourself down the rabbit hole of search engines every time you hear of a new trend. Your FOMO is messing things up for you so it's time to step back, have that long-delayed conversation with your friend over some piping hot tea, and relax. Keep excelling in your academic endeavors and share your notes with your classmates so you get some good karma.

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION

GREAT NEWS! YOUR STARS ARE ALINING WELL, THERE'S LESS CHANCE OF YOU FALLING DOWN THE STAIRS!

Throw caution to the winds and go explore, drag your friend to that new restaurant you've been thinking about, and maybe even take the bus to the end of the line. Talk to a stranger, how else do you expect to make new friends HUH.

Organize your time and focus on your academics to keep those stars aligned.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

In the movie, your life is going to take a new path. One you are unfamiliar with; one you might not want but need. Trust your gut this time and let it pay the way. Close your mind's eye, shut the thoughts, and allow yourself to experience the ride. Oh, it's not going to be fun or easy, the journey is going to be anything but that, and once it's over you will be left discovering a completely different chapter of your life.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

There seems to be a dark cloud coming your way so take heed and cover up before the weather gets bad. Be extra careful as the wind gets stronger, check the weather before leaving, watch where you are going, and make sure to carry a jacket with you at all times. Get yourself some warm company, and spend more time with your dear ones.

Here's a tip, keep a safe distance from the number 17.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

STOP SNOOZING THAT ALARM DAMNIT!

Getting late to class every day will eventually get you in much trouble. The coming academic weeks are going to be long and challenging, and that backlog will certainly not make it any easier. It's time to clean that dust off your books and put in some much-needed work.

Walking into the coming weeks with a new sense of optimism, make yourself a to-do list, stop scrolling through Instagram, and study. Get back on track then treat yourself to an outing with your friends.



ASK ED

Who is Ed?

Ed, short for Editor, is meant to be your go-to *Person*. Auntie Zubeyda, Noor, and Saadan are your Ed.

- Curious about the upcoming campus events? Ask the Ed.
- Need clarity regarding university life? Ask Ed.
- Need advice on your academic journey? Ask Ed.
- Got cheated on? Auntie Zubeda will be your Ed.

Whether it's campus events, academic insights, student life, or any other aspect of your university as well as your personal life, we are here to guide you. We aim to provide you with the information and insights that matter most to you.

Your voices matter to us, and we want to address the topics that pique your interest. So, please do not hesitate to share your queries with us. Not only will we be answering your questions but we will also be featuring them in our upcoming edition, allowing your fellow students to benefit from the knowledge and insights as well.



How to reach Ed?

The Editorial office for SPOTLIGHT is in J block, first floor and there is a box outside the office, labeled 'ASK ED'. You may write your questions down on the paper provided and slip them into the box. You do not have to mention your name in case you're not comfortable with that. You may write a nickname to keep the question anonymous.

You're also welcome to submit your question or reach out to us via email

SPOTLIGHT@AYDIN.EDU.TR

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

RIDDLES

Amidst the global mosaic, I sit
in my corner with grace,
From ancient Mesopotamia's
embrace.

WIN PRIZES

Amidst the books and knowledge's
tide,
Where scholars in foreign lands
confide.
A gateway to new horizons wide,

I'm a place where words take flight,
Where stories are woven, day and night.
In a building where the internationals
reside,
You'll find me hidden, where curiosity
guides.

Crack the riddles and seek out the prizes, They'll be waiting for you. Keep in mind that this is a first come first serve affair so if you are too late, It might slip away.

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