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TO NAVIGATING LIFE AT IAU!**



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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!

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Merhaba! I am thrilled to celebrate the vibrant creativity within our diverse community. At Istanbul Aydin University, we embrace the richness of our international student body, representing cultures from around the world.

Creativity is a powerful force in the business world and corporate sector. I encourage all students, especially our international community, to harness their creative ambitions.

Ms. Melike Taşçı

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Your unique perspectives and innovative ideas contribute to the dynamic environment we cultivate here. Istanbul Aydin University prides itself on being a welcoming space for individuals with creative initiatives. Take the initiative to collaborate, produce meaningful works, and contribute to the community. Our International Student and Staff Affairs (ISSA) office is open to supporting any endeavors that empower others or foster community growth.

Our university's rich diversity is a valuable asset, and it would be a shame not to unite in creating impactful projects. Join hands, share experiences, and work towards something greater. The skills developed through involvement in both the international community and creative endeavors will undoubtedly shape your future in the business sector.

Remember, the ISSA office is here to support your initiatives and endeavors. Together, let's make a positive impact on our community and empower one another.

Together, let's harness the power of unity, creativity, and inclusivity to create a campus community that thrives on innovation and collaboration. Your ideas matter, your voice is valuable, and your actions have the potential to inspire others. Let's work hand in hand to build a more vibrant and empowered community for all.

EDITOR'S NOTE



Muatasem B. Alkhoul
International Students Union 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.

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.

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.

Hello Beautiful people! We are thrilled to present to you the third edition of our International Student Magazine. Our dedicated team started SPOTLIGHT from scratch, navigating uncharted territories as we pioneered this endeavor. Without any prior guidance, we relied on the collective creativity and talent of the International Student Union and various individuals who united for this magazine. We invite all students to contribute their ideas at the ISU or CCI offices, located at the J Block first floor, fostering a collaborative spirit. This edition stands as a testament to our commitment, with an abundance of content making it one of our best yet. Your opinions matter, and we appreciate your support.



M. A. Saadan Qasmani
Spotlight Magazine Chief Editor

IN THIS ISSUE

In this edition, we delve into the vibrance of university life, capturing events, journeys, and the essence of our diverse community. From thrilling sports events to exciting trips we explore the university's offerings comprehensively. Our spotlight shines on the outstanding alumni Zahide, celebrating her remarkable achievements. Additionally, we unfold the excitement surrounding the EURIE event, share insights about incoming exchange students, and delve into the delightful program. This issue is a mosaic of stories, experiences, and discoveries that encapsulate the essence of our dynamic international student community.



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AUNTIE ZUBEYDA'S CAT-EYE VIEW

FROM OUR TOP COLUMNIST

Dear Humans and Admirers of Feline Wisdom,



Meow-gnificent greetings once again from your ever-watchful campus cat, Aunty Zubeyda! As I take a paw-spective look at the past semester, the flurry of students seeking makeups stirred a yearning within me – a wish to offer a comforting purr to each weary soul navigating the academic maze. With Valentine's Day on the horizon, I extend a gentle reminder. Let us reserve this day for a different kind of love – one that involves rubbing behind my ears, sharing a cozy blanket, and showering me with attention. Remember, dear humans, Aunty Zubeyda deserves the spotlight on this special day. And another plea from your Aunty Zubeyda, let's refrain from PDA as it makes me feel incredibly lonesome.

Now, as we embark upon the second semester, let's not merely endure the chill of the cold days but embrace them as opportunities for intellectual warmth. Channel your energy into academic pursuits, refocus, and strive to achieve those scholarly goals. Resist the temptation to chase after fleeting distractions. Let the warmth of knowledge be your guiding light.

In addition to academic endeavors, my feline heart yearns for increased community engagement. Picture the beauty of students from around the world, conversing in their national languages, forming bonds that transcend borders. Let's celebrate the diversity amongst ourselves and create a tapestry of shared experiences. I urge you to forge connections, build bridges, and revel in the strength of our collective tapestry.

May your hearts be filled not only with the purr-sistence to face academic challenges but also with the excitement of building a vibrant and inclusive community. Until next time, I eagerly await the pitter-patter of feet coming to share a moment with Aunty Zubeyda.

Paw-sitively yours,
Aunty Zubeyda



MEET OUR ALUMNI

At 22 years old, Zahide Aslan is a dynamic individual who has seamlessly woven her passion for languages, communication skills, and diverse experiences into a rich collection of accomplishments. Currently serving as the deputy assistant to the general manager at a textile company, Zahide's journey from a graduate of the Applied Russian-Turkish Translation department at Istanbul Aydın University in 2023 to her present role reflects her diverse skill set and unwavering commitment to personal and professional growth.



From an early age, Zahide harbored a desire to help people, a sentiment that most definitely seems to have guided her academic choices. Accepted into the Applied Russian-Turkish Translation department, she discovered her affinity for languages. Zahide's professors played a crucial role in nurturing her linguistic talents, providing unwavering support throughout her studies.

Grateful for their guidance, she acknowledges the impact they had on her educational journey. "Our teachers were very strong educators; they were always very supportive during my studies. I would like to thank them from here too," she expresses. Zahide reminisces about her academic journey, stating, "When I started studying in the department, I discovered that I was prone to languages."

Zahide's sociable nature propelled her to participate actively in university events, leading to the formation of valuable friendships. Recognizing the importance of language in a global context, Zahide opted for second language education in German, a decision that opened doors to meetings with general managers of translation offices. Inspired by successful individuals, she attended interviews with Russian writers, fostering her love for literature and expanding her cultural horizons. Reflecting on these experiences, Zahide shares, "Language means a new culture, a new person, a whole new world."



Internships, a pivotal aspect of Zahide's university experience, offered insights into the practical applications of her studies. Her internships ranged from the deputy general manager of a tourism company to the international office of her university, highlighting the versatility of language in various fields.

Active involvement in clubs, such as the Russian Translators and social services club, provided Zahide with additional avenues for growth. Trips and events organized by these clubs proved invaluable, reinforcing her belief in the importance of seizing opportunities and building a well-rounded CV.

MEET OUR ALUMNI



Eight months post-graduation, Zahide accepted the role of deputy assistant to the general manager in a textile company. Reflecting on her internship experiences during her time at IAU, she states that, "Most of the time I say I'm glad I did my internships." , "My internship experiences taught me bilateral relations, tourism, marketing, textiles, cooperation, and much more." All of which has helped equip her with the right skill sets for all that her job might throw her. Zahide's love for reading and constant activity found a home in the university library, where she spent some of her most cherished moments. Expressing her sentiments about the library, she says, "It may seem a little crazy, but the days I stayed at the library, which is open 24/7, were the best days of my life." Zahide's university journey was not without challenges, but the joy of learning and collaboration with classmates made it enjoyable.

"Yes, you should have fun when necessary, but do not forget that you are here to get an education."

Beyond her professional endeavors, Zahide serves as the Head Corporate Communications of Beylikdüzü Young Red Crescent. Her commitment to organizing events and training for young people reflects her dedication to community service.

As Zahide looks back on her university years, she encourages students to appreciate every moment, set goals, and maintain consistency and patience. Her commitment to staying connected with parents, students, and teachers underscores the lasting impact of the relationships forged during her academic journey. "I occasionally meet with my teachers and visit them. Because those people have put a lot of effort into me and I don't want to waste that effort. I want to reveal my full potential."

In closing, Zahide urges students to set and pursue their goals with determination. Acknowledging the challenges, she emphasizes that doors may open unexpectedly, and seizing these opportunities can lead to uncharted yet rewarding paths. Surrounding oneself with like-minded individuals, being vigilant about choices, and learning to say no are essential lessons Zahide imparts from her own transformative journey through university and beyond. "Don't forget that, in this journey you are embarking on, doors may open that you have not thought of before. Check them out, because life never opens a door for you in vain."



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THE IAU EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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HOW DOES ERASMUS PROMOTE CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG STUDENTS?

"Erasmus facilitates cross-cultural understanding through international exchanges, contributing to a more interconnected and globally aware community."

INCOMING STUDENT



"Best part about Erasmus is you can discover yourself"

Anastasia Rusanovschi, a 25-year-old native of Moldova, is currently pursuing her master's degree in Economics at the University of Craiova, Romania. Her story talks about the transformative experience she had with the Erasmus program, revealing how it not only broadened her academic horizons but also played a pivotal role in shaping her personal and professional growth. Anastasia's Erasmus journey began with a leap of faith. Hesitant due to her initially limited English proficiency, she applied twice before finally seizing the opportunity to do her internship in Turkey. Drawn by the rich culture of Istanbul, she arrived in April 2022, armed with determination and a below basic grasp of the Turkish language.

When asked about her decision to choose Turkey for her Erasmus experience, Anastasia shared, "I chose Turkey because I was a coordinator in a volunteering project that had a lot of Turkish people, and they motivated me to discover more Turkish culture."

Upon reaching Turkey, Anastasia faced initial challenges, particularly a language barrier that left her feeling isolated. It was at this critical juncture that she encountered Ms. Mariana, the Erasmus institutional coordinator and a fellow Romanian. Describing their relationship, Anastasia said, "In the beginning, it was a really formal relationship between us, but over time, Ms. Mariana became like my mom. She always guided me, encouraged me to do more and be more."

Anastasia acknowledges the profound lesson she learned from Ms. Mariana, stating, "The biggest lesson that I learned from Ms. Mariana was that with enough hard work, you can achieve your dreams and become a better version of yourself."

While in Turkey, Anastasia delved into the local culture, embracing the warmth of its people and the enchanting allure of Turkish music. Describing her love for Turkish music, she revealed, "I even have a tattoo from a Turkish rock song 'İçim Aşk içim değişmez' – it translates to 'my inner love does not change.'"

Returning to Romania as a project manager, Anastasia credits Erasmus for honing her project management skills, enhancing communication, and fostering diplomacy. She emphasizes the importance of patience and tolerance as the foundation of successful international collaborations – lessons she attributes to her Erasmus experience.



Anastasia's journey wasn't without challenges. The hustle of managing tasks while maintaining a social life, coping with anxiety in Istanbul's crowded streets, and facing a stalker were hurdles she overcame with the unwavering support of mentors, friends, and the Erasmus community. She stated that she was specially grateful for her friends Berke and Yaz for their limitless support.

Despite the conclusion of her Erasmus adventure, Anastasia remains deeply connected to Turkey, visiting monthly as it feels more like home than Moldova or Romania. She reflects on her newfound confidence, a heightened appreciation for tasks, and an improved emotional well-being.

Anastasia's advice to prospective Erasmus participants is a testament to her growth: "People should not be afraid of change, and if they go on Erasmus, say yes to opportunities and meet people, as it helps create a lot of memories to look back on." Her story exemplifies the transformative power of Erasmus, illustrating how it goes beyond academics to shape individuals into resilient, open-minded global citizens.

OUTGOING STUDENT



Berke Karabulut is the former president of the Erasmus club and is currently working in the international office as the assistant of the Erasmus institutional coordinator. He is pursuing Industrial Engineering and will be graduating from IAU in March. Despite being directed towards a career in engineering by his family, Berke discovered a genuine passion for the subject. He fell in love with the problem-solving approach of engineering, "The way to make my dreams come true is through engineering". At IAU, Berke has been a student for six years and through the years has built a connection with the Erasmus office. During the COVID pandemic, the Erasmus club closed down, and in 2021, Berke and the team helped reactivate the club. Working at Erasmus as a mentor, bookkeeper, and, finally, the president.

"Some of our mentors have been on Erasmus trips and couldn't find enough support, so we reactivated the club to make sure the IAU Erasmus international incoming students don't face any problems," Berke told us while explaining the significance of the club. The Erasmus Club's mission remains to ensure the IAU incoming Erasmus students feel welcomed and have a fulfilling experience. Apart from being a constant support system and assisting students with documentation, the club organizes various trips to help facilitate socialization. It was during the International Partner's week event that Berke got his Erasmus internship. International Partners Week is a weeklong event where coordinators and marketing teams from universities across the globe gather to showcase and discuss their respective institutions.



IAU hosted the International Partners Week event the previous year, receiving around 50 Universities. While assisting a professor as the Erasmus mentor, he got offered the Internship, "we had a conversation about our department, digital marketing, and we realized that we are working on the same area, so they offered me an Internship in Lithuania." In 2023, Berke traveled to Vilnius, Lithuania, for his Erasmus internship. This change was not easy for Berke; it took him weeks to adjust. With the extreme temperatures dropping to -20 degrees, the harsh coldness of the city only added to the new challenges. At Mykolas Romeris University, Berke worked at the communication and marketing office five days a week.



The Internship exposed Berke to a different side of marketing, thereby allowing him to acquire skills in another but equally significant department, "initially it was kind of difficult because normally my working area focuses more on analytics than visual aspects. Through the internship I learned creative thinking" he explained. During those four months, Bereke collected memories by backpacking through several countries, including Estonia, Poland, Italy, Latvia, Spain, and Portugal. "Sometimes I slept at the airport, sometimes I slept at the bus station, and sometimes I slept in a hostel if it's cheap," he said while recalling an incident where he slept on a bench in a playground and woke up to the sound of children playing around.

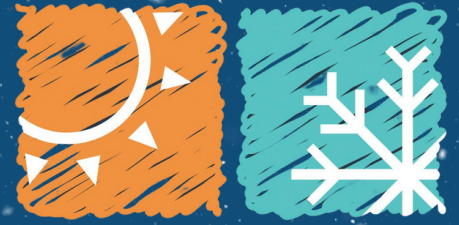
"It's truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience," he reflected. One of his favorite memories is from a beach in Albufeira, Portugal, where he fell asleep watching the waves. At that moment, he recalls feeling at peace, the tranquility of the sea wrapping him in its warm embrace.

Bereke expressed his gratitude towards Erasmus and all it has to offer. He highlighted how Erasmus enabled him to meet people from all across the globe, learn about their cultures, and have new experiences. According to Berke, every student should attend an Erasmus exchange program at least once to truly enjoy university life. Erasmus to Berke remains a significant part of his life as he continues facilitating students.



To him, it's essential that the incoming students feel welcomed and our outgoing students leave prepared. Both, knowing they have a reliable support system they can reach out to anytime.





ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL SHORT-TERM
STUDY PROGRAMS

DELIGHTFUL *Istanbul*



Gurkan Donat

"The main objective of Delightful Istanbul is to bring students from different cultures together and nothing can explain the content of the program better than the word 'delightful' itself."

Mr. Gurkan Donat, the program coordinator for Delightful boasted "In 2014, what started as a summer school expanded to include winter sessions in "Delightful Antalya and Istanbul" and a spring edition featuring Cappadocia. The program's essence is uniting students from diverse backgrounds, fostering friendships, and nurturing cultural understanding. The program plays a strong role in shaping globally conscious citizens." He believes that success lies in delivering high-quality, tailored courses and exploring Turkey's beauty through short study programs. Delightful Istanbul serves as a beacon, illuminating educational pathways and cultivating cross-cultural appreciation in a concise yet enriching journey.

"If I were a student, I would jump at the chance to spend my break learning something new, having fun, and discovering new horizons. Delightful offers precisely that – an unparalleled blend of education and adventure".



Yazid Munsari

Yazid Munsari, the assistant coordinator at IAU, leads the team in helping create unique short-term study programs for global students. Working in the incoming department, he finds joy in seeing students from diverse backgrounds form lasting friendships and memories through the Delightful program. Delightful offers accredited courses in Medicine, Economics, Arts, Gastronomy, and Turkish Language with credit transfer options. Some courses have Erasmus+ support for blended mobility programs. The program provides certified work placements and internships for IAU students, including Erasmus incoming students, during summer sessions for practical experience and cultural exchange.





UZBEKISTAN

Safiyanur Kholmatova is a Computer Science student from Uzbekistan studying Digital marketing at Delightful. Describing Delightful as Positive experience she expressed her gratitude and explained how she got to socialize with people from different countries, "I had never met someone from Romania but through delightful I got to make Romanian friends and even friends from Estonia, Indonesia, France and Germany".

"The city is always alive", Safiyanur said while recalling an experience where she got lost in Istanbul around midnight after her phone battery died. She was walking around town trying to find her way back to the hotel and she describes how vibrant the city felt even in the middle of the night, "it's crazy but the city was still vibrant and some people even tried to help me out!".

"I like Türkiye a lot, it felt like home, very warm and nice".

Shetty, a 27-year-old technology management student from India, shared his insightful journey with the University Magazine. Formerly in Berlin, he joined the Delightful Istanbul program in Turkey for extra credit. Finding the curriculum manageable, Shetty explored the south of Turkey, enchanted by the food in Antalya. His Istanbul adventures included visits to the Galata Tower and Taksim, where he met diverse individuals, admitting humorously that he initially couldn't locate Croatia and Estonia on a map. Emphasizing the value of personal cultural exploration, Shetty highlighted enriching experiences gained independently, playfully suggesting singles would relish the journey.

Turkish locals left a lasting impression, sharing their love for food, teaching card games, and introducing Shetty to delights like cigar kofta and baklava. Eager to inspire fellow Indians, Shetty believes in the transformative power of firsthand cultural experiences, encouraging others to embrace the world beyond familiar boundaries.



INDIA



INDONESIA

Ragheb and Azriel, two close friends who traveled all the way from Indonesia to join the Delightful International Politics course together.

For Ragheb and Azriel, the exchange program was more than just an academic pursuit – it was an opportunity to make new memories, socialize, explore a different culture, and have fun while learning a subject that they both enjoy.

Beyond the breathtaking landscapes, they were captivated by the richness of Turkish culture and the warmth of its people. As guests of Turkey, they were touched by the hospitality extended to them, often finding themselves graciously refused when attempting to pay in some shops. Ragheb and Azriel will be taking back home a backpack overflowing with memories, the dearest of which was spent playing football and rugby on the beach in Antalya with their newfound Delightful friends.



HUNGARY

At Delightful Lilla and Jazmin are both doing a course in biotech and it's their shared love for the subject that bought them to Türkiye. According to them the best thing about the exchange course is meeting each other, "we found a lifelong friend in each other, if it wasn't for the course maybe we would not have met" Laila shared.

Aside from each other's company Lilla and Jazmin are both enjoying the content of the course and expressed their gratitude to their teachers who have made the classes one of the most memorable aspects of their Delightful journey, "we love the course here especially the teacher, she's so professional and we talk about it all the time, she made us enjoy all of the classes" Jasmin told us.

When asked to describe their experience in a word, "Delightful!" they each said.



FRANCE

Augustin ROLET, a software engineer student from France enrolled in our delightful digital marketing course. Currently working on a start up idea with a friend in France he explained how this course served his area of interest, "I chose the program to learn how to better promote my product and services through search engine optimization".

Through Delightful Augustine has been exposed to a world very different from his, describing Türkiye and its people as warm, he explains how he had a complete shift of perception, "Coming from Europe, I had some stereotypes about Türkiye in my mind that completely faded away, and I wish that everyone in Europe or France get to experience Türkiye at least once in their life so they discover what it's truly like".

"It's a world within a country" is how Augustin likes to describe Türkiye.



The A-Team

The A-team plays a crucial role in welcoming and hosting students arriving for Delightful Istanbul. Their responsibilities commence even before the students' arrival, highlighting their pivotal position as the backbone of the entire program. Those aspiring to join the A-team are encouraged to visit the offices at J-block on the second floor – a warm invitation awaits.

*To apply for the Delightful Istanbul Program, visit
www.delightful.istanbul
 Applications open 5 months before each course respectively*

HOROSCOPES

FACULTY OF LAW

I have to let in on something very important so wake up! Listen and listen very carefully, a golden opportunity awaits you with the upcoming MUN. The brilliant minds of IAU are hosting a MUN and it's the perfect place for someone like you who seeks out opportunities to argue:)

So, go take out your frustration on the delegates and maybe even on the chairs, just make sure not to piss them off to the extent where your best delegate awards slips away just cause you are annoying.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

This semester, expect your workload to double. Stay mentally prepared for the challenge to come. While this semester is going to be a lot more demanding it also holds some exciting new memories, you'll meet new people—some will become lifelong friends, while others you may not really like. Either way embrace the unexpected, for this semester promises some unforgettable experiences.

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

Careful there, we can't risk any more patients running away. Your job brings anxiety to many and the idea of visiting a dentist is dreaded enough so stop allowing your grumpy self make it worse for the poor souls. Smile more often, be more welcoming and allow people to feel at ease around you. Yes, the weather is getting colder and university starts so early and you would much rather be in bed but guess what this is your job and you love your field, remember? So, wake up, get yourself some coffee from somewhere that doesn't support genocides and go enjoy doing the work your little self-used to imagine you doing.

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

When everything seems to go wrong and everyone seem to not care remember why you started in the first place. You have immense potential, put it to use. Don't let the people around you make you feel like you should be somewhere else, doing something else. You are where you feel like you belong, you are perusing what you enjoy and as long as you are willing to give it your 100%, you will make it. Keep grinding.

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND ADMIN. SCIENCES

You too have become cold with the weather. Lighten up, be kinder to yourself as well as the people around you. The world is a beautiful place and everything is in fact colorful if seen through the right lenses. Things are complicated right now and you are stressing out but have faith, everything will work out just the way it's supposed to and the weather will get warmer.

FACULTY OF ARCHITECT. AND DESIGN

Careful there, don't let people's perception of you confine you to a certain identity. Just like a structure relies on a strong foundation, our journey through life hinges on our self-perception and core values. If you keep allowing external opinions to restrict you and what you stand for, your foundation will keep weakening. Over time, unnoticed compromises may lead you to lose sight of your true self and values. Stop limiting yourself, hold onto your values and let go of the need for approval.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

YOU ARE STUPID, that's what your grades imply but that's not entirely true. See your problem is that you don't work hard enough or at times at all; you have been procrastinating too much last semester and you will regret it eventually. Listen to the stars, take heed that the coming days are going to be long and exhausting you can no longer afford to lay in bed and binge series.

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION

A mystery awaits you. Your life is going to get a whole lot meaningful in the coming semester as you will undergo a journey of spiritual awakening. However, the path won't be easy, and some sacrifices will have to be made. Stay focused and remember your ultimate purpose. Hold on to dear life as the bumpy roller coaster ride starts. Think about the destination and the destination alone. Remember transitions are never easy and things get a whole lot messier before they get better.

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

This year you are getting into shape just that the shape is a circle. Stop consuming so much junk, will you? Sure, it's cold and you enjoy binging series while munching on snacks but you got to limit yourself and spend more time in the gym before it's too late. Also, while you do so keep in mind your stars are NOT aligning and you need to be very careful around rabbits, especially brown rabbits. Keep a good distance from rabbits for the coming days.

FACULTY OF H. SCIENCES

Your last semester score was impressive, keep working hard and while you do so don't forget to go out and have fun every once in a while. Balance is key, we don't want to exhaust ourselves, not again.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

There's a dark cloud hovering over you that means the chances of you falling sick again are very high. Take proper precautions and eat well. If you still fall sick, make sure to get yourself some drugs prescribed asap. Take care of yourself. Make it to your classes on time, don't stress too much about your assignments, and this semester should pass by like a breeze.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND LITERATURE

Take heed you as the stars foresee the impending arrival of...group projects! Yes, something wicked, indeed. Prepare yourselves, brave souls, for the trials and tribulations of teamwork shall soon be upon you. Beware the lurking shadows of procrastination and conflicting schedules, for they threaten to cast a spell of chaos upon your academic endeavors. But fear not! With wit and wisdom as your trusty companions, you shall navigate these treacherous waters with grace and humor.

FACULTY OF SPORTS SCIENCES

WARNING - STAY AWAY FROM THE COLOUR RED.

DO NOT GO NEAR THE COLOUR RED. DO NOT WEAR THE COLOUR RED. DO NOT BUY ANYTHING RED. DO NOT EAT ANYTHING RED. DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT THE COLOUR RED, NOT FOR 2 WEEKS AT LEAST.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY

Detail-oriented alchemist, your attention to details in every field of life is what sets you aside. Enjoy as the coming days hold thrill, joy and beautiful memories, buckle up as your world starts swirling into a whimsical portion of new elements.

ASK ED

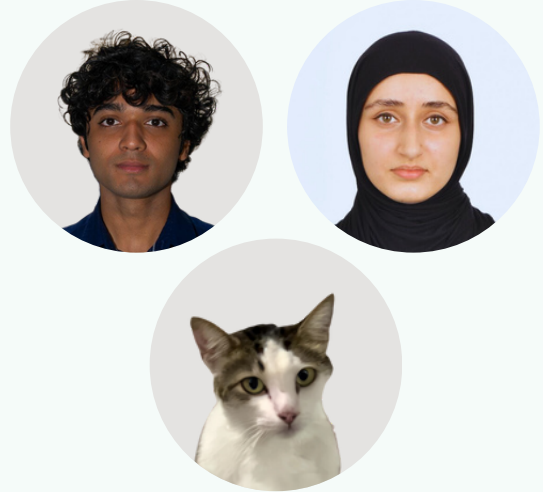
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- Need clarity regarding university life? Ask Ed.
- Need advice on your academic journey? Ask Ed.
- Got cheated on? Auntie Zubeda will be your Ed.

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
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WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

ED ANSWERS

1 Hey Ed, how can I get featured in the magazine?

Attend university events! Take an initiative! Set an example for others to follow and we promise you won't go unnoticed. You too will shine in the SPOTLIGHT. Pun intended.

2 Hey Ed, If you could sit down for a meal with any professor on campus, who would it be and what burning question would you ask them?"

Without a doubt, Dr. Salvatore Joseph. I'm a simp for his charm and charisma. I would ask him about his life prior to becoming a professor and all that he does on the side. I feel like he has an action movie kind of backstory.

3 Dear Ed, If you could give one piece of advice to incoming freshmen, what would it be, based on your own experiences

In the first few semesters, I would advise you to prioritize your academics over your social life so that later on you can take advantage of all that IAU has to offer, get involved with clubs and societies and not have to worry about your GPA dropping too allow.

4 Hey Eddy, If you could anonymously confess one scandalous or outrageous secret about campus life, what would it be and why?

Nothing. I would like to keep my job.

5 Yo Ed, share the most unexpected or interesting story of romance or mischief you've witnessed or been a part of on campus.

I once saw Aunty Zubeyda licking Sher Khan behind the bushes. Quite inappropriate if you ask me.

6 Ed, If animals on campus formed a secret society, which one would be the leader and why?

I can't confirm nor deny the existence of such a society; however, without a doubt, it would be the gorgeous cat in the mag.

7 Hey Ed, If you could bury a time capsule on campus for future generations, what would you include and why

This magazine, for sure. And some cat food for Zubeyda.



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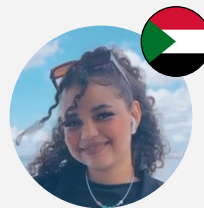
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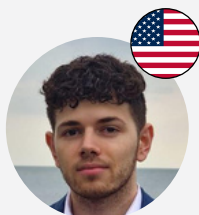
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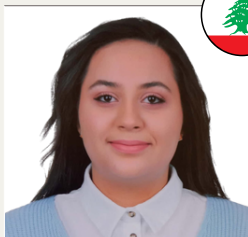
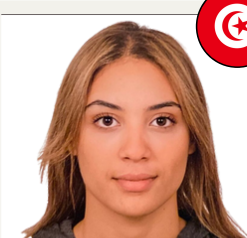
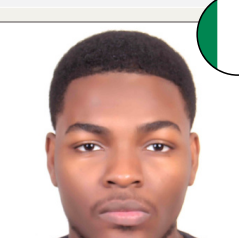
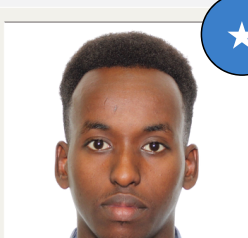
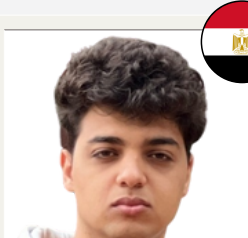
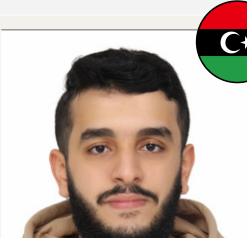


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