



## EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES OVER 2,100 STUDENTS FROM 56 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



Eastern Mediterranean University 2017-2018 Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony took place at EMU Stadium at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 June 2018. The graduation ceremony during which over 2,100 candidates were granted undergraduate and associate degrees had a very remarkable turnout. The said ceremony was broadcast live by EMU TV. With

increasing number of graduates each passing year, Eastern Mediterranean University's number of graduates has exceeded 55,000.

### **President of the TRNC was at the Ceremony**

President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Mustafa Akıncı and his spouse Meral Akıncı, Minister of National

Education and Culture Cemal Özyiğit, Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler, Member of the Parliament from HP Mesut Genç, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport and Public Works Kemal Bağzıbağlı, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı, Representative of the Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno,

President of EMU Board of Trustees Boysan Boyra, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Representative of Times Higher Education Representative Michael Caruana, Members of EMU Board of Trustees, Vice Rectors, Senate Members, academic and administrative staff, graduands and a crowded group of guests attended the ceremony. >>p.2-3



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The ceremony commenced with a cortege walk of the graduates accompanied by Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Senate members. Following the placement of the graduates to their seats, a moment of silence and the national anthem, Faculty of Health Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics Department top ranking student Melis Aysu Sünel and Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology Amer Kanaan delivered speeches on behalf of the graduates. Then, a symbolic tree planting ceremony took place.

### “We are Graduating our First Doctors”

Delivering a speech at the ceremony, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam thanked all attendees who came to the TRNC from different corners of the world to participate in

the ceremony. Stating his pride in the success of EMU graduates, Prof. Dr. Osam also expressed his happiness in bringing up the first graduates of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Marmara University Medicine Faculty joint Medicine Program.

Graduate of EMU and TRNC Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler also delivered a speech in which he stated that graduation is not an end but a new beginning. Extending his best wishes to young graduates, Minister Çeler advised young graduates to work hard to put their dreams into life and reach their targets. In his speech, Minister of National Education and Culture Cemal Özyiğit described graduation as the beginning of a new path and wished the new graduates all the success in their lives. >>p.3





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**“Graduates from 56 Countries”**  
President of the TRNC Mustafa Akıncı extended his best wishes to all students and their families. President Akıncı also stated that EMU is graduating students from 56 countries at the present term. President Akıncı addressed the graduates as follows: “You are going

back to 56 different societies. I wholeheartedly believe that you have the power of changing your society.” Following President Akıncı’s speech, faculty and department top ranking students were presented their diplomas and awards by President Akıncı and members of the protocol. The first graduates of

T.R Marmara University and TRNC Eastern Mediterranean University International Joint Medicine Program received their diplomas from EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, Marmara University Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz and Marmara University Medicine Faculty

Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Ümit Şehirli.

### A Concert by Gülşen

Following the presentation of diplomas to associate and undergraduate degree graduates, graduates and their families had an unforgettable night, thanks to popular Turkish singer Gülşen’s magnificent concert.



# EMU AWARDS DIPLOMAS TO THE GRADUATES OF DOCTORAL AND MASTER'S PROGRAMS



Eastern Mediterranean University 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 June 2018. The ceremony was broadcast live via EMU TV. With over 20,000 students from 106 different countries, Eastern Mediterranean University is a locomotive institution of higher education that combines academic, social and cultural life. Living the excitement of graduating approximately 2,800 students, EMU pays special attention towards the organisation of graduation week activities. In this respect, Representative of Nigerian Embassy in Ankara Ahmed Mohammed Monguno, Times Higher Education Representative Michael Caruana,

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors, Deans, Department Chairs, academic staff members and over 250 graduands of postgraduate programs and their families attended the ceremony.

### Emotional Moments

The ceremony commenced with the entrance of the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester graduands into the hall with music and applause. During the entrance of the graduands, families and academic staff members had emotional moments. The ceremony continued with a moment of silence and the national anthem followed by a short musical performance of EMU Education Faculty, Music Teaching Program academic staff members Assist. Prof. Dr. Alev

Müezzinoğlu, Assist. Prof. Dr. Başak Gorgoretti, Sen. Inst. Selen İşmen and Instructor Heran Mirillo. Then, EMU Education Faculty, Foreign Language Education department,

English Language Teaching Master's Program graduate Zehra Değirmencioğlu delivered a speech on behalf of the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates.

### “We are Proud to be a Part of EMU”

Expressing her pride and honor in being a part of the EMU Community. Değirmencioğlu stated that postgraduate education is a long and difficult journey which requires genuine efforts of those who take part in it. Adding that postgraduate education is also a process of transformation, Değirmencioğlu stated that as a member of the modern youth, they will continue to love learning and knowing. Değirmencioğlu added that they will work towards the development of humanity and thanked all those who contributed to their studies. >>p.5





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EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Political Science and International Relations Department Doctoral Program Graduate Hamidreza Monibi also delivered a speech representing graduates. Monibi stated that it is a day of pride for all graduates as continuing their studies at postgraduate and doctoral programs requires great courage. Adding that EMU has provided its students every type of support during their academic studies, Monibi put forth that it is due to EMU's valuable support that they have achieved this academic success. Stating that the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is a very secure and beautiful country, Monibi expressed his pleasure in studying at this beautiful country, At

the end of his speech, Monibi thanked all academic staff and families who contributed to their success.

### Prof. Dr. Osam Addressed Graduates

Delivering a speech at the graduation ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his happiness in hosting graduates, families and academic staff at Rauf Raif Denktaş Congress Center. Addressing young graduates, Prof. Dr. Osam mentioned famous quote "Nanos gigantum humeris insidentes" (we are dwarfs sitting on the shoulders of giants) attributed to Bernardus Carnotensis (1115) and re-expressed by Sir Isaac Newton in 1676. Prof. Dr. Osam advised the

graduates to adopt this philosophy and base their academic research on the work of great researchers.

The 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony continued with the awarding of diplomas to the students. Graduates of the PhD programs received their diplomas from EMU Rector whilst graduates of master's programs received their diplomas from the acting Director of the Institute for Graduate Studies and Research Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy and Assistant Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rizaner. The ceremony ended with the tossing of the graduation caps in air.





## EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE ORGANIZES “HIPPOCRATIC OATH CEREMONY” FOR FIRST GRADUATES



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine and Marmara University Joint International Medicine Program has given its first graduates. A “Hippocratic Oath Ceremony for First Graduates” took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center on Wednesday, the 20th of June 2018 at 10:00 a.m.



22 new doctors received their diplomas at the same night at the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony. The “Hippocratic Oath Ceremony for First Graduates” commenced with the entrance of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora, Marmara University Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz and Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Ümit Şehirli, EMU Faculty of Medicine academic staff and the 22 graduates. After a moment of silence and the national anthem a Latin music recital was delivered by EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education academic staff member Serkan Çankaya and his group.

after Prof. Dr. Gökçora, Prof. Dr. Hakan Gündüz stated that they are sharing the joy of EMU. Underlining that the 22 students are taking the first steps of their new lives, Prof. Dr. Gündüz also relayed information regarding Marmara University and Marmara University İstanbul Pendik Education and Research Hospital. Next, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam took the stage. Highlighting that this is an important day for EMU, Prof. Dr. Osam stated that since the university’s foundation, the concept of health has reached an important position. Extending special thanks to Marmara University, Prof. Dr. Osam emphasized that the two universities have compatible philosophies and that the graduates will be starting their new lives as a result of the two institutions’ mutual commitment. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by thanking everyone who contributed on the road to the organization after describing EMU’s fundamental academic mission as raising quality individuals that will come in contact with the world. >>p.7



Delivering the opening speech of the ceremony Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora stated that today is a very special day for them: “Today, we are proud to be making history by graduating our first students.” Indicating that the graduates have opened the doors of their new lives after years of hard work and struggle Prof. Dr. Gökçora relayed that their graduates come from five different nations. Speaking



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## Dr. Besim: “Be Doctors That Produce Knowledge”

TRNC Minister of Health Dr. Filiz Besim stated that she is very happy and excited to be present at the organization marking this special occasion. Stating that EMU is very special for the TRNC, Dr. Besim noted that the university is very special for her also because she is familiar with its substantial development. Addressing the graduates by stating that they should be doctors that produce knowledge, Dr. Besim noted that production increases as the production potential is apprehended.

Telling the new doctors to love their profession Dr. Besim advised them to be investigative, interrogative and full of love towards patients. In a speech of her own, 2017-2018 Top Ranking Student Dr. Çisem Çağdaş stated that they are proud to be the first graduates of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine, noting that they are very happy to be reaping the rewards of their hard work. As the Top Ranking Student, Dr. Çağdaş nailed her name on to the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Graduation Log with Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora. Delivering a speech on

behalf of international students, third ranking student Dr. Whitney Onuarah Aadaeze stated that it was very exciting to meet people with different cultures. Indicating that their education was not easy Dr. Whitney highlighted that they never gave up and eventually reached their happy ending.

Following the opening speeches, the top five highest ranking students were presented their plaques and awards. After the final lesson presentation of Anatomy Professor and Marmara University Faculty of Medicine Vice-Dean Prof. Dr. Ümit Şehirli, the new doctors took their Hippocratic oaths accompanied by Prof. Dr. Gökçora. Caps were tossed in air with music. The ceremony came to an end with the cutting of a cake with the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine logo and a cocktail.

## 22 Olive Trees Planted in the Faculty Yard

Meanwhile, within the scope of the “Hippocratic Oath Ceremony for First Graduates” 22 olive trees were planted in the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Yard on behalf of the graduates. The names of the graduates were tagged on the young trees.



# GRADUATES OF EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY TOOK OATH



Eastern Mediterranean University Health Sciences Faculty organised an oath ceremony for the graduands of 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester. During the said organisation which took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 9:30 a.m. on 19 June 2018, over 400 newly graduating health professionals recited their oaths.

At the ceremony which commenced with a moment of silence and the national anthem, Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Chair Prof. Memduh Özdemir and academic staff member Erkan Dağlı delivered a mini musical performance followed by the speeches of the top ranking graduand of Health Sciences Faculty, Nutrition and Dietetics Department Melis Aysu Sünel and the top ranking graduand of School of Health Services, Physiotherapy Associate Program Dilay Sungur. Expressing their happiness in graduating from a world-renowned institution of higher education, the valedictorians thanked EMU for supporting them throughout their studies by all



means. Stating that they will leave the university with an awareness of protecting the right to health and supporting the development of health, students also promised to fulfill all requirements of the profession. EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç also

delivered a speech in which she stated her honor in observing the first step of the young health professionals taken towards their careers. Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç continued her speech by providing information on Health Sciences Faculty and their mission, which is to bring up highly qualified health professionals who

would deliver services at different corners of the world. Addressing the new graduates, Prof. Dr. Malkoç said "Today, you are taking your first step towards your profession. Do not forget that you are a member of the EMU Family and also live the pride of being a graduate of EMU Health Sciences Faculty." >>p.9



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In a speech of his own, EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated “EMU is a university with a mission located at high levels. Despite the fact that the concept of health is new to EMU, the university has achieved immense development in the said field. Eastern Mediterranean University has achieved the impossible by managing to make it to the 101-150 band in the world’s best young universities under 50. Life will not be easy as it is here at the university. Surely, you will

encounter difficulties but the point that you have to remember is that humans are the roots of the problems and that you have to understand them to solve the problems. Our university’s identity will go hand in hand with your identity for the rest of your lives. Harming this identity will only damage your own identity. I believe that you will do your best to protect it. I congratulate all students and parents on this meaningful day and wish them all the success”. Following the opening addresses,



Prof. Dr. Osam presented gifts to the top ranking students of the faculty and school. Then, Departments of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Nutrition and Dietetics, Nursing, Health Management and Sports Sciences graduands recited their oaths as well as graduands of the associate programs, namely Oral and Dental Health, Anaesthesia, Surgery Services, Dialysis, Physiotherapy, First and Emergency Aid, Radiotherapy, and Medical Imaging

Techniques. The oaths specific to each department, were recited together with department chairs.

All health personnel take oath before starting their careers in the field. The oath shows devotion to the principles and ethical values they will abide by throughout their careers. Oaths that are generally accepted as tradition in the field of health can show slight variations between different universities and departments.





## GRADUANDS OF EMU PHARMACY FACULTY TOOK OATH



Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty of Pharmacy organised an oath taking ceremony prior to the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, 18 June 2018. During the said organisation which took place before the 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony set to take place on Wednesday, 20 June 2018, 75 pharmacists swore to serve humanity as well as to support the ideals and commitments of their profession. They swore to respect

their teachers that played a part in their development throughout their life and not to act in a manner that fall against the oaths of their profession. Following a moment of silence and the national anthem, Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Fethi Şahin delivered an opening speech in which he noted that today was a very proud day for the faculty. Stating that the event is an important step in the path towards becoming a qualified pharmacist, Prof. Dr. Şahin added that the faculty is graduating highly qualified professionals from different nationalities. Prof. Dr. Şahin

also stated that he believes all of the graduates will be good pharmacists and expressed his belief that graduates will further elevate the reputation of the Eastern Mediterranean University at the international arena. Prof. Dr. Şahin concluded his speech by wishing the graduates best of luck for the rest of their lives. Speaking at the ceremony, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that EMU is about to enter an important week, the graduation week which will be celebrated with an array of festivities. Stressing the increasing number of graduates each passing year, Prof. Dr. Osam added that each

and every graduate of EMU Pharmacy Faculty will represent their university in their countries. Prof. Dr. Osam addressed the graduands as follows:

“Throughout your lives, you will carry your university’s identity as you carry your own identity. Giving harm to your university’s identity will only ruin your own identity. I believe you will spend your best efforts to protect it. Graduating from the Eastern Mediterranean University is not an end, but a new beginning. I congratulate all graduates and wish them all the success in their professional careers.”

Following the opening speeches, the participants enjoyed a short musical performance by the students of Education Faculty, Fine Arts Education Department which was followed by the presentation of awards to the top ranking students of Pharm. B. and Pharm. D. Programs by Prof. Dr. Osam and Prof. Dr. Şahin. Then, students were presented the oath certificates by Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Vice Deans of Faculty of Pharmacy and academic staff members. The ceremony ended with a cocktail organised in honor of the graduating students.



## EMU ORGANISES A SPECIAL RECEPTION FOR EMU SPRING SEMESTER GRADUATES AND FAMILIES



Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Week activities, a Graduation Reception was organised for EMU graduates and their family members who have great contributions in their

success. Among notable officials who attended the reception at the Rector's Building poolside were Representative of Nigerian Embassy Ahmed Mohammed Monguno, Representative of Times Higher Education Michael Caruana, Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet

Osam, Vice Rectors, Coordinators of the Rector's Office, Administrative Directors and academic staff. The reception commenced with the screening of EMU Promotional Film and a cinevision show titled "Being a Student in EMU". At the reception during which family members shared the happiness of their graduating sons or daughters, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rectors visited each table and talked with the graduates and families. During the reception, students also took selfies with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam.

**"We are Proud of our Graduates"** Delivering a speech at the graduation ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his happiness and pride in hosting graduates and their families both at this beautiful reception and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Prof. Dr. Osam

also expressed his pleasure in graduating over 2800 students during the current year. At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted the importance of families' support in the success of the graduates and extended his congratulations to all family members in this respect.

### **Concert by Ayhan Sicimoğlu**

Turkish musician, traveler, radio and TV program maker, and one of the leading percussion artists of Turkey Ayhan Sicimoğlu performed at the reception with Latin All Stars Band. Graduates and their families had colorful moments with Ayhan Sicimoğlu and his team's Latin music performance. Graduates, their families and friends danced through the night despite the rain. During the concert, Ayhan Sicimoğlu addressed Turkish and international students in a humorous way in Turkish and English.



## 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR SPRING SEMESTER GRADUATES BID FAREWELL TO THE CITY THROUGH A TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2017 – 2018 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates bid farewell to the city through a Torchlight Procession which took place at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, 18 June 2018. Approximately 2,800 graduates were present at the procession wearing their gowns.

EMU 2017-2018 Academic Year Spring Semester graduates, academicians, administrative staff members, students and families started the procession with torchlights at the Famagusta Development Academy and walked to EMU Atatürk Square. Singing songs during the walk, the graduating students bid farewell to the city of Famagusta and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The procession took approximately one hour and welcomed the participation

of EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler.

After the completion of the march, the enthusiastic group of graduates

were welcomed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı. Prof. Dr. Osam wished good luck to the graduates and stated

that they feel very proud of every single graduate as the EMU family. After the short speech of Prof. Dr. Osam, the graduates continued with the graduation celebrations at the square.

### This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

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