



AUCA Unique Spirit



Dear AUCA students,
 Anybody who would like to contribute to NEW STAR, and those who registered in New STAR club, please come on **Wednesday September 22, at 12.05 to the 104 room.**

We are waiting for you,
 Editorial board of the New Star

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Dean of Students Column



HORATIO ... There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy (William Shakespeare)

Sometimes I want to ask some questions, but it is not clear to whom.

Can I ask them you, dear AUKers?

Is it true that the greatest success in life should seek those who have deeper knowledge, active lifestyle, working capacity? ..

Does it mean that all prominent politicians - in the past were excellent students, active and caring people? ..

Does it mean that the richest people in our mountainous country - people with the honors of leading universities? ..

If yes, answer the following question:

Does this mean that the best students in our universities - young men, according to the deputy lists and lists of the richest people in Kyrgyzstan, which consist mostly of men? ..

To help you answer these questions, I give you some background information.

Sure, AUCA is among the leading universities in the country.

Our students are about 60% of girls and 40% of boys ...

Recently we awarded the best AUCA students on academic performance.

Let's compare - 81 students were awarded and only 11 of them were boys.

Try to calculate the percentages.

The result is clearly not in favor of a strong half of humanity ...

The great mystery of the Kyrgyz land - the most intelligent - are women, and everything in the country run by men.

AUCA is out of politics, but not out of human curiosity ...

Why is it so?

I'm not a feminist, but I have no answer to this question.

Maybe someone has? Please, help us satisfy your curiosity.

And yet ... Sincere congratulations to all award recipients, especially to those eleven, who at least to some extent supported the reputation of the stronger sex.

Academic success for all students regardless of gender.

N. Shulgin

I would like to greet all readers of AUCA newspaper «The new Star»!

I think it would not be spare if I take advantage of the chance and officially introduce myself as a new student coordinator. Students, who participated in the Club's Fair on September 9, could recognize me because I tried myself as the JV, and it was my debut.

So, I am Adele Omuralieva, the new student coordinator, former student of preparatory and law departments, graduate of 2005.

By the way, I was the first who had ventured to step on the alumni stone and played violin on my commencement. That is why I also can say that I was made in AUCA.

Now I bring up two little sons and easily cope with duties of young mom.

Besides I seriously write poems and issue them not only in local city newspapers but also in almanacs. I hope soon you will read my poems in my personal column in "The new Star". Also I was a winner of different literary contests which were arranged under support of OSCE, Ministry of Culture and Information, the International Aitmatov Foundation, and of course our local AUCA "Golden stool" club. If you are interested in my poetry you can find me at www.literatura.kg

As far as I am a creative person it is congenial to me to care about community service and social activities. If you have any questions do not hesitate to come to office 104 I will willingly try to help you. Being as an adviser of whole students' community I should coordinate and facilitate all extracurricular activities of AUCA students, and as far as it comes from my primary competence I always be happy to help you in all your undertakings.

For this short period of time I have already got acquainted with AUCA Student Senate, which was elected on April 2010. Soon we are going to arrange inauguration ceremony with transmission of power from former Senate to a new one. In the meanwhile, I wish them good luck and in forthcoming duties as well.

Concerning Club's Fair. Sixteen clubs have been registered this year. All of them differ from each other by their goals and activities. This season we have set of new created clubs such as: Unity fund, Chess, Objectivist and KVN international. I really enjoyed working with such creative and enthusiastic students. I hope all of them will be active during the whole academic year in submitting their interesting and original projects.

Today is the third - pajamas day of the spirit week. It is really one of the extraordinary weeks in AUCA events calendar. I wish all students to save our historical spirit and continue students' life as we, alumni, once did

Sincerely,
your student coordinator
Adele OMURALIEVA



Column name: IMHO (In MY humble opinion)

I have almost missed the Spirit week 2010 at AUCA. Which means that I won't criticize or praise competitions or any other activities that were performed during that week. I would just say, that for the first time in my AUCA student life - I just don't care. And you know what? This is kind of sad. I've never been a super-active student, I've never loved extra-curriculum activities, sometimes I liked the way they went, sometimes I didn't, but I always liked that they exist. And now, when I am a senior year student - I don't care. In fact, I heard that thing happening to other seniors, and I hope to express the feelings of some of us in this article. So, my dear Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors, I think you'd excuse me, if I dedicate these couple of lines to seniors.

At the very beginning of this academic year, I gave a promise to be more active, or at least to hang out on AUCA parties, because this is my senior year at the university, and, damn, I want to remember it. But as it all have started, as assignments started to fill my laptop and as the problems began to emerge, the wish to keep the promise faded away somehow. So I refer to seniors: c'mon guys! Keep it up! Let's be more active. You reading it from the cynical me - so it's not just another pink fluffy urge to be a part of the university's life, it is just something to be left in your memories, when you are graduated and replaced by other faces.



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DINA KARABEKOVA

President Wachtel shares his future plans about AUCA AUCA Strategic Goals

Andrew Wachtel



Building on the achievements of President Ellen Hurwitz, AUCA is poised for robust growth and development over during the presidency of Andrew Wachtel. Over the next few years we will be able to make AUCA a more sustainable institution by improving the learning environment through the creation of new programs for our students and the broader community, through faculty development, through the further diversification and better support of our student body and through the creation of more robust assessment mechanisms. We will also upgrade technology systems to make work flow more efficient and responsive to the needs of our students, faculty and staff.

1) Develop programs of academic excellence that will attract international attention and position AUCA as the premier intellectual center of Central Asia

- Create a Central Asia Institute by fall, 2011.
- Build a MA Program and undergrad study abroad programs focusing on Central Asia.
- Augment core group of AUCA faculty who focus on Central Asia (currently approx. 15) with some 30 Central Asian fellows (researchers from US, UK, Europe, Russia, Turkey) as affiliate members.
- Identify other possible areas of faculty strength and student interest with an eye to developing further areas of distinction during AY 10-11. These will likely include

development economics and environmental studies.

- Develop undergrad and MA Central Asia curricula--fall 2010 to summer 2011.
- Create advertising materials and recruitment strategies by late summer 2011 so as to recruit students for fall 2012.

2) Foster faculty development

- Significantly increase the percentage of faculty who have PhDs, are in the course of obtaining them, and/or have spent significant time on campuses of major universities doing research towards PhD degrees.
- Infuse into AUCA culture American/European PhDs who can teach in our programs to raise the level of instruction/expectations on campus.
- In AY 2010-11 create a list of faculty who could most benefit from such a program. Send some abroad by winter 2011 and recruit recent PhDs to AUCA.

3) Build a New University Campus

- Identify and Purchase Land on which to build new campus (fall, 2010)
- Present existing architect's concept for the new campus to the AUCA community (fall 2010). Solicit their input
- Move from architect's concept to buildable drawings (fall, 2010)
- Solicit bids for new campus (winter 2011)
- Begin construction of new campus (spring 2011)
- Finish construction of new campus (fall 2012 or winter 2013)

4) Develop the university as a resource for the wider community by offering expanded life-long learning opportunities

- Create more buy-in from the local community such that they see AUCA as a resource and not as an elite "ivory tower" institution.
- Engage in market research in fall 2010 to see what programs (degree, certificate) beyond what are currently

offered would be attractive to the community.

- Identify a short-term facility in which to put such courses with an eye to eventually using the current library building.
- Develop a pricing model for breaking even on this enterprise and identify faculty who will teach these courses.
- Engage in marketing campaign.

5) Create a more diverse student body

- Expand area from which students are drawn to AUCA.
- Create updated recruiting materials and organize recruiting trips to major Siberian centers, Western China, possibly Eastern Turkey.

6) Build on the current self-study to identify key areas of improvement for AUCA

- Focus on learning outcomes in the liberal arts curriculum. Build more robust outcomes assessment measures for these and other major programs.
- Broaden efforts to evaluate systematically the work of all faculty and staff.

7) Upgrade technology systems both for academic processes and for distance learning

- Substantially upgrade AUCA's information systems to replace numerous stand-alone systems with an enterprise wide information system covering human resources, student services, financial aid and information, admissions, and more.

8) Provide Scholarships for students from Central Asia at AUCA (\$400K)

- Continuing to provide scholarship aid to allow students from areas of Kyrgyzstan and surrounding countries to attend and excel at AUCA remains of crucial importance for the democratization and development of Central Asia.

Is the AUCA Prep Department the right place to study?

The Preparatory Program of AUCA helps students improve their language skills by using an American style of education. It provides opportunities for Kyrgyz and international students to apply to AUCA and other western colleges and universities around the world. Some significant challenges now face the Preparatory Program.

In the past, international students from Afghanistan and Turkmenistan received scholarships from the Open Society Institute (OSI) to study at the AUCA Preparatory Program. Since last year, the Turkmen government did not allow Turkmen students to study at AUCA. In addition, the OSI project providing scholarships for Afghan female students has admitted its third and last cohort this year. We can assume that next year no students from Afghanistan and Turkmenistan will receive a scholarship to study at the Preparatory Program.

Another significant challenge involves complaints from students who studied at the Preparatory Program last year about the low quality of English instructors, and poor structure of some courses. Often it is possible to find good quality English teaching at some private institutions and English centers in Bishkek at low cost. As a result, local students may stop coming to study at the Preparatory Program. It seems that the AUCA Preparatory Program now faces a number of problems and obstacles.

"I had a very bad composition teacher. She was not enough qualified in her subject. I did not learn so much about composition," said Esenbekova Cholpon Psy'10.

Roman Mamashev, an instructor from the Preparatory Department said that composition is a relatively new subject in the Preparatory Program's curriculum, and the program has qualified instructors for these classes.

Although now living, studying, and teaching composition in Arizona, Walter Rudolph was an instructor in the English Language and American Studies Departments in last few years. He said that while he was in the English Language Department, they did not have any native English teachers teaching in the Preparatory program, which would have distinctly added to the quality of the department.

"It made sense because, unfortunately, AUCA had only a few native English teaching professors in the whole university," said Mr. Rudolph.

Sultan Mahmood Ahmadi is another senior student from Sociology Department. He said that he had the experience of studying with his own native friends from Afghanistan at the Preparatory Program, which was not successful for him. He did not adequately develop his English and Russian language skills because he constantly interacted with his friends in classes and around campus in his native language.

"Being with one's own native group does not motivate students to speak in English and Russian language and that affects further the student's life and education in AUCA," said Sultan.

On the other hand, Mamashev disagrees with what students say about the division of international students into different groups from local students. He said that every group in the Preparatory Program has international students, so they are not isolated in any way.

When dividing students into groups, they consider the results of the placement test and the interview, not their citizenship. However, they have been placing the project

students (Turkmen and Afghan) in the same group. Such a placement is determined by the following reasons:

- 1) Project finalists are usually on the same level
- 2) Overcoming culture shock is easier;
- 3) Project students usually arrive late;
- 4) Placed in the same group, project students are easier to supervise and inform.

Mamashev said that they revise and change the curriculum whenever changes are needed. These revisions are determined by the changes in admission requirements, and the need to conform to the Liberal Arts spirit and the mission of the University. For the last several years, they have been revising and changing the curriculum every year.

I believe the notion quality of teaching is challenged year by year in AUCA. There are some solutions which can be suggested, but the main problem is whether the Preparatory Program wants them or not.

- Revise curriculum of the program and change to a faster mode, giving more time for practice.

- Make the system transparent and provide students with a survey about their satisfaction with their preparation courses and instructors.

- Teach with different techniques, such as IBT (Internet Based TOEFL), with which many students are familiar.

- Focus more on students' mistakes that they make in every test or exam.

Above all, the main focus should be on students' vocabulary, and in the way that a student can pass the exam. Students need an adequate vocabulary to study, which is not case with many students from the Prep Program. The Prep Program should sit and run through many issues in their department so that they can come up with good solutions. In closing, the AUCA Preparatory Program is one of the best in Bishkek and Kyrgyzstan, but it can be much better than it is today.

Yama Hotak



From left to the right: Roman Mamashev, Diana Koshaliev, Hotak Yama, Sultan Ahmadi

TOPS IN BLUE'10: An Outstanding World Tour



This summer students of American University of Central Asia visited Manas Transit Center. Surprisingly, they haven't met any big airplanes, trucks, and tall menacing security officers behind them. Quite the contrary, very nice soldiers were greeting our students near the entrance. And then, students became the eyewitnesses of an amazing transformation of officers, sergeants, craftsmen and other United States Air Force workers into outstanding artists singing and dancing on their stage.

"It was one of the best evenings I spent this summer," says the performance's viewer, "How wonderfully and skillfully variety actors played to a packed house! I have even no certain words to describe the drive they gave me."

TOPS IN BLUE is known as the Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers. Consisting of approximately 40 of the most talented vocalists, musicians, dancers, and technicians from different fields of work of this company, this group travels all over the world originally in order to perform their programme for military personnel and their families. However, including this, the great popularity of the group has made them America's goodwill ambassadors around the globe.

This group has no permanent membership. Every year, a lot of serious, multilevel competitions take their place in order organizers to choose "the best of the bests." And every year, Air Force's staff competes for deserving the honour to be selected as a member of this annual tour, this elite organization. So, TOPS IN BLUE is "all-active duty U.S. Air Force special unit made up of talented performers selected for their entertainment abilities."

Having passed such difficult "exams," chosen artists begin preparing for a very responsible 10-month globe tour. During 60 days, the performers master their vocal, instrumental, choreography, and other staging requirements of the show. After this, they are ready to succeed as world-class entertainers and distinguished Air Force Ambassadors.

The 2010 TOPS IN BLUE tour, entitled "We Believe," was aimed to salute the ideas Americans believe "as Americans." Through impressive music, accurate choreography, and attractive, amazing lights and other special effects, TOPS IN BLUE celebrates the belief in love, in family, in the hope American people have for the future – their belief in the freedoms they enjoy in their country and the power they have from the unity of people, – in such a way tour's organizers express the ideas of TOPS IN BLUE'10.

And now, imagine the blue star sky, attractive lights from the scene in this evening darkness, shining and smiling faces of performers who sing very fine and meaningful songs and dance in a very nice, professional way. What kind of thoughts will be in your head in this moment? Except belief in love, freedoms, and power of united people, the belief in infinite human abilities is born. And this is maybe the most important belief which advises as not to be limited by one certain interest, work or hobby. Everyone should try oneself in everything. And, if you are a great specialist in your field of work or study, you are expected to succeed in other fields. Remember: "A gifted person is talented in everything," and there is no one "ungifted" in our world. Everyone has something to crow about. And TOPS IN BLUE organization is an outstanding evidence of this popular wisdom.

P.S. Students thank AUCA Advising and Career Services for organized trip.

For more information about TOPS IN BLUE visit www.topsinblue.com

Svetlana VERCHENKO



Freshmen Confess...



What has surprised you most in AUCA?
I was a student of AUCA's preparatory program, and I know a lot of this University. The changing of governing body surprised me the most. Our new president is one of us, he is extremely close to the students. With freshmen T-shirt on, he became a member of our command; moreover, having won all the competitions, we washed K. Marks' and Engels' monument together.

What are your expectations your first academic year?
From my first academic year in University, I expect the beginning of my interesting university life. I'm sure that I will get up early in the morning and come home late in the night since I want to try everything in AUCA. My student life will be scheduled like this: "Studying – fun, studying – fun, and etc.," and I need to spend a lot of time in the University in order to make progress in both "fields."

Anatoliy Fedorenko (BA-110)



What has surprised you most in AUCA?
A self-disciplined AUCA team surprised me the most. Also, I liked the contest of talents where everyone needed to present the myth about the cave in different styles and the fact that our freshmen team won a delicious cake at the end.

What are your expectations your first academic year?
I expect taking a lot of knowledge from AUCA freshmen year. I understand that studying will be rather difficult, but I am ready to overcome all the troubles. Moreover, I'm sure that variety of different courses and people of different majors there, at one certain class, will be very interesting and will benefit a lot.

Olga Veselova (ES-110)

What has surprised you most in AUCA?
Since I am a participant of FLEX program, I know American system of education and I've got already used to the independent schedule's working out, for example.

What are your expectations your first academic year?
I expect a lot of new emotions will fulfill my student life. I hope to get a useful experience from this year, to gain self-confidence and improve myself in different ways.

Talaibek kyzy Aiyma (ICP-110)



What has surprised you most in AUCA?
Some new courses were added, I noticed. For example, First Year Seminar, from which I expect to get something interesting and worthwhile.

What are your expectations your first academic year?
Practically, I have already known everything; that's why I do not expect anything. The only thing has left in my mind: definitely set goals which I'm planning to achieve. Even being abroad, having studied one year in Canada's University, I haven't met such a warm atmosphere we have in AUCA. Now, I know by experience the deep meaning of AUCA's motto: "You are not alone;" – believe me, here, it is an exact true.

Janat Alieva (JMC-110)

What has surprised you most in AUCA?
The most surprising thing I met was changes in courses' schedule by the end of the week (imagine, you have already finished working out your schedule – and that!). Moreover, I've learned that being a prep student, you know just a little part of university life; everything (including different hardships) comes with our first days of being freshmen students.

What are your expectations your first academic year?
I hope, this year will be undergone in a very productive and useful way. I can compare it with Everest subjugation during which you learn about every stone lies on your way. Also, I wish not to fall over these stones on my way to the stars.

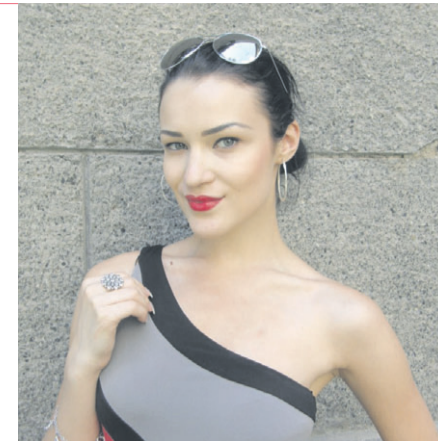
Azamat Abdimalipov (BA-110)



What has surprised you most in AUCA?
Having visited different countries, I felt myself the best here: I noticed the quintessence of everything, including various cultures. And, it would be nice to imbibe this; four years spent in such an atmosphere can help me to model from myself a good, qualified person who got used to diversity in this world.

What are your expectations your first academic year?
I will try to put much effort in gaining all my purposes. I want to be a person with formed views and foundations after my first academic year in AUCA, I want to choose the right direction in my life, to realize it way in a whole, and go along the way to my dream further.

Kristina Shved (ES-110)



What has surprised you most in AUCA?
I was surprised how the faculty is involved in students' activity. They have a lot of energy, and this will provide a good teamwork during our studying, I hope.

What are your expectations your first academic year?
I hope being succeeded both in studying and extracurriculum activities, find a fun here. I want to get education for sure, but don't be lost in it. Also, I plan to acquire friends here and leave my mark in Bishkek. I am staying just for one year in Kyrgyz Republic, and then I will decide what to do and what way to pick further.

Chris Reintsma (PSY-110)



What has surprised you most in AUCA?
Every day opens something new. I like the friendly atmosphere and great number of good people around me. To tell truth, competitions and different team games I liked more than lectures. I was surprised by the courage in everyone, the readiness to take off the last laces in order your team to win. This team unity is really amazing!

What are your expectations your first academic year?
I expect an interesting studying process and extracurriculum life, expect collaborating with a competent faculty.

Lyubov Nochkina (PSY-110)



What has surprised you most in AUCA?
AUCA securities a hundred per cent operate their work – they will never let pass anyone without ID! Also, I was stricken by AUCA's "unity" which was shown up in Freshmen Party's organization: two different places to go, two different parties in two different night clubs – for what? Another thing I was impressed by – the fact that everyone is really responsible for one's acts. Also, there are a lot of possibilities to self-realization in different spheres, including both education and extracurriculum activities. Moreover, students of here are very helpful and give us some useful advices.

What are your expectations your first academic year?
It will be unforgettable since it is our first academic year in this University. I want to learn a lot of new things, to get life experience; and I'm sure that AUCA's faculty will help me in these. I'm sure that no one will want to leave this University by one' own will, and everyone must set a goal to do one's best to study here during all four years. Moreover, I want to take part in every AUCA activity.

Djalil Gimatdinov (PSY-110)



What has surprised you most in AUCA?
Running about the signatures in order to be registered in a certain course surprised me the most. Also, an unordinary prize for the first place in the game (the memorial's washing) and AUCA's president's participation in it impressed me a lot!

What are your expectations your first academic year?
I expect the courses in which I have been enrolled will be interesting and will be held in a flexible way (not like this: a professor gives you the theme, you listen to him and them pass an exam). In general, the studying will show everything and put everything on its places. Also, I wish professors to be interested in their work in order to pass on their knowledge.

Melis Kurmanov (IBL-110)



STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Head of business. Heart of the world.

The SIFE club of Kyrgyzstan participated in international conference on "Leadership and Progress" in Baku, Azerbaijan. "It is the first wave of international cooperation among youth" commented the leader of AUCA SIFE club.

AUCA SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) is the student organization, which helps students to develop entrepreneurial skills, gives knowledge of finance and market economy. It participates in the national and international competitions, including the United States, Germany and Paris. This year they received an award for "The Best Educational Project"- TIFE, conducted with the team from KRSU.

Adilet Kanymet, current president of SIFE in AUCA, shared his experience from his trip to Azerbaijan.

Adilet, how did a conference take place?

"It was the Azerbaijan's initiative to conduct this conference. The main role played their ministry of Youth and Culture, which sponsored our trip. We paid only for our tickets.

What about our Ministry? Did they make a contribution to your project?

Of course, our ministry could do that, but I don't blame them. Now, they have more serious problems. I hope, in future, they will turn to us and, next time, the conference will be held in Bishkek.

What was the significance of this meeting?

It was our first joint project with SIFE Azerbaijan and, I think, we started to build a bridge to each other.

Who else presented our country with you?

We had five people - Vice President of SIFE KRSU, President of SIFE IIMOP, President and Chair of Board of Directors of SIFE KG and me.

What did you do in Baku, except seminars, training and presentations?



Adilet Kanymet – AUCA SIFE team President



Participants of the Conference

Not much. Most of the time, from 10 a.m. to 6-7 p.m., we were busy with the official part of the conference. After that, we were walking on the evening Baku, stopping at its beautiful boulevards and parks, - his face brightens, - We sat near the fountains alley and recalled our daily events. We walked near the famous Maiden Tower and, saw its beauty with our own eyes. The weather was cool and rainy, so we escaped from the Bishkek's heat for a while.

How is Baku for you? Is it the same as in Bishkek?

Actually, no. Baku, seems like a part of the Europe, with its different types of trees and multicultural citizens.

Would you stay there if you had a chance?

For the vacation - yes. For living - no. The citizens are very nice and open, but I love my country and, now I am needed to it, as never before. I won't change my Issyk-Kul for the Caspian sea.

What does it mean "A head for business. A heart for the world"?

It is our club's motto. It is simple, and has a straight meaning; a head



The street where one of the episodes of the movie "Brilliant Hand" was filmed

for a business means to use your head efficiently and, heart for the world means to open yourself to others.

How can students of AUCA become SIFE members? What are the requirements?

There is no requirement but only desire.

What are your future plans?

We have a lot of plans for the year. I can't tell them all, but shortly, we are

going to expand our series and, open new SIFE clubs in other universities and colleges. We are now preparing an amazing party for our members in the middle of October, - his dreamy eyes unwittingly capture the attention, and he ends the interview with his last words, - We are only at the beginning of our trip, and how easy or hard would it be depends on us.

Atai MURATBEKOV

Global UGRAD as a Lifetime Opportunity

Everyone in the world is created with equal rights, and every person has a right to succeed in his life. Today, fortunately, the youth realizes the importance of international exposure, because studying abroad opens unique opportunities for young people to develop both professionally and personally.

First, the students gain a global outlook in a highly competitive and professional environment to succeed in a global arena. Globalization is a great power which has captured the majority of countries in the world and motivates the youth to stay informed and updated with a rapid speed of technology. Apparently, every country is unique in its own way and there are so many things we can learn from each other. While studying in a foreign country we are introduced to new the society with unique rules; diverse people with various beliefs and values; and a different way of living which might be dissimilar to yours. As a result, during the period of adaptation we learn to be more empathetic towards people from other cultures and personally become more independent. Being far away from your family and close friends teaches the one to value the family relationships and new friendships. Therefore, meeting new friends becomes a vital aspect of your exciting experience overseas. Friends not only enlarge your network, but become your family whom you can turn to in various situations and a significant tip for success. Moral support from friends often plays a vital role in making right decisions and taking new opportunities in your studies or work place.

Second, studying abroad rewards you the chance to gain an excellent education and become a globally demanded professional in your field of study. The prominent



professors from the best universities of the world give us a valuable knowledge and share with us their skills and experiences. They train in us the future leaders of the society no matter what we major in, be it business, economics, medicine, law or engineering. Moreover, the modern technology along with Internet presents the youth access to the unlimited information of various content, which motivates the students for new discoveries and accomplishments.

The most important, the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program in Eurasia and Central Asia, administered by the International Exchange and Research Board (IREX) and sponsored by the US Department of State, gives the students a lifetime opportunity to explore the United States of America. IREX fosters democratization and economic development and promotes cultural understanding among the talented and motivated students of Eurasia and Central Asia. After spending an amazing year of incredible experience in US as a grantee of UGRAD, one gains a global exposure, fascinating network of friends and becomes a future internationally demanded professional.

Try your best! You might become one of those goal-oriented and extremely outgoing Global UGRAD 2011-2012 fellows! The start of the program will be announced at the beginning of November. You can get more information about the grant at www.irex.kg/

Best of Luck,
Kanykei KADYRBERDIEVA (BA-108)
Global UGRAD 2009-2010 Grantee



AУША SAID:

Andrew Wachtel
AUCA President

What do you consider as happiness?

Being challenged all the times and not bored with what I do.

Who are your favorite heroes in real life?

President Mendel, Steve Jobs inventor of Apple.

Who are your favorite heroines in real life?

Hillary Clinton

Who are your favorite heroines of fiction?

Natasha Rostova

Your favorite painter?

Al Recko. I also like Russian avanguard.

Your favorite musician?

Moliere, Bach.

The quality you most admire in people ?

Straightforwardness, humor, people that can get something done

Your favorite activity?

Various sports, tennis and football, and, but playing, not watching.

Your most marked characteristic?

Ability to see a solve the problem

What is your principle defect?

Impatience

What to your mind would be the greatest of misfortunes?

Being stuck in office from 9-10 and being told by somebody what to do

In what country would you like to live?

I always wanted to leave on ocean, if I could be a university president on Mediterranean Sea somewhere that would be the dream

Who are your favorite prose writers?

Dickens and Tolstoy

Who are your favorite poets?

I translate poetry into English. Such Russian Angelina Polonskaya

What is it you most dislike in people?

Secretiveness

What historical figures do you most despise?

Stalin, Hitler

What is your present state of mind?

Challenged

What is your favorite food? And drink?

Lamb shashlyk / Red wine

What is your motto?

Do we really have to do it?

Maksatbek Sharabidinov
Chairman of Student Senate

What do you consider as happiness?

There is no happiness, there are only happy moments.

Who are your favorite heroes in real life?

My father.

Who are your favorite heroines in real life?

My mother.

Who are your favorite heroines of fiction?

Tolgunai, from "Mother's field" by Chingiz Aitmatov

Your favorite painter?

My favorite painter Leonardo Da Vinci and Kyrgyz painter Gapar Aitiev.

Your favorite musician?

Kurmangazy

The quality you most admire in people?

Honesty and independence.

Your favorite activities?

When I have free time I like drawing and cooking something special for me and for my guests. About sports I love horse riding and skiing.

Your most marked characteristic?

Friendliness.

What is your principle defect?

Self-criticism.

What to your mind would be the greatest of misfortunes?

Wasting life.

In what country would you like to live?

Of course in Kyrgyzstan.

Who are your favorite prose writers?

Our great classic writer Chingiz Aitmatov.

Who are your favorite poets?

Thomas Hardy

What is it you most dislike in people?

Dependence of drugs and alcohol.

What historical figures do you most despise?

Adolf Hitler

What is your present state of mind?

Positive and productive.

What is your favorite food? And drink?

Beshbarmak and only kiymiz!!!

What is your motto?

Always, try to make things perfect. Just perfect!!!



Poetry

Send your poems to thestar@mail.auca.kg

В письме мы душу изливаем скорбя
О том что летнею порой,
Ты - тот единственный родимый,
Душой и сердцем нам родной,
Уснул навеки и жаль, что рано,
Отныне в душах наших рана нарисовалась стрелой,
Друг наш дорогой!
Мы помним все твои черты, твои глаза, твою улыбку,
И хоть пытаемся забыть, но осуществить нельзя попытку.
Зачем же ты о ангел смерти забрал Господнего Раба?
И чем же мы так провинились, коли утрата так страшна?
И почему же мы одни; сейчас живем в воспоминаньях?
А он как светоч в темноте увы не слышит все признанья!
Ну если б злой твой рок его душой не овладел.
Но нет! Ведь ты слуга Творца,
Нас не дослушав до конца лишил его дыханья, сновидений,
А если б жив он был сейчас
Прожил бы много радостных мгновений.
Винить тебя быть может поздно,
Но это жизнь, здесь все серьезно,
Судьбами тут играть нельзя!
Несправедливо и порой так подло,
Губить людей за собой маня!
Но все же Боже нам хотелось,
Всю жизнь назад перемотать,

Нам бы исправить все свои ошибки
Чтобы тебя не обвинять.
А в чем суть жизни расскажи нам? Как быть нам?
Как избежать капкан?
Жизнь – лишь черта на надгробном камне,
Все превращает вдруг в обман.
Когда-то он бродил по свету, тебя он ТАК БОГОТВОРИЛ!
А что взамен отдал ему ты?
Смотри же что ты натворил?!
Убил дитя свое...Зачем же?!
Ты скажешь нам: Настал его черед!
Хоть ты творец. Но ведь не стоит – планировать все наперед!
Друзья доколе будем плакать о том чего давно нам не вернуть?
Прости о тот кого уж с нами нету!
Жаль, что тебя нам не вернуть.
Дарил ты радость, смех, веселье,
Всех кого ж жизни повстречал,
Поэтому сейчас, отныне – никто тебя ведь лихом не поминал!
Отрада душ людских ушел ты,
Хоть сделать многое хотел:
Забрал тебя тот смерти ангел,
И видно многое ты не успел,
Осталась память - песни, фото, но им тебя не заменить!
Но мы хотим чтобы ты слышал:
Тебя мы будем помнить и любить!

Мадина Ардабаева

Elections for preparatory department representative

Dear students and AUCA community! The Student Senate 2010 decided to give an opportunity for students of Preparatory Department to have a consulting voice in order to present their interests in Student Senate. According to the decision of the Senate on the 20th of September elections for Preparatory Department representative was held. After counting the results of elections, where 70% of preparatory students took part, Kanatbek uulu Bayastan who received 29% of all participated voices became a member of the Student Senate. We congratulate the winner and wish him an effective and successful year in the AUCA Student Senate.

Student Senate
Student Coordinator



Farewell Kiss to Lidiya Chikalova

Ее стихия – путешествия! Лидя успела побывать в необыкновенных странах, где ей удалось найти новые интересы и возможности для себя. Но она на этом не останавливается. Студентка факультета журналистики, Лидия Чикалова, готова продолжить свое большое путешествие по миру в ближайшем будущем.

Лидя, главной темой твоего прощального поцелуя мы решили выбрать путешествия, так как ты побывала в очень интересных странах, и можешь поделиться с нами разными историями. И, первый вопрос, расскажи нам с чего же все началось, и где ты побывала.

Я всегда любила путешествовать. Все началось со штатов. Я прошла программу FLEX и уехала учиться в штаты на год. Через год я решила учиться в АУЦА, и приехала к вам в Кыргызстан. Но больше всего путешествий у меня было в 2009 году. Я побывала в Дубаи 2 раза, в Испании и Португалии. Изначально я планировала путешествовать по всей Европе, но, к сожалению, не получилось с визами. Но не все еще потеряно, так как у меня еще есть куча времени =)

А сейчас, давай все таки узнаем о каждой стране поподробней. Что тебе больше всего запомнилось, что понравилось, а что не очень. Какие люди и места, или смешные истории?



Ну, давай, с самого начала. =)

Как я уже сказала, я прошла по FLEX. Для меня это был год выживания. Это было ужасно! Моя host-mother работала в тюрьме, она была раза в три больше меня, и очень редко появлялась дома. Она не умела готовить, поэтому я была предоставлена сама себе, то есть когда другим детям, приходящим из школы накрывали на стол и кормили вкусным ужином, мне приходилось питаться бутербродами с колбасой, так как продуктов дома тоже не было. Также мы жили на окраине города, возле кладбища, и когда host-mother забывала меня забирать из школы, (а это частенько случалось), мне приходилось ехать одной домой и идти поздно через кладбище. Было очень жутко!

Чем тебе понравились штаты?

Путешествиями, моей школой, и, конечно, новыми друзьями.

Самая запоминающаяся экскурсия или поездка

Мне организовали такой необычный тур. После школы за мной приехала полицейская машина. Меня посадили на заднее сидение, где обычно сажают преступников, и куда-то повезли, ничего не сказав. Я была просто в шоке, но мне было интересно, что же дальше произойдет. Меня привезли в тюрьму, одели в спецазовскую форму, и устроили экскурсию. Я видела настоящих заключенных за решеткой. И один раз, я отстал от всех, встала рядом с камерой, и заключенный, который там сидел, сказал странным голосом "Oh, there is a fresh meat over here!" Я так испугалась тогда! Но потом поняла, что он за решеткой, я на свободе, и, что, в принципе, мне нечего бояться =)

Бешенная история, которая случилась с тобой в штатах.

Моей хост-мамушки не было как всегда дома, и я решила приготовить себе буррито. Положила его в микроволновку и оставила на 20 минут, хотя нужно было всего на две. Я выхожу из ванной, смотрю, а микроволновка дымится. Понюхав клубы черного дыма, и запах гари. Я не растерялась, взяла мокрую тряпку, положила ее на сигнализацию, вымыла микроволновку, открыла окна, и т.д. Потом пришлось спрятать все улики, напоминавшие о том, что был почти пожар. Я положила их в большую банку, закопала на дне мусора, и думала, что хост мама ничего не обнаружит. Но, оказывается, она все нашла. Был скандал, я собралась уже менять хост семью, но в конце концов мы помирились, и я осталась.

Чему тебя научила эта поездка?

Выживать. Как я уже сказала, мне приходилось быть самой по себе, я даже начала потом сама работать. Я стала самостоятельной и независимой. Также там смогла обнаружить свои новые интересы, я ходила в артшколу, научилась хорошо рисовать, что даже отнесла свои картины в coffee house на продажу. В общем, я открыла для себя много новых возможностей.

ИСПАНИЯ

Как ты попала в Испанию? По программе?

Да, есть такая программа, она называется VecasMaе. Отбирается несколько студентов, которые едут на лето в Испанию учиться и путешествовать. Это были самые бешенные каникулы! Я думала, что поеду туда учиться, а оказалось, что я поехала отдыхать!



Видела в Испании что-нибудь необычное?

Да! Испания мне показалась местом, где живет много странных людей. Для меня это был шок, так как раньше я никогда такого не видела. Однажды мы с подругой возвращались домой с дискотеки, мы идем по узкой улице, и перед нами проходит парень, который был очень похож на нашего молодого профессора. Мы посмотрели на него, и тут он начинает полностью раздеваться! Мы очень сильно испугались, подумали, что это какой-то маньяк. И тут я начала кричать на всю улицу на испанском "Dios Mio!!!", от страха. Тогда он просто оделся, и ушел. Оказывается, это был эксгибиционист, которых, как мы позже узнали, было много в Испании.

А что больше всего понравилось?

Я путешествовала по всей Андалузии – от Мадрида и ниже. Я объездила все! Это самое прекрасное место на свете, как я думаю. Мне очень понравились пляжи с прозрачной чистой водой и белым песком. Мы жили практически на самом пляже, и часто проводили там время, и даже делали уроки. Также я узнала много людей из разных стран, с некоторыми из них я до сих пор общаюсь! В общем, было просто очень весело и незабываемо!

АРАБСКИЕ ЭМИРАТЫ

Как ты оказалась в этой стране?

Когда к нам приезжал профессор Чадха, я решила показать ему свои работы и навыки фотографирования. Ему фотографии очень понравились, и он пригласил меня поехать в Дубаи на практику.

Для меня Дубаи – это что-то волшебное, загадочное и непредсказуемое. Какие ощущения возникли у тебя?

Когда я приехала в Дубаи в первый раз, мне этот город абсолютно не понравился. Наверное, из-за того, что не успев туда приехать, мне поставили просто бешенный режим. Я просыпалась каждое утро в пять, чтобы фотографировать рассвет с разных ракурсов. Засыпала тоже очень поздно, так как надо было дожидаться пока стемнеет, пока Луна станет достаточно яркой и насыщенной, чтобы тоже сделать хорошие фотографии. Также, в самом начале этот город показался мне каким-то каменным, создавалось впечатление, что он меня не принимает.

Во второй раз было по-другому?

Да, во второй раз было лучше. Тогда я уже начала общаться с людьми, узнавать что-то новое. Еще было веселее, так как я поехала не одна, а с Пашей и Лазариной.

Расскажи странную историю, которая тебе запомнилась больше всего. Только именно странную! =)

Ооо, странные истории случались со мной частенько, но одну я запомнила больше всех. Когда я во второй раз приехала в Дубаи, в аэропорту на мне была футболка с надписью "I will make your dreams come true." Все начали прикалываться, говорить типа вот, Лидя, сейчас арабы, увидев твою футболку, сразу начнут к тебе приставать. Тогда я немного завернула футболку, закрыла ее волосами, и стою в очереди на паспортный контроль. Замечаю пристальные взгляды со стороны всех арабов, которые так странно на меня смотрят. Подходит моя очередь, я жду паспорт, но вместо него мне протягивают бумажку с номером телефона работника аэропорта. Я прошу мой паспорт, мне его нехотя возвращают и спрашивают, долго ли я буду в Дубаи. Я вырываю свой паспорт, кричу: Нет! и ухожу.

Чем тебе запомнились Дубаи?

Это, наверное, кальяном. Мы часто ходили в одно место под названием , где мы любили отдыхать, и всегда заказывали кальян. Там также были качели, где можно было посидеть, расслабиться, и, в общем, хорошо отдохнуть.



ПОРТУГАЛИЯ

Как ты оказалась в самой Португалии? Как тебя туда занесло?

Когда я была в Испании, мы с другими студентами решили поехать на автобусе в Португалию на несколько дней. Что мне больше всего запомнилось, так это то, что с нами поехали нигерийцы, которые были просто кошмарными бабниками! Один парень висел на телефоне всю дорогу до Португалии, а это ни много ни мало 10 часов! Все это время он разговаривал с разными девушками, и говорил им одни и те же вещи, как он любит их и так далее. А мы все сидели, слушали его разговоры и считали его девушек.

Что тебя поразило в Португалии? Кстати, в каком городе ты была? В Лисобоне?

Да, я была именно в Лисобоне. Меня там очень поразила архитектура города. Там очень много интересных зданий и мест. Также – музеи. Там я впервые увидела настоящую мумию, а точнее нашли захоронение 13-летней девочки, которую потом перевезли в этот музей. Её лицо было просто как из фильма ужасов!

Также меня поразила большая статуя Иисуса, такая же, как в Бразилии, на вершине горы. Особенно вечером на закате. Это просто шикарно!

Ты нам рассказала о различных странах со своими историями и интересными местами. Но, как же твой родной город в Туркменистане? Сильно скучаешь?

Я из Небит Дага, по которому, я, конечно же, очень скучаю. Я не была там уже два года. Я очень люблю свой город, даже больше, чем столицу, Ашхабад.

Что больше всего тебе там нравится?

Это, наверное, наше с друзьями место, где мы каждый вечер смотрели закат. Мы забирались на гору, откуда открывался просто волшебный вид на город, и где был хорошо виден закат.



Туркменистан

Натали Анарбаева