# ADAII MAGAZINE

THE UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE 2023







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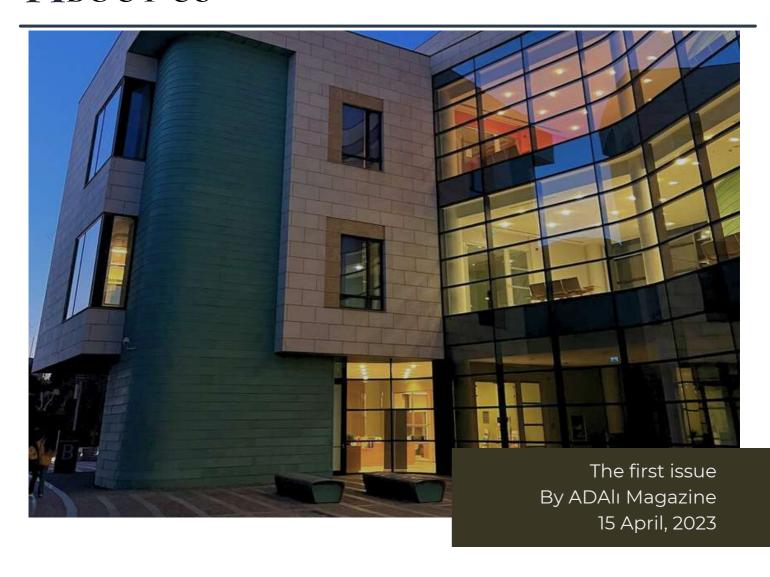
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## About us



#### What is the main purpose of ADAlı MAGAZİNE?

ADAII Magazine is ADA University's new magazine club covering all areas of public life in the ADA community. ADAII magazine, which started its work in 2022, mainly focuses on the new perspectives of ADA, with interviews, news, photos, and events. ADAII magazine conducted more than 20 interviews, 8 events, 4 of which were donations, and hundreds of photos. Also, ADAII Magazine is one of the clubs that have successfully worked with many others promoting, supporting, and collaborating with them.

#### **Our Favorite Quotation**

Be an ADAII active!
Become a part of being an ADAII!

#### Why Choose Us?

Our editorial staff consists of many professionals who work at a high level. in the directions such as editing, photography, and others. We are also the ones who can act from a new perspective.



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# EDITOR'S NOTE

The new ADA University project came to me thanks to my previous experience and the people who were my mentors. A magazine is a product that can consist of everything that people need and are interested in. The magazine is a new platform for collecting creative expression and experiences of the students and staff

My team and I have the right to support and demonstrate our ADA improvement and supportive services. I think this first release is a great start to a new journey for the ADA community. The first is always important because this is the first experience for ADAII magazine. I would like to thank all contributors, readers, and everyone who has contributed to ADAII magazine even in a very small amount. Together we are a big ADAII Family!

#### SOCIAL LIFE OF

# ADA UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SERVICES

CAREER SERVICES

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

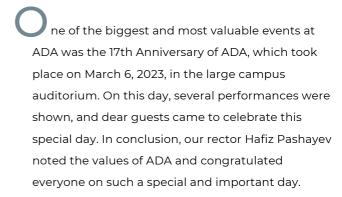
INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND DIPLOMACY

#### ADA FOUNDATION

he ADAIı journal worked primarily in the five areas of ADA University mentioned above. The activities that were organized by Student Services. Career Services. International Office, Institute for Development and Diplomacy, and ADA Foundation were mainly tracked and recorded for ADAII Social Active Life. In total, ADAlı magazine has participated in more than 80 events and activities held both within and outside the ADA by promoting and sharing the necessary information. A special place among all events was occupied by such events as the Club Fair, the Event dedicated to Nizami Ganjavi, ADAVision, the Elvis Presley stage, a visit to the village of Agali Zangilan, and the Bahar festival. Each event of services, organizations, and clubs was useful and informative for the Community. And they all had one goal - to make the community bigger, stronger, and better!

#### GRAND EVENT

#### ADA CELEBRATED ITS 17 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



















#### **DETAILS**

#### WHERE DID WE START?

he ADAII Magazine officially started its work on October 5, and the first event was the Club Fair, organized and managed by the Student Services of ADA University. On the same day, new clubs and organizations were announced, special performances were shown and a club of the fair was chosen during the event. ADAII magazine was one of the first to take an active part in this day, showing a professional approach to media and communications. It was the small beginning of big dreams and goals that are on the way to achieving and taking place.

# ADAlı MAGAZINE AND UNIVERSITY LIFE

On April 7, ADAII Magazine was named Club of the Month by Student Service. As a big team, we are climbing to the top of our Magazine!





During the year, ADAII Magazine held 4 donation events for different occasions. The first charity event was dedicated to the 2nd Karabakh War. During this donation, we have donated to more than 15 Martyr families. Our next donation was made in partnership with the ADA Royals football team. Together we arranged a football charity game, and the money raised went to the Home for Children with Disabilities. Donations were made to Turkey, which was organized in cooperation with the ADA Charity Club and ADAII Magazine, and more than 100 boxes were sent to our brother country. Another charity event was dedicated to Ramadan, and more than 20 families received special boxes from us.











# AN ACTIVE ADAl<sub>1</sub> INTERVIEWS



Being an active ADAII means being a special person in the ADA community.

An Active ADAII interview series is one of the projects organized by ADAII Magazine. During this project, more than 10 interviews were conducted and presented to the public. The main purpose of the interviews is to explore the social life of the ADA, and for this purpose, interviews were taken with the presidents of the Student Club. In parallel, interviews were taken with representatives of the Institute for Development and Diplomacy, Student Services, Career Services, and International Office. You can find all interviews on our social media.







#### FARIZ ISMAYILZADE

VICE RECTOR, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND DIPLOMACY

By Nigar Shirinova

#### WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF IDD AND WHAT ARE ITS MAIN MISSIONS?

IDD is Institute for Development and Diplomacy and it is a research and policy think tank, which was established last year by Rector Pashayev within ADA University. So, as you know many universities around the world do not only teach but also engage the research and they most importantly engage the type of research which is applied to day-to-day issues, governance, state policies, research that is relevant to decision-making, so that is why we established IDD, and IDD as you understand has two words, Development, and Diplomacy, so we do a lot of research about Diplomacy, International Affairs, Regional Security, but we also do a lot of focus on development issues, such as environmental issues, water management, renewable energy, issues related to poverty, so this is the thing ten which is relatively new.

My father is my biggest role model. I always remind myself of my father and his tireless efforts.

# WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE 3 MOST IMPORTANT STUDENT SERVICES VALUES?

Mehdi Huseynov: Good question; For example, we promote active citizenship, which includes charity, inclusivity, and social responsibility. We also promote Haji Zeynalabidin Thaghiev Awards and many other great things that involve active citizens within the university. Second, and this is my favorite, is the fact that we in Student Services are here to promote and raise leaders within the university. Through the promotion of clubs, student government, and volunteering, we have senior positions available within these clubs and organizations. Why it is my favorite because I see in myself and in students many of my role models who inspire me and them as well. It makes me understand that raising leaders is very beneficial not only for the university but also for the country. Third, I would say that Student Services works hard in order to promote other cultures. What is the ADA culture? ADA culture is about the promotion of inclusivity, no tolerance for any kind of discrimination, and gender equality.



#### MEHDI HUSEYNOV

SPECIALIST, STUDENT LIFE

ADA culture is actually an atmosphere we create, where students respect each other and everyone understands the good behavior that is expected from everyone in the community.

WE ASSUME THAT YOU ARE ONE OF THE YOUNGEST EMPLOYEES OF ADA. DID THIS FEATURE HELP OR HINDER YOU WITH COMMUNICATION AND OTHER PARTIES?

Mehdi Huseynov: Being young definitely helps me bond with students. It helps my job; I need to directly work with students, and me being young (I am only 27), maybe it allows me to have better relationships with students; they listen better, and they are also aware of the close age difference, therefore, they can be much more sincere.



Manager, Global Outreach and Patners International Office

Millana Feyzulazada: That is a good question.

Actually, we are expanding our list of international partners almost every day, or at least every week. I was signing new memoranda; we are signing student exchange agreements; we are signing new Erasmus Plus agreements, which is also a great opportunity for students who want to go on exchange and spend one semester with the scholarship provided by partner universities. So for the next semester, expect some partners from the United States; for example, we signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of Telsa. Some partner from

European countries is Turkey.

WHICH NEW COUNTRIES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE WE EXPECTING TO e

WELCOME STUDENTS IN THE UPCOMING YEARS?

According to the interest of the students in the countries they apply to, we are expanding our list of partners in those countries. Next semester, we will have more partnerships and more Erasmus opportunities for students.







#### FARHAN ALIZADA

CAREER ADVISOR, CAREER SERVICES

"I have lived in Texas for almost 15 years—almost half of my life"

WHY CAREER SERVICES?

WHO AND WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE THIS DIRECTION?

Farhan Alizada: Career Services opportunities are landed based on an interview that we have with our administration, and at that moment, I have done other stuff related to business. I have been a career advisor in the school of business, which was the perfect place for me at that moment. So it came in both ways.

#### It was a good start for me

to understand step by step how the whole industry works regarding companies and then work with students at the same time, providing that opportunity for them to receive a proper job and education at the same time.

## HAJIBABA HEYBATOV

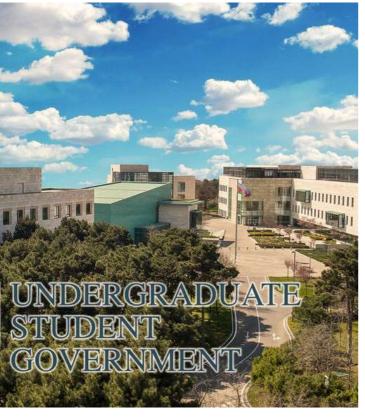
PRESIDENT, UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT



#### WHAT IS THE USG AND ITS MISSION?

By Sabina Zeinalova

Hajibaba Heybatov: The USG stands for the Undergraduate Student Government, and it is a supreme student organization, whose main aim is to lobby for the interests of all undergraduate students and to establish a breach between the students, the university administration, faculty, and staff. We are trying to deliver the problems of students and find solutions to them. Moreover, we create projects, and our senators and team come up with ideas to create better opportunities for students in general.



# WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE FOR YOU AS THE LEADER?

Hajibaba Heybatov: I would say it is not something specific for me as the leader, but in general, sometimes you have to accept the fact that you cannot be good for everyone. You work for a big audience, and there will be always a group of people or individuals that are not satisfied or whose expectations are physically impossible to meet. So, you should just accept this fact and keep going, despite some minor complaints, and focus on the bigger picture.

## "I have been doing MUN for about 6 or 7 years, this is my hobby"



## LAMAN MAJID

SECRETARY-GENERAL, ADA MUN

# WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO BECOME A LEADER OF THE ADA MUN CLUB?

By Nigar Shirinova

Laman Majid: This club perhaps will turn 11 years old this year, the reason why I become the president of this club is because of that first of all I have been doing MUN for about 6 or 7 years, this is my hobby and I thought that I could apply my previous knowledge and experience to help the students to improve their social skills because I believe that is one of the most important parts of the MUN, at least for me. It helped me to gain public speaking skills, as well as debating skills which I believe are very useful today.

# ACTUALLY, THE BEST GIFT YOU COULD HAVE GIVEN HER WAS A LIFETIME OF ADVENTURES

- LEWIS CARROLL



WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF ADA WATCHMEN?

By Ali Amirov

**Fakhri Bayramli:** Our main purpose is to be sure that the code of conduct of ADA University is not violated. Established in 2019 from the time we started working on it.

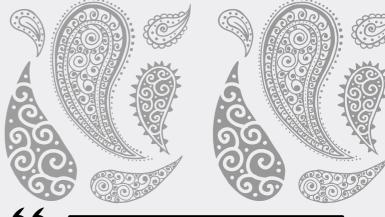
WHAT ARE THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE WATCHMEN?

Fakhri Bayramli: First of all, we can say that the elite, then responsible and experienced.

WHY ARE WATCHMEN IMPORTANT? WHAT DO THEY CONTRIBUTE TO ADA UNIVERSITY?

Fakhri Bayramli: So because watchmen were in every difficult situation with ADA University. For example, during quarantine, we provided students with masks, and we tried to be sure that no one came to the university without a mask. Generally, we help the university with all its problems for the perfect future of our university.





We are planning to remind our students about our traditions

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#### **AMINA USTUN**

PRESIDENT, CULTURE CLUB

#### WHAT ARE THE FUTURE PLANS AND EVENTS OF CULTURE CLUB?

By Sariyya Ismayilova

Amina Ustun: Culture Club aims to remind and show students of the beauty and essence of Azerbaidzhan culture, so we need to remind cultural customs and traditions those who forgot about them or just need to be reminded about them, and as a future plan, I would like to say that we are implementing new projects. The only recent event was an attractive and informative event about Azerbaijan's culture, its beauty, and its essence, and we are currently working on our new project in order to continue our work as Culture Club.

#### GURU WISDOM

IF YOU'RE TWENTY-TWO,
PHYSICALLY FIT, HUNGRY
TO LEARN AND BE BETTER,
I URGE YOU TO TRAVEL –
AS FAR AND AS WIDELY AS
POSSIBLE. SLEEP ON
FLOORS IF YOU HAVE TO.
FIND OUT HOW OTHER
PEOPLE LIVE AND EAT AND
COOK. LEARN FROM THEM
– WHEREVER YOU GO.

Anthony Bourdain



## JAVID SHAHMAMAMDLI

FORMER PRESIDENT, ADA MOIC CLUB

Club is highly supported by the Eurasian regional office of the ICYF-ERC (Islamic Corporation of Youth Foundation)

WHAT DOES MOIC STAND FOR AND WHAT ARE THE MISSIONS OF THE CLUB?

By Marjona Vahobova

**Javid Shahmammadli**: If anyone does not know what MOIC is, it is the Model of Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which is an international organization.

Azerbaijan, as a government state, is a member of this organization. The members of this organization are like the UN. When it comes to OIC, they have plenary sessions dedicated to their role in the Islamic form, especially one of the priorities being to keep Islamic values as high as possible. And they held these sessions representing diplomats from each member state and these are called OIC sessions. As a student, organization of a student club, MOIC is mainly a Model Organization of OIC. You can also learn from similar organizations such as the Model of the United Nations. So this is one of the model clubs.

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## SUSAN JAFAROVA

VICE PRESIDENT, ADA UNESCO CLUB

WHAT ARE THE UNESCO CLUB AND ITS MISSIONS?

By Marjona Vahobova

Susan Jafarova: Basically, the UNESCO club is a small community, and we are a group of students who want to promote and raise awareness among the students about UNESCO and its missions, and goals, and make them contribute more activities.

What are the upcoming projects that are going to be organized BY THE UNESCO CLUB?

Susan Jafarova: We have planned projects that we will collaborate on with other clubs. We are planning a trip for international students. The most exciting project will be held by the end of the semester, which will be a "Model UNESCO".

## ISMAYIL HUSEYNOV

PRESIDENT, CONSULTING CLUB

WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF YOUR CLUB?

By Irada Hajiyeva

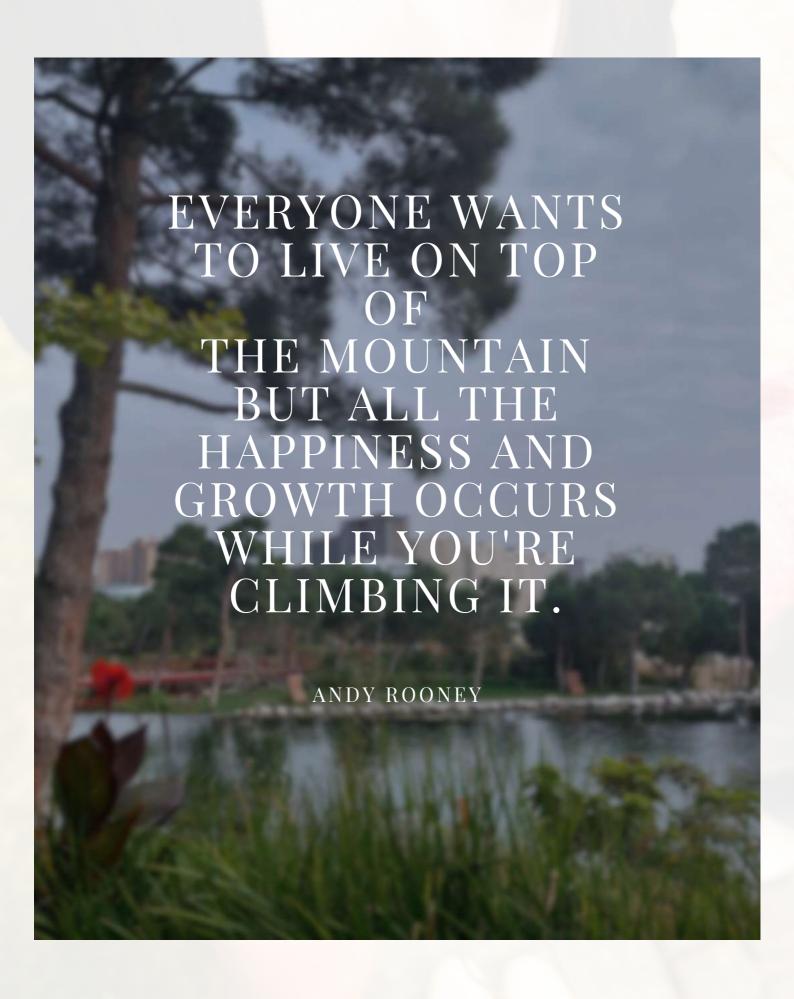
Ismayil Huseynov: The main purpose of our club is to connect students with the world of consulting. There are a lot of consulting companies in Azerbaijan, like big companies, MBB companies, management consulting, and tax consulting however. not many students are aware of the consulting industry, particularly because they're quite a niche industry compared to other ones. That's why our main mission is to connect students with the industry.





As a consulting club, why would you advise students to be consultants?

Ismayil Huseynov: Becoming a consultant requires a certain type of personality and skill set. Consultants are working in a way, in a project-based way. It means that they are not routine-based workers. They have a lot of new challenges every single day. There are a lot of learning opportunities and the learning curve is very steep in the consulting industry and it's a very fast-paced analytical environment. If the students are very analytically minded and love to solve complex problems by applying business acumen, consulting is the right fit for them.





## NATAVAN NAJAFOVA

PRESIDENT, MARKETING CLUB

If someone wants to start an Instagram page with recommendations of books or entire authors. What is the first step a person should take?

By Ali Amirov

Natavan Najafova: If you open a page, you are basically interacting with social media marketing, right? So, the main goal, the main key point here is, firstly, consistency. You can create an amazing recommendation from first to last, but if you post once a month or every other week, you will lose the appeal of your community. First of all, you have to be consistent, publish, how to say, publish your posts systematically. For example, you can post it three times a week. Also, you can post it, post stories like ask them about pools or ask them questions about the community. This makes them more interactive with your page. Also, you can use lots of hashtags and learning hashtags to abstract away on your research page so that people will land on your page and be more likely to follow it.

#### MARYAM SHEYDAZADA

PRESIDENT, PHILOSOPHY CLUB

#### CAN YOU PLEASE DEFINE YOUR CLUB AND ITS MISSIONS WITHIN THE ADA?

By Nigar Shirinova

Maryam Sheydazade: So the mission of the ADA Philosophy Club is to explore a wide range of philosophical topics in interesting, attractive, and fun ways. We have created this for the free expression of thoughts and speech. We believe that it is necessary to create such a form because of the saying that an unexamined life is not worth living." That is why we have created this club for the ADA community to freely express their opinions without being judged. I would define our club as a safe space for everyone to ask questions and learn more.





## RAMIN GULUSOY

PRESIDENT, OJAG SOCIETY

#### How does the word OJAG related to the purpose of your club?

By Ali Amirov

Ramin Gulusoy: So, OJAG, actually just too many people asked about this. It has actually two reasons. First of all, that name came from the martyr Second Karabakh War. His name is Muhammad Ali Ibrahimli, and we were planning to make it together but then he went to the military service, and our plans were delayed. And the meaning of the name, actually in our language there are these words. Ojag has the meaning of the source of something. In Azerbaijani, we say "Elm Ojagi". People came here and learned something. We just want young people to come here and learn something with us. We just need to put the fundaments on their potential skills.

## WE ALSO HEARD ABOUT THE OJAG PUBLIC COMMUNITY. COULD YOU ALSO PLEASE BRIEFLY TELL US ABOUT IT?

Ramin Gulusoy: Yeah, recently we created the OJAG Public Union. Actually, most people understood it as a political activity. I just wanted to say that we don't have any activities in the political field. We just want to work with the young generation in fields other than the theater. We will have some events such as, for example, the training about the different topics. We will organize the tours to the other regions. We will make knowledge competitions and so on. We are working for the young generation. We just want to educate them, have a found together, and do something. Because I think our country, our nation needs the young activities. There is a saying like this: "Youngs are our future", and therefore we want to do something with them.



#### CAN YOU PLEASE DEFINE YOUR CLUB?

#### By Nigar Shirinova

Aytaj Khudiyeva: First of all, hello! My name is Aytaj Khudiyeva, and I am the president of the ADA Chess Club. Chess Club is a place where chess players gather and discuss their strategies and chess skills. They challenge each other and enjoy games of chess.



### AYTAJ KHUDIYEVA

PRESIDENT, CHESS CLUB

# PATIENCE ISPOWER



## que sera sera

"It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love. This is how the whole scheme of things works. All good things are difficult to achieve, and bad things are very easy to get." Confucius



By Marjona Vahobova

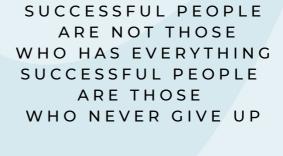
Welcome to the first video of ADA Model OIC TV's #interview project! In this project, we will be interviewing students, faculty, and experts to explore their perspectives on a range of topics related to international diplomacy and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Our aim is to provide insights into the diverse viewpoints and experiences that shape the Model OIC community and to promote a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the Islamic world.

We had the pleasure of interviewing Ibrahim Yunus, International Relations program student at ADA University, about his experience with the ADA Model OIC Club. Overall, Ibrahim's insights into the Model OIC Club highlight its value as an educational tool for promoting diplomatic skills and global awareness among students and young generations. By participating in the club's activities, students are able to gain valuable experience in international affairs and contribute to the development of solutions for some of the world's most pressing issues.











THE ULTIMATE LIST OF

# ADA SUCCESS STORIES



# "THREE DAUGHTERS OF KHAN"

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STUDENT SERVICE OF OUR UNIVERSITY, =Ms. GUNEL ASKEROVA, WROTE A BOOK OF FAIRY TALES "THREE DAUGHTERS OF KHAN", AND ALSO TOOK PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL BAKU BOOK FAIR, WHICH WAS HELD FROM 5 TO 9 OCTOBER 2022?

The author dedicated the book to his native country, Azerbaijan, Karabakh, one of its flourishing and beautiful corners. The story of the same name in the book reflects real life - the heroic struggle of the Azerbaijani people against insidious enemies. The fairy tale "Three Daughters of the Khan" takes readers on a journey into the history of Azerbaijan - the era of the Khanates. The main characters of the mysterious journey are the three beautiful daughters of the smart and wise Ahmed Khan, the just ruler of the powerful Khanate.





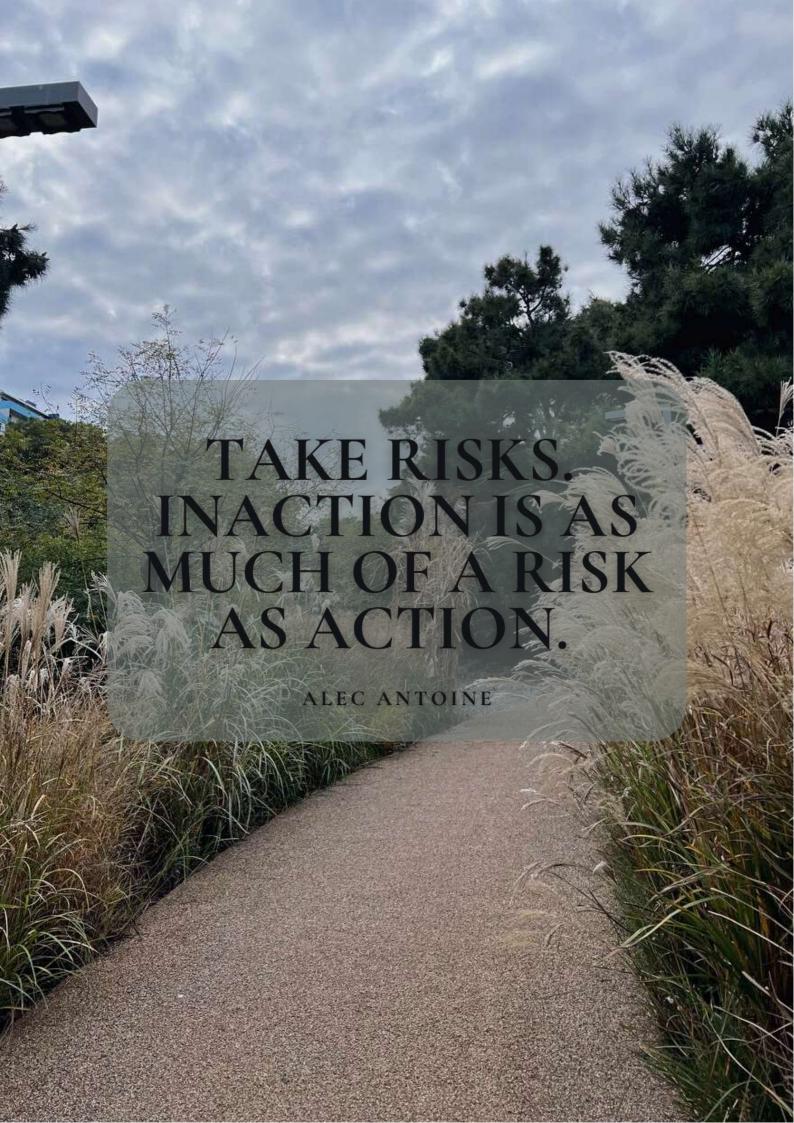




# FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION

student Svetlana Our first-year BBA Rzayeva participated in FRC (First Robotics Competition) as a captain of the MecHack team- the first team from Azerbaijan to participate in this competition. FRC is an international robotics competition, one of the biggest robotics competitions in which teams from more than 25 countries participate to compete with their robots. Even though it was the first year for the team from Azerbaijan to participate in this competition, the Mechack team was able to get the Rookie All-Star Award in the competition taking place in New York from April 5-8. Moreover, Mechack was one of the 7 teams out of 50 participating there that got passed to the FRC world championship in Houston, Texas at the end of April.





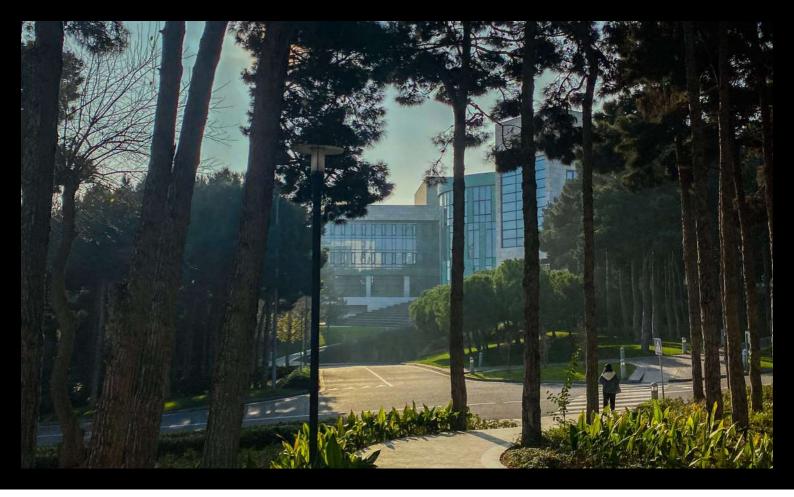
# WINNERS OF PHOTO COMPETITION



AYAN ALIYEVA FIRST PLACE WINNER



LAMAN GAFARZADE SECOND PLACE WINNER



# WHAT ARE THE FUTURE PLANS?

As an ADAli magazine, we are growing day by day. We have many plans for the future, but the main one is to make us and our community better and better. Some of the plans for the future are here on this page!

In the book, it is opened with the story about Daniel Gallego who was being released from prison and brought her newborn baby.

APC, club, a community for the community.
Created by resident diplomat Rodrigo
Labadini. The ADA
Photography Club is the most collaborative club with ADAli Magazine, which will host activities and activities together.

New Great
Project for the
Greater ADA
Community!

# SOME TIPS FOR BEING ADALI

Be active as soon as you can. Start your young professional movement right now. Join the active life of ADA University.

Be an active ADAI!

Don't forget to study! Make sure your academic and social status is up to par! Manage your GPA!

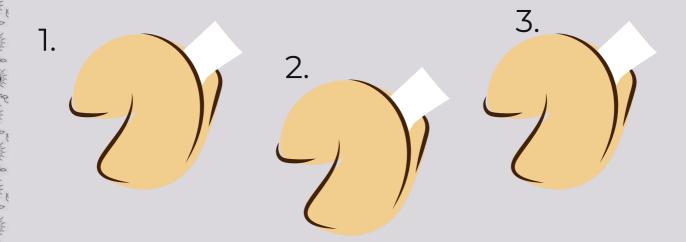
Be supportive!
Be patient!
Be faithful!

# OUR SOCIAL MEDIA





# Pick your fortune cookie and turn the page



# FORTUNE TELLER

# Now read your fortune cookie!

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You will stumble into the happiness of your life 2.

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3.

All the effort you are making will pay off

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