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## VALEDICTORIANS OF TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAȘOV IN THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

Elites are also formed in school.

The new issue of the Newsletter of Transilvania University of Brașov is a genuine catalogue presenting the most valuable students of Brașov, they who are the valedictorians of the 2021-2022 class, through their self-narratives. On 24 June 2022, at "Segiu T. Chiriacescu" Conference Centre of Brașov, in a festive setting and in the presence of the deans and vice-deans of the 18 faculties, we could attend the 2022 Gala of Valedictorians, more precisely the undergraduate students who obtained the highest multi-year average within the graduated faculties.

They now introduce themselves by evoking the scientific and professional knowledge accumulated during their student years in relation to the professional demands of the career they want to pursue and for which they have trained themselves. This achievement, of being the first in a generation where the competition was most likely very

fierce, is evidenced by their graduation averages and their capitalization on the knowledge acquired during the student years, both personally and professionally.

However, the number of elite students of the university is, we are certain, much higher, and over the coming years, the catalogue of UNITBV elites, which we inaugurated in 2020 will be increasingly comprehensive.

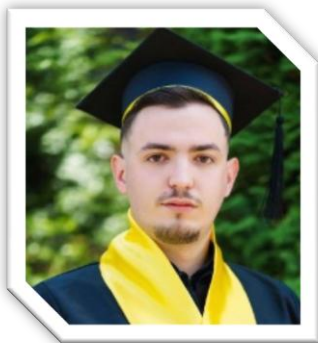
We wish each of them good luck in the future and a brilliant career in the freshly graduated field.

Prof. dr. MD Liliana ROGOZEA,  
Vice-Rector for Public Relations

Prof. dr. Eng. Daniel MUNTEANU  
Vice-Rector for Students and the Liaison with the  
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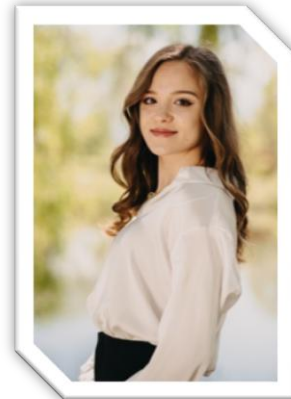
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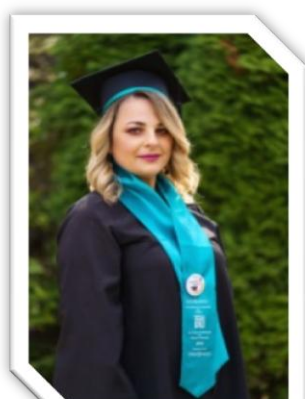
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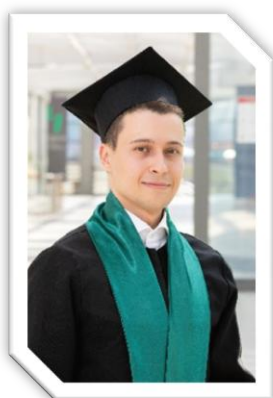
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IMBUZA**  
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## RADU ALEXANDRU BEJINARIU – average grade 9.81



Let me introduce myself. I am Radu. Radu Alexandru Bejinariu. Engineer, freshly graduated from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, majoring in Automotive Engineering. I was born in a small provincial town, Bârlad, in the county of Vaslui, 23 years ago, into a family of engineers.

I went through all stages of education with flying colours - primary school, secondary school, high school specializing in mathematics and computer science, obtaining very good results. For the last four years, I have attended and completed the full-time courses at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, being a student group leader.

The performance of being the first, in a class where we were many competitors, was tight.

Throughout my educational journey, I met wonderful people from whom I learned everything I know today, who supported and encouraged me, as well as gave me a lot of good advice. I take this opportunity to thank each of them, as I owe them an

important part of my training. I am also grateful to my parents, who were always with me, for all their support.

I like to always be elegant, well-dressed, I'm up to date with everything that fashion means. I invest a lot of time when the etiquette requires it. Sometimes, weather permitting I still go hiking with friends.

I am an ambitious, hardworking person and that is why I want to register for the master's programme at our faculty. I have always wanted to be the valedictorian and here I am.

I would like to end with the following quote: "*Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching you*".

*Radu Alexandru BEJINARIU  
Valedictorian  
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering*



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## TONI MARIAN PERJU – average grade 9.89



My name is Toni Perju, I am a graduate of the Faculty of Technological Engineering and Industrial Management, majoring in Manufacturing Engineering, within Transilvania University in Braşov. I was born in Bârlad and I attended school at "Gheorghe Roşca Codreanu National College in the same town. I was "adopted" by Braşov four years ago - being taken under the wing of senior colleagues whom I met in the student residence halls - where I spent these years, the most beautiful of my life.

My passion for technology has awakened since middle school when I succeeded in getting the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the nationals of the Technological Education Olympiad. I started high school with the desire to become a future doctor, but my love for mathematics, physics and technical fields led me to make the best decision for myself in terms of admission to the faculty.

As I mentioned before, for most of my student life I had wonderful people by my side, senior colleagues who made sure I really understood what being a student means: we ate, slept, laughed, cried together. I can't forget the first semester of faculty,

with its malicious tongues; I had announced high and loud my intention to become the best, to go up on stage at the end of my studies to represent my faculty, even if many voices were saying: "Do you think you are still in high school here?" All I could say in my defence was a promise to do my best, and now here I am, in the spotlight, surrounded by the best of the best. I started to gain more and more self-confidence after the first session, when the results were only in double digits.

My journey will not end here, I will also attend the master's degree studies within the same faculty, as well as the doctoral studies in engineering. I take this opportunity to thank all the academic teaching personnel who contributed to my training, as I have made it due to the involvement they have always shown.

*Toni Marian PERJU  
Valedictorian  
Faculty of Technological Engineering and  
Industrial Management*



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## MONICA ELENA SIN – average grade 9.87



My name is Monica Elena Sin, I am 23 years old, and I have recently graduated from the Faculty of Science and Materials Engineering within Transilvania University of Braşov, specializing in Industrial Safety Engineering.

I was born on 9 February 1999 in the municipality of Braşov and I grew up in the beautiful village of Cuciulata, Braşov county. This is where I attended secondary school, during which time I discovered and cultivated my love and appreciation for the region-specific customs. My parents noticed my attraction to ancestral traditions and culture in general and gave me the opportunity to take folk singing lessons.

I graduated from "Şt. O. Iosif" High-School of Rupea, the Math and Sciences track, being a science enthusiast. In this high school I was lucky to have dedicated teachers, who supported me and under whose guidance I participated in various mathematics and physics competitions.

I chose to attend this faculty at the advice and under the guidance of my older brother who graduated from the same faculty, but with a different specialization. This degree programme

appealed to me because of its focus around the workers' health and safety. As in high school, I was lucky to have dedicated and patient professors who, through the guidance they provided, determined me to learn and achieve these results, and, on this occasion, I would like to thank them.

During leisure time, I love to travel and get to know new places, both in our wonderful country and abroad.

I will continue my studies still within the Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering, specifically at the Master's programme Occupational Safety and Health Engineering.

*Monica Elena SIN*  
*Valedictorian*  
*Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering*



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## SEBASTIAN PICU – average grade 9.77



My name is Sebastian Picu and I am a recent graduate of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, majoring in Robotics. I was born on 7 May 1999 and I live in Dumbrăvița village, Brașov county. I attended primary and secondary school at Dumbrăvița Secondary School. As regards my high school studies, I was a student of "Nicolae Titulescu" College of Brașov, Mathematics and Informatics track, intensive Informatics. During high school years, I was fond of informatics and I made the decision to continue at a faculty whose profile would allow me to act in the field of software development, therefore I opted for the Robotics major, to which I was admitted.

The student years were the best years, although they were quite difficult, because I attended the faculty courses as a commuter, and on top of that, the pandemic appeared. During my student years, in my leisure time, I started practicing parachuting, and at the moment I have a total of 37 jumps.

During the faculty years, I obtained good results, which were rewarded with the merit scholarship, for

which I want to thank the University. The scholarship is an additional motivation that makes it worth getting good grades. In the 4<sup>th</sup> study year, based on the knowledge acquired in the previous years, I completed the diploma project with the theme "Automatic Control of a Parachute (for Parachuting Objects)", and with it I obtained a grade of 10 in the bachelor's degree, as well as important awards at AFCO and SCSS.

The knowledge acquired during the university years, together with all the related experiences, crowned my success, which I currently capitalize on for a job in the field.

*Sebastian PICU*  
*Valedictorian*  
*Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer*  
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## VASILE ALEXANDRU PETER – average grade 9.77



My name is Vasile-Alexandru Peter and I graduated from the Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering, the study programme Silviculture.

I was born on 6 March 2000, in a village of the historical Maramureş, namely Săcel, a locality at the foot of Rodna Mountains. Both my parents have been working abroad since I was little; and, after turning 18, I have been also taking the path of foreignness during the summer holidays.

Ever since I was a child, I have had a passion for the forest and its tending, even though I have no one in my family to work in this field. Thus, after graduating from Săcel Secondary School, I attended the courses of Transilvania Năsăud Forestry College, a high school renowned for the training of future forestry technicians – which I also succeeded in graduating from as a valedictorian. Out of the desire to further my knowledge in this field, I chose to attend the courses of the Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering of Braşov, a reference faculty in the training of forestry engineers, which still is nowadays the most famous faculty in the country and in Eastern Europe in this field.

From the first year of faculty, I realized that I could not have chosen a faculty more suitable for my passions and dreams, and I made the decision to be the best here as well. During the student years, I

chose to get involved in all possible activities, so currently I have almost all the theoretical and practical knowledge in order to be a good engineer.

In the fourth year of study, I chose to present the theme of my bachelor's degree thesis at the AFCE competition where I succeeded in winning the AFCE award, the topic addressed being a highly topical issue in terms of climate change and the role of forests in these situations.

I want to continue with the master's studies within the same faculty; and at the same time, I want to work in the field, to improve my practical skills as well. In the future, I want to get involved in all the activities related to giving a better image to this field, quite blazed recently.

I am grateful to all the people who have supported me so far, especially my parents who gave me all the confidence and support in the path I am following, and I know that I could not have become the person I am today without them. I am also grateful to all the professors who dedicated their time so that we, the students, could accumulate the most useful information related to life and this profession.

*Vasile Alexandru PETER*  
*Valedictorian*  
*Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering*



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## ANDREI URSACHI – average grade 9.80



My name is Andrei Ursachi, a name given to me on 10 August 1999, when I was born. I am from Vicovu de Sus, Suceava county and I come from a family of carpenters, in which wood has always occupied an important place, being processed and capitalized on through various works.

In early childhood, I was interested in what my father and grandfather were doing in the workshop; and, together with my older brother, I always found some work to do with them. With the passage of time and years I became more and more passionate about woodworking; as soon as I finished school, I returned home and ran to my father's workshop. Thus, after graduating from "Ion Nistor" Technological High School in Vicovu de Sus, the Mathematics - Informatics track, I knew exactly what academic studies I wanted to attend, and I could do

this in only one place: Transilvania University of Braşov.

Starting my studies in 2018 at the only faculty in the country in this field, the Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Engineering, specializing in Wood Products Engineering and Design, I successfully graduated from in 2022.

The four years of student life will always remain the most beautiful period of my life. And here I would like to mention some of the activities carried out during this time, within the faculty: *Etnovember* cultural festival, where I made unforgettable friends; AFCO and SCSS event that gives students the opportunity to present their innovative ideas. I participated in these scientific events with a pergola assembly where I introduced a new metal system for fixing wooden posts in concrete.

The professors whom I have met are the people who have always encouraged me to express my point of view and helped me present my new ideas related to wood. Thus, I want to specialize as much as possible in the field of wooden constructions in the future.

*Andrei URSACHI*

*Valedictorian*

*Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Engineering*

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## GEORGIANA BANU – average grade 9.45



My name is Georgiana Banu and I was born in Poiana Mărului, Braşov county, or as I like to say, “at the foot of Piatra Craiului mountains”.

Ever since I was little, I have tried all kinds of activities, just to help me answer the famous question: “What do you want to become when you grow up?” Thus, from the age of 10, I wandered through the country with the guitar in my arms, then I also dallied with dancing, with a group of folk music dancers, in order to carry forward the traditions of my village. I was always present at the Romanian language Olympiads, I loved to play with words and mostly to compose poems. Time passed quickly, the question was still unanswered, and I had already graduated from “Mitropolit Ioan Meţianu” High School of Zărneşti and I had to choose a faculty that would open the doors to a beautiful and promising job for me. After a series of sports training and attempts to learn history for the admission to the Bucharest Police Academy, I realized that this job did not define me either. Thus, a spontaneous idea that occurred to me in a second changed my future completely and I applied to the Faculty of Civil Engineering, in Braşov.

The student years were for me the most beautiful stage, I had a lot of experiences and I was left with beautiful memories. I saw what “dorm life” meant, I made friends who later became my second family and who were by my side both at parties and fun, as well as in the countless sleepless nights during the exam sessions.

This faculty has taught me seriousness, decency and responsibility, which I apply in my daily activity. I had the privilege of being guided by dedicated professors who gave me the motivation to always seek performance.

After four years of work and obstacles, I became a shy little engineer, but with a great potential. My story will continue, among the billions of stories around us, and the learning process will never end, especially in this field.

*Georgiana BANU  
Valedictorian  
Faculty of Civil Engineering*



## ANA - MARIA MANOLICĂ – average grade 9.74



My name is Ana - Maria Manolică and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Food and Tourism, specializing in Food Control and Expertise.

I was born in Braşov on 16 August 1999. At the age of 9 months, at my mother's wish, we returned to her native village, Măneciu - Ungureni, in Prahova County. A fairy-tale village, where I had the most beautiful childhood. In my family I have learnt that no matter what I end up doing in life, I should always remember to be HUMAN and never forget where I came from.

I attended primary and secondary school at "Ferdinand I" College of Măneciu. Ever since my general school classes, I have been attracted to chemistry and biology. In 2018, I graduated from "Nicolae Iorga" High School of Vălenii de Munte, majoring in natural sciences.

Four years ago, I made my first step on the corridors of R building of the Faculty of Food and Tourism with hope, joy and a lot of confidence in a world completely unknown, but which I was eager to discover.

We had beautiful, interesting and very useful disciplines, both for a future engineer and for everyday life.

During all this time I participated in various student scientific communication sessions, but also in two editions of AFCO at Transilvania University of Braşov.

I love to travel, read, and constantly discover new things and places.

In the fall, I will start my master's degree studies also at Transilvania University in Braşov. I want to further everything I studied during my four years of undergraduate studies and to practice in the field for which I was trained.

I would like to thank all the professors who devotedly trained me and supported me day by day all these years. I am also grateful to my family for all the effort and support they have given me.

I am grateful for everything I have achieved so far. I have acquired a lot: valuable knowledge, lifelong friends, and unforgettable experiences.

*Ana - Maria MANOLICĂ  
Valedictorian  
Faculty of Food and Tourism*

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## ANDREEA DANIELA GHEORGHE – average grade 9.94



I am Andreea-Daniela Gheorghe and for whoever is curious to know me, I invite them to read these lines.

When I say that 20 October of the last year of the past millennium was a real holiday, I am not exaggerating at all. It is then that I came into the world, a long-awaited child in Gheorghe family, or rather a miracle long dreamt of; that's how much my parents wanted a child. And it is just as much that they loved me, love me, and will love me and my sister, Stefania, of whom we are all very proud.

I grew up in Predești, a small and peaceful village in Prahova County. During the high school years, I studied at "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" National College of Ploiești, and when the time came for me to register for the university, I made the decision to attend the courses of the Faculty of Product Design and Environment, majoring in Medical Engineering.

I can honestly say it was the best choice I could have made at that time. Why? Because what was to come moulded me as a person, gave me confidence and hope, and taught me to never stop asking more of myself.

My student years brought me independence, but also responsibility. They offered me friends for life, unforgettable moments, as well as the great love.

I have enjoyed all these aspects that nourish my soul, and I have also made the most of the opportunities for development that I discovered once I arrived here.

From the very first year, I participated in international competitions such as EBEC, together with my colleagues, where I won several prizes. I was involved in faculty projects, competitions, scientific communication sessions and volunteer activities, showing a well-developed team spirit, adaptability, and the quality of being an ambitious and persevering student.

Over time, I have also tried to get in touch with the economic environment and familiarize myself with as many engineering-related fields as possible.

I am a rational, receptive, and highly committed young woman. I like to give my best when it comes to the activities that I take part in.

Even though I chose an engineering field, I didn't neglect my sensitive side and my hobbies either. I love nature and I like to paint - a very good opportunity to choose such a dream city. In the future, I want to let life surprise me, challenge me and teach me. And to those who have read to the end, I give the same advice! And never lose confidence in yourselves!

*Andreea Daniela GHEORGHE*  
*Valedictorian*  
*Faculty of Product Design and Environment*



## CRISTINA GABRIELA GAVRILĂ – average grade 9.93



My name is Cristina Gabriela Gavrilă, recently graduated from the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science; and for the last three years, the 1<sup>st</sup> of October has had a double meaning for me - the beginning of the academic year, but also my birthday.

Born in the year 2000, in Braşov, the bases of my knowledge were laid at the Secondary School No. 30, where I found my ambition and competitive spirit. I then graduated from “Andrei Şaguna” National College and chose to study at Transilvania University of Braşov, because through the interactions I had at the math club of excellence and at the open doors’ day, I discovered an institution where students are encouraged to get involved in campus development and receive support for their ideas.

This aspect was confirmed with the start of my studies, so that, out of the desire to improve myself and to acquire the necessary experience in the field of informatics, as I graduated from a natural sciences track, I joined Transilvania Star Group (TSG) at the end of the first semester of the first year. Here, I discovered a group of students who, with the support of the management, succeeded in digitizing important processes in the university, maybe not at the level of professionals, but certainly always well-intentioned and open to suggestions for

improvement. The main project I have been involved in is the development of Student@UniTBv mobile application, some of the new features added being also part of a project selected in the *Be Central* competition!

Moreover, I wanted to expand my knowledge in a professional environment in the Braşov industry, which is why at the end of the first study year I chose to participate in the Summer School organized by Siemens Industry Software company, with which I continued the collaboration throughout the second year, then in the third year, also becoming a part-time employee, so that I could focus on my studies and the bachelor’s project.

During the development of this project, I participated both in the Student Scientific Communications Session, where I got the first mention, and in the AFCO event, where I had the chance to receive important feedback from the participating companies. Moreover, part of the obtained results is included in a scientific article, which is currently in the review process at an important scientific publication.

Finally, I had the pleasure of representing our faculty in the framework of two study mobilities held at the universities of Sofia and Prague, on which occasion I appreciated even more those positive aspects “from home”, and I identified opportunities for improvement within our university.

In terms of prospects, I will pursue a master’s degree programme in the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, I will continue to be involved in improving the experience of being a student at UNITBV, and I will continue to take advantage of the opportunities that the university makes available.

*Cristina Gabriela GAVRILĂ*

*Valedictorian*

*Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science*

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## GEORGE–ANDREI PASCALE – average grade 9.93



My name is George-Andrei Pascale, I am born in 2000, in the town of Fieni, county of Dâmbovița. I discovered my spirit of competition in elementary school when I began to participate in math competitions. Later, with the transition to middle school, my passion for mathematics intensified and I won two bronze medals at the National Mathematical Olympiad, but at the same time I also dallied with chemistry and biology.

I chose to attend high school courses at the most prestigious national college of Dâmbovița, "Ienăchiță Văcărescu", where I obtained the best results, namely a mention at the National Mathematics Olympiad, respectively the first place and the excellence award at "Laurențiu Panaitopol" National Mathematics Competition.

The continuation of this path occurred naturally, and I began to turn towards computer science. During high school, I developed several mobile apps for Android, published in Google Play and used by thousands of people.

I opted for the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science of Brașov, as my mother and grandmother also graduated from the university here. This is where I met passionate people, I developed friendships and I was happy to be guided by mentors dedicated to this field that will radically change the world in which we live. During my studies, I participated in two student science communication sessions, where I got mentions.

Within the TSG group, together with my colleague, Cristina Gavrilă, we managed to take the mobile application used by the students and academic personnel of Transilvania University of Brașov to a new level, actively contributing to the development of the academic environment. I was also part of a project *Be Central!*, my participation consisting of making the mobile app teacher interface. Moreover, this year, I obtained one of the excellence scholarships awarded by the company Schaeffler Romania.

My main hobby is playing the piano. Since the age of six, I have been fascinated by classical music and tried to stay connected to the melodious chords transposing me into a balanced world full of sensitivity and beauty. At the same time, cycling, rollerblading and skating, as well as detective novels are part of my daily passions.

Finally, I thank everyone who has contributed to my professional development, and I look forward to beginning my master's degree studies at the same faculty in the fall.

*George–Andrei PASCALE*

*Valedictorian*

*Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science*



## ANA NIMERENCO – average grade 9.87



The story of my life began on 23 July 2000, when I was born into a simple family from the village of Popeasca, Republic of Moldova. Thanks to the considerable effort of my mother, who wanted a better future for her children, at the age of 16, together with my brother, we settled in this fairytale city, Braşov. I spent the last three years of high school at “Andrei Mureşanu” High School in Braşov, Natural Sciences track. During the high school years, I succeed in acquiring Romanian citizenship.

Although fate brought me to a wonderful city, I was not initially aware of my good fortune generated by those circumstances. I am a person who cares a lot about family and friends; therefore, being away from them affected me. Moreover, although we speak the same language and have a common past, the differences in mentality and the differences in school curriculum created considerable difficulties for me. However, ambition and perseverance led me to make more effort to reach a high level, accordingly I

obtained the highest average in the high school baccalaureate exam. This was one of the main steps in my performance.

As I fell in love with this city, I chose to stay in Braşov and attend the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business Administration, majoring in Finance and Banking. The years of study have confirmed the prestige of the faculty, that's why I will continue my path within it through the master's degree programme: Finance and Banking.

My experience as a student proves that the right work, done with passion and love elevates you and is always rewarded and leads to beautiful results. In my opinion, only honest work can determine the maximum joy in achieving success. During the faculty years, I understood that performance can be achieved without too much sacrifice in family or personal life, you just need good time management. I learned to relate better with various people, I understood how I can motivate myself when it seems that I have no more strength, I became more independent. The disruptions of the education systems given by the context of the pandemic have confirmed to me once again that there is a way out of any situation, and when you look at the difficulties left behind, after solving them, they don't seem so impossible anymore.

*Ana NIMERENCO*  
*Valedictorian*  
*Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business*  
*Administration*

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## GABRIELA ALEXANDRU – average grade 9.89



My name is Gabriela Alexandru and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, majoring in Pedagogy of Primary and Preschool Education. My story began 22 years ago when I was born into a modest and God-fearing family in Săhăteni village, Buzău county. I spent all my childhood, but especially my first years of training in my hometown, where I was taught human values, such as modesty and respect for the ones around me. I attended high school at the National Pedagogical College of Buzău, being determined to reach as high as possible and overcome my condition. After finishing high school and taking the baccalaureate exam, I chose Braşov as the decisive city for my professional training.

Throughout the school years I had the opportunity to meet wonderful people, teachers who marked my entire formation, and I wanted more and more to become like them. I have always loved to help others, so I never hesitated to get involved in all kinds of volunteer activities and I pursued the good of the whole society. I participated with people dear to me in a national project aimed at students from underprivileged backgrounds: the School with Glitter – in 2021, in the village of Teliu, Braşov. I also got involved in the activities of the University's Career Counselling Centre and, last but not least, I frequently conducted online mentoring activities with 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to support them in their preparation for national exams.

My student years, one of the most beautiful periods of life, began three years ago, in 2019, when I was admitted to the study programme I had been dreaming of for many years. It was a demanding time for me, but I was always guided by a personal principle: learning is a hobby, hobby is passion and passion is happiness. Thus, when I felt that I was getting tired and that it was too much, I would remind myself that learning is what defines me and that through learning I end up being a happy and fulfilled person. Moreover, during the three years of faculty, I felt how I was developing professionally and personally, I met exceptional people with whom I made lifelong relationships, I found myself through them and I can only thank them.

Now we have come to the end; however, as any ending has a new beginning, I hope it is a promising one. With confidence and perseverance that I will succeed, I step into a new chapter of my life: the teaching career. I intend to continue my education through the master's degree programme "Human Resources in Education" within the same faculty that I graduated at the bachelor's level and I want to continue to develop myself and fight for a better society that changes our way of life.

*Gabriela ALEXANDRU*

*Valedictorian*

*Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences*





## RALUCA VICTORIA TUTOR – average grade 9.89



My name is Raluca Victoria Tutor and I was born in Făgăraș, Brașov county, on 4 August 1981. I am married and have 3 children. I graduated from the General School No. 1, then from “Radu Negru” National College, math-physics track, intensive English language. As I have always wanted to work in the banking field, I attended the courses of the Faculty of Economic Sciences of Sibiu, obtaining my bachelor’s degree and title of Economist, and later I completed the master’s degree studies, specializing in Company Management and Marketing Strategies and Policies. My first job was in IT product sales, and after a year my dream came true and I got a job in a bank. For 15 years I stayed in the banking system, a field with optimal development prospects for me, in which I could find myself 100% and in which I always made progress. I held various positions: credit advisor for individuals, customer relations manager for legal entities, debt recovery officer, deputy manager, and then branch manager, each of them bringing me a series of new challenges, responsibilities, but also satisfactions. I was motivated by high targets, organizing lists of daily tasks, prioritizing the important and urgent ones, I was fuelled by the positive energy received from clients and the enthusiasm felt when completing a project. I couldn’t imagine myself ever wanting a job in another field, and especially I didn’t think I’d be good at anything else.

However, with the birth of my children, I began to study developmental psychology, to attend courses to better understand their needs and, above all, to find the most suitable way to support and guide them in life. In one of the classes I was asked which of the gifts I have been endowed with I use to help

my human kind. That’s when I realized I wanted to quit the bank and I knew I could do more than offer loans and manage a team. Thus, I made the decision to register for the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, which I recently graduated from and started working with children with special needs. I got involved in all the voluntary actions that came my way, I met children with various deficiencies, I participated in therapy classes initially as an observer, and later as a practitioner. I got involved in the projects carried out at the faculty on Tolerance Day, White Bastion Day, Student Scientific Communications Session, AFCCO, each of them bringing their own contribution to my development. At the end of the three years, I gave contour to the drawing planned when beginning this faculty, as I knew from the beginning what goals I was aiming for. But as Paulo Coelho says: *“Knowing what you want is not enough. You need to do what you want to do, in order to become what you want to become!”*

For me, the title of valedictorian was a crowning of the work, ambition and perseverance I have shown, a confirmation of the fact that I made the right choice, a reward for what I have undertaken so far.

On this journey I was accompanied by wonderful people who, with patience, the right attitude and trust, always guided me, knew how to turn every situation into a learning experience, knew how to offer an empathetic smile when the clouds darkened the way. Among them are my dear FPSE professors, who had a significant contribution in my development, and for this I am grateful to them!

Without my family, who supported me unconditionally, I would not have succeeded!

I look to the sky with the confidence that I will be able to offer a part of these wonderful people’s dedication and that the smiles of special children will light my path and guide my steps to give them a better future!

*Raluca Victoria TUTOR*

*Valedictorian*

*Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences*

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## BIANCA MARIA LUNGU – average grade 9.83



My name is Bianca Maria Lungu, a graduate of the Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports. I come from Azuga, Prahova, a mountain resort that gave me the opportunity to practice different winter sports, both in terms of performance sports and of recreational and professional sports, to graduate from a high school with a sports profile and to decide on the path I want to follow.

About me, I could say that I come under the type of ambitious and competitive person, which is representative for the studies I attended.

During the three years, I combined the useful with the pleasant, and this was the result, namely, to become the valedictorian of my class, enjoying this time to the fullest.

I have come to the conclusion that the more beautiful and the more pleasant the student years are, the more we pursue a field that appeals to us and the more we join people with similar interests as ours, and that's how - I dare say - we can excel in whatever we set out to do, in different fields.

*Bianca Maria LUNGU*

*Valedictorian*

*Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain  
Sports*

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## MARIA PANĂ – average grade 9.92



My name is Maria Pană and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Music within Transilvania University of Braşov. I have the honour to share some of the thoughts of a former high school pupil who, four years ago, was confidently stepping over the threshold of the Vocal Music Performance class at this faculty. The leap to higher education required more commitment on my part. I was aware that my mentors' demands and expectations would be much higher than before. Without fear, I set out on this path, thinking of the exhortation of the great Chinese philosopher, Confucius, who said: "If you love what you do, it will never be a chore".

The performances achieved in the faculty are the result of an activity based on discipline, conscientiousness, and perseverance. I gave numerous recitals as a performer within the artistic events held in the foyer of the Opera House of Braşov, on the premises of "Casa Mureşenilor" Museum, at "Sergiu T. Chiriacescu" International Conference Centre of Transilvania University, within the workshop of Vocal Pedagogy given by Dr. Ilter Denizoglu (ENT/Phoniatic MD) and at the Philharmonic of Braşov, under the guidance of the associated member of the academic teaching staff Maestra Anda Pop, soloist of the Opera of Braşov,

whom I want to bring special thanks. She was more than a teacher to me - a very close friend who motivated me to keep fighting with myself and to fulfil my dream. I will fondly remember the singing lessons and the advice I received from her, which helped me not only in terms of the art of performance, but also in my decisions and behaviour in everyday life.

After participating in various competitions of vocal performance (classical singing), I obtained numerous awards, the most recent being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize at "Ada Ulubeanu" Competition of Vocal Performance, 12<sup>th</sup> edition, organized by the *George Enescu* Foundation, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at *Nouvelles Etoiles* International Competition, Vocals Category.

Furthermore, I participated in the Session of the Student Scientific Circles with numerous papers based on musical analysis, being interested in the creative concept and in deciphering the message encrypted in the scores.

I want this stage to be a cornerstone in my professional career and in my evolution in society. All I feel is that I really was born to be able to sing and bring smiles to people's faces.

*Maria PANĂ*  
*Valedictorian*  
*Faculty of Music*



## BOGDAN RADU NECULA – average grade 9.68



My name is Bogdan Radu Necula and I was born in Braşov. I graduated from high school in the class of 2016, at “Dr. Ioan Meşotă” National College of Braşov. Afterwards I decided to stay in my hometown, continuing my studies at the Faculty of Medicine.

My experience in the medical field began in high school, when I became a volunteer at UPU-SMURD Braşov. There I discovered my desire to help those around me and the fact that I am made to become a doctor. With the beginning of the faculty, I learned about the Romanian Surgery Student Society (SSCR), where I was active six years. Within SSCR, I acquired techniques and knowledge in the field of surgery, I evolved in the field of research, and I discovered wonderful people. As a volunteer within SSCR, I coordinated workshops and organized Scientific Communication Sessions.

In the third year, together with a professor within the anatomy department, we succeeded in revitalizing the Anatomy Club and in attracting students back to research in this subject. Later, together with the newly formed team, I participated in several editions of the Anatomy Congress.

In the fourth year I was the beneficiary of an Erasmus+ scholarship. It was one of the most important moments of my development during faculty years. It's an experience that I would recommend to any student because it gives you the chance to discover a different education system,

make new friends, and sometimes you can have defining experiences for your future career. During the six months of mobility, I understood what I really liked to do and where I would like to go professionally. I discovered the specialization I wanted! After the six student years, I can conclude that it is important, but not enough, to learn the theory. I also understood that the four weeks of practical activities should be made the most of, even though you might not be always explained the way you would like. To paraphrase a professor: Medicine is a place where you learn by stealing! I guided myself by this idea, always staying close to the doctors I whom admired and carefully observing what they were doing.

There is no secret to succeeding in medicine, the key to success is loving what you do! Thus, six years flew by, sometimes more tiresomely, other times the events passed too quickly. I left with a wealth of knowledge, wonderful friends, and a desire to return to the faculty to help other future doctors be the best they can be!

*Bogdan Radu NECULA  
Valedictorian  
Faculty of Medicine*



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## MARIA–GABRIELA RAȚ – average grade 9.84



My name is Gabriela Raț and I was born in the year 1992 in Brașov. My path is somewhat atypical. After graduating from the mathematics-informatics track of “Andrei Șaguna” National College in my hometown, I studied history and philosophy at the University of Cologne, in Germany. The time I spent there is very dear to me, although I cannot say that it was a period without challenges (quite the opposite). The research experience I gained at the University’s Institute of Modern History is especially memorable for me.

Back in the country, I decided to continue studying, this time philology, English and German, at Transilvania University of Brașov. I did my professional internship at HotNews.ro, in Bucharest, where I was offered the opportunity of a permanent position. I decided to decline though, in order to complete my studies first. During my bachelor’s

degree studies in Letters, I participated in several national and international conferences, in fields such as literature, translation studies and history. A set of circumstances made me complete my studies only this year, which nevertheless gave me the opportunity to find in the meantime a profession that I really like, that of a freelance translator (I eventually gave up journalism). Since 2020, I have been a translator authorized by the Ministry of Justice for English and German.

I am passionate about hiking, cooking and psychology. Regarding the “guilty pleasures”, I confess that I still watch (started in high school) *Grey’s Anatomy*, though the series has slowly become a sort of *Young and Restless* of my generation. If I’m being honest, I think lately I’ve been watching it more out of a sort of nostalgia mixed with inertia, rather than genuine interest.

As for my short-term future plans, I have decided not to leave the Letters of Brașov and to register, this fall, for the Cultural Innovation master’s degree programme. In the long term I would also like to pursue a PhD, somewhere at the intersection of cultural studies and literature.

*Maria–Gabriela RAȚ*  
*Valedictorian*  
*Faculty of Letters*

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## ELENA NEGOIȚĂ – average grade 9.71



My name is Elena Negoită and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Law within Transilvania University of Braşov. I was born in the town of Buzău and I can say about myself that I am a simple, persevering person most often succeeding in everything I set out to do. I grew up in the countryside, in a hilly area of Buzău county, and that's why I find it delightful to be in nature, surrounded by animals. At the same time, I feel connected to many of the traditions, as well as to folklore, a passion that I inherited from my father.

I was active in various children's groups with whom I shared the joy of singing, but once I got to high school, I understood that the humanistic side is where I can really find myself. I attended the courses of "Bogdan Petriceicu Hasdeu" National College of Buzău; and, during the four years I was passionate about the disciplines of history and logic, which is

why I also participated in the school Olympiads. In history, I made contact for the first time with some normative acts adopted in our country or abroad, and I found it fascinating how the social context significantly leaves its mark on any legislation.

I chose the Faculty of Law School four years ago thinking it would be a good fit for my analytical learning style, and I also saw it as a challenge considering the large volume of information that many students or graduates complained about. Now I can say that I do not regret the decision made. It was certainly the rigour of high school that has guided me since the first day of faculty and it was indeed a difficult "journey", but I succeeded in achieving performance and enjoying my student years, visiting the surroundings of Braşov and making friends (as much as possible during the pandemic).

Looking to the future, I feel some fear, but I am motivated to keep on working to become a just and, at the same time, balanced magistrate. At every step I am and will be grateful for everything I have achieved so far, and at the same time I will not stop evolving.

*Elena NEGOIȚĂ  
Valedictorian  
Faculty of Law*

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## OVIDIU IMBUZAN – average grade 10.00



I don't have much to tell others about myself. Those who know me know about me that I am just Ovidiu and that's how I would like to be someday, in everyone's mind. I certainly have a life story, a bit longer than most students, but only its ending is important here: I became a student with a great appetite for knowledge and an unbridled desire to make this experience a unique one.

The most important things I learned during the faculty years are humbleness, patience, perseverance, generosity and courage. *Humbleness* - because after three years I have learned that, as you wise up, the frontiers of knowledge get further and further away. Now I know that I know almost nothing, so I look up to those who do know something. *Patience* and *perseverance* - you best learn and test them when your goals become empty of content. That's when you need them to keep doing things at the highest level you can. Because that's how it should be. Because the extent to which you commit yourself is the measure of you as a human being. True *generosity* - I learned it in the relationship with my colleagues. If in the first year I was quite selfish and hid from others my "precious", knowledge, obtained through my own efforts, admittedly, later I realized that as I shared what I knew - by explaining, writing, clarifying - all that I knew was being strengthened in me, and the joy of helping has a special taste. I learned to have the *courage* to set myself the highest goals. I didn't set out to be the best, I mustered up the courage and dared to want to be the best Ovidiu possible. And I think I succeeded.

One question has been bothering me, however, ever since the Gala of Valedictorians. Someone asked me there: "Did all this at least do you any good?" Indeed... What is the use of all these years, which, for me, were not easy at all? I carried this question for a long time in my mind, looking for an answer. Awards, grades, diplomas, recognition didn't seem the right answer to me. The festivity and the last exams passed, everything settled in my mind, and the much-awaited answer eventually came. PEOPLE. That's what it was useful for. People, the role models around us, the ones we have met. The portraits, shining bright in my mind, of many professors, who will light my way. The good examples I have received. Colleagues with whom I shared experiences and ideas, the emotions of exams and the joys of success. Alexandra Hașegan. Alexandra Anghel. Sergiu Cristescu. Namely Team Rocket. Colleagues whose friendship, qualities, ambition, dedication have always motivated me and who gave a special meaning to these three years.

There's not much I can say about myself. I like to believe that, starting out in life, each one on his own path, we take with us something from the others. And the fact that, perhaps, those who have met me, have a little of Ovidiu with them, relieves the longing that is already overwhelming me...

I almost forgot about *gratitude* and *honour*... I am grateful and honoured to have been a student here!

*Ovidiu IMBUZAN*

*Valedictorian*

*Faculty of Sociology and Communication*

