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VALEDICTORIANS OF UNITBV IN THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

This new issue of the UNITBV Newsletter is intended to be a genuine promotional catalogue of the most valuable graduates of the academic environment in Braşov city, those who are the valedictorians of the 2022-2023 academic year, through their own accounts.

On 21 June 2023, at "Sergiu T. Chiriacescu" Conference Centre of Transilvania University of Braşov, in a festive setting, full of emotions and joys, and in the presence of the deans and vice-deans of the 18 faculties, we could attend the 2023 Gala of Valedictorians, more precisely the students of the bachelor's degree cycle who obtained the highest multi-year average mark within the faculties they graduated from. At the end of this moment, they now introduce themselves by evoking the acquired knowledge, the scientific, professional and extracurricular research activities completed during their student years, in relation to the demands of the career they want to pursue and for which they prepared during the bachelor's degree cycle.

This privilege, as a token of recognition for their academic achievements, is evidenced by their graduation average marks and by the capitalization on the knowledge acquired during student years, both personally and professionally. Certainly, the number of elite students and graduates of UNITBV is much higher; and over the coming years, the catalogue of elites will be ever larger.

We wish them all the best of luck in the future and a brilliant career in the field they have just graduated from.

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

Prof. dr. Eng. Daniel MUNTEANU
Vice-rector for Students and the Liaison with the
Economic and Socio-cultural Environment

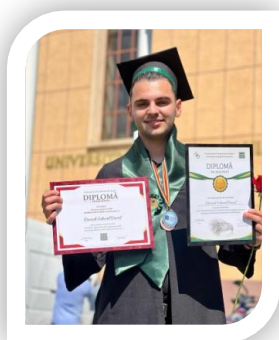
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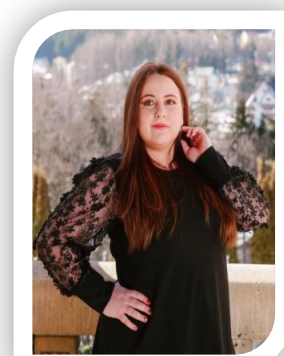
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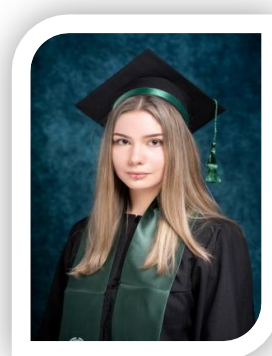
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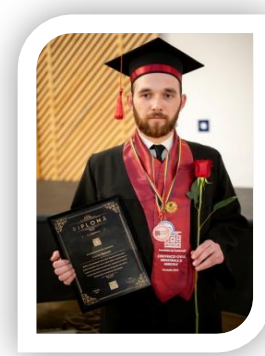
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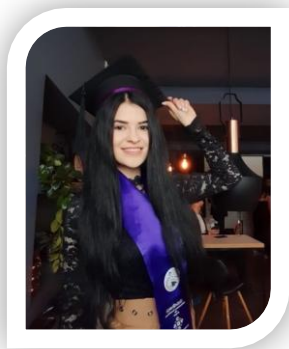


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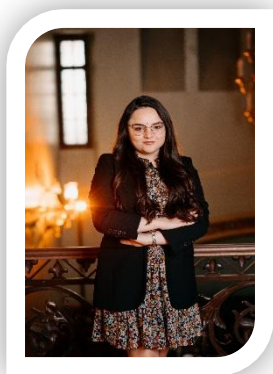
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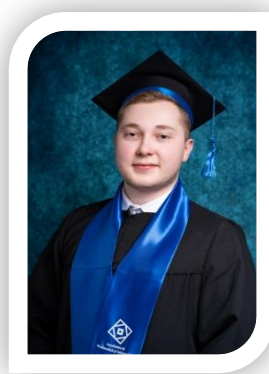
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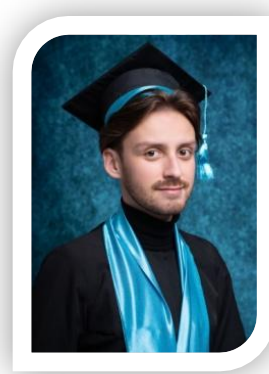
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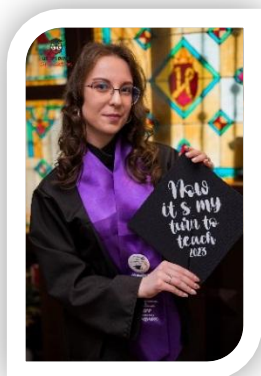
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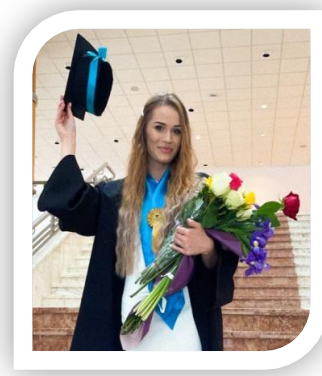
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average mark 9.61

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Faculty of Music



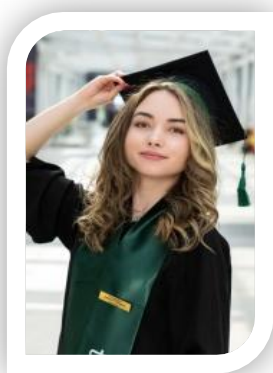
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average mark 10

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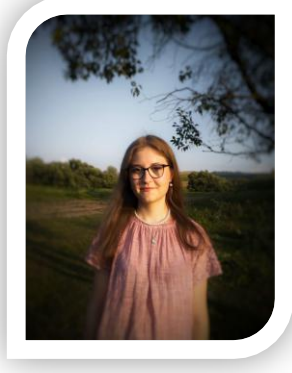
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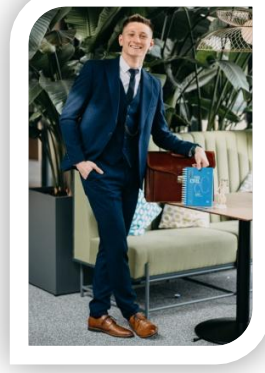
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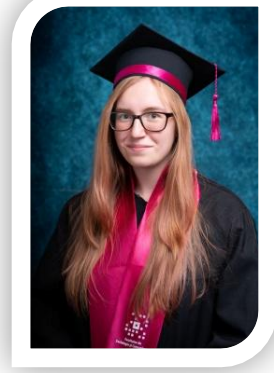
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**MONICA - CAMELIA
SOOS**
average mark 9.76

EDUARD – DAVID DIOSADI – Average mark 9.76



My name is Eduard-David Diosadi. I am a fresh graduate of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, study programme Automotive Engineering taught in English.

The choice of this field of study is due to my father's profession, who owns a car service. Thus, from an early age, I had the opportunity to learn from him and develop this passion. I basically grew up around cars.

I come from Bihor county, where I attended the courses of "Mihai Eminescu" National College of Oradea, specializing in mathematics-informatics – intensive informatics.

Due to the prestige of Transilvania University of Braşov, especially the study programme of automotive engineering, I chose to come to Braşov to specialize in the field that I am passionate about.

During the years of study, I had the opportunity to acquire the required knowledge to be a good engineer, being assisted by professors with expertise and excellent training. In my third student year, I chose to go to Germany for a one-semester exchange mobility, due to the opportunity, within the university, to access an Erasmus scholarship. There I

attended the equivalent of the UNITBV academic subjects, and I returned with very good results, after having studied everything in German.

After returning to Braşov, I chose to apply for a DAAD scholarship (funded by the German state) in order to pursue a master's degree in Germany. I succeeded in obtaining this scholarship, I completed my studies at Transilvania University of Braşov, and now I am preparing to attend the courses of a master's degree programme in Germany.

I will always fondly remember the years spent in Braşov, the wonderful experiences and the people I met. I would like to thank everyone who supported me, and I would like to end with a quote, which seems representative to me: "They who have the opportunity to know are duty-bound to act." (Albert Einstein).



*Eduard - David DIOSADI
Valedictorian
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering*

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GABRIELA - ALEXANDRA BĂDICU – Average mark 9.80



My name is Gabriela-Alexandra Bădicu, I graduated from Aerospace Engineering, within the Faculty of Technological Engineering and Industrial Management, and ... I never knew how to answer the question "What do you want to become when you grow up?". Certainly, hardly could "the job of an engineer" be found in my answer. Because my choice did not start out of passion, but was simply a spur-of-the-moment decision dressed in spontaneity and impulse, I tend to believe that engineering chose me, not the other way around.

I graduated from the high school of Băicoi town, Prahova county, a high school far from being appreciated, but I succeeded in proving that strong essences are kept in small bottles.

I learned, during the student years, to think critically, rationally, and to overcome my own limits, even though I completely lacked self-confidence. Without the professors' support, who opened their souls to us, sharing encouraging thoughts, I probably wouldn't have made it this far. Therefore, a part of me will always be represented by my professors and their contribution to what I will become, especially Mr. Professor Sebastian Zaharia, who gave me the peace of mind I needed in stressful times.

In terms of engineering, the secret lies in the selection and filtering of information, well managed and organized.

This merit is a reflection of all the people who brightened my life as a student through advice, words of encouragement and kind words spoken when needed, especially from my family, my boyfriend and my friends, who are my peace in this chaos of life.

As a graduate of the Aerospace Engineering major, I learned to look at the sky as an infinity of opportunities and rise to the occasion. I am extremely happy to have achieved this feat and I am sure that life is full of surprises; this is just the beginning.

Gabriela - Alexandra BĂDICU
Valedictorian
Faculty of Technological Engineering and
Industrial Management

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MĂDĂLINA NICOLETA STAN – Average mark 9.67



My name is Mădălina Nicoleta Stan, I graduated from the Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering, specializing in Economic Engineering in Mechanics.

I was born in Târgu Ocna, Bacău county; and, during my studies, I lived on campus; this fact did not stand in my way, I succeeded in following my line and focusing on what I set out to do, to evolve, overcome myself and become the best version of myself.

In 2019, I graduated from “Costache Negri” National College of Târgu Ocna, specializing in mathematics-informatics - intensive English. I chose this branch because, ever since I can remember, I have been drawn to exact sciences, as I am an analytical person who likes to think logically and systematically.

I remember that, ever since I was little, I have imagined myself stamping and validating different reports or documents; and the fact that the specialization I chose four years ago is based on engineering and management was a dream come true for me.

I am a quiet person, but also competitive, ambitious, who gets involved, both physically and mentally, in everything to be done. Throughout the faculty, I have matured and succeeded in leaving my comfort zone by participating in various activities, such as the Session of Student Scientific Circles or AFCCO.

In the future, I want to practice and develop in this field; therefore, I intend to continue with a master’s degree programme, also within the Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering.

I would like to express my thanks both to my parents for the efforts they made so that I could fulfil my dream, and to my professors for all their understanding, patience, help, and for all the knowledge they imparted to me.



Mădălina Nicoleta STAN

Valedictorian

Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering

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DIANA ALEXANDRA APETREI – Average mark 9.82



My name is Diana, a graduate of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, specializing in Robotics.

Recently, I have realized that, in addition to the lessons and teachings that I received within my family, those that I extracted myself from outside experiences, from social contact with other people were also highly important. I think I could say that these experiences have really shaped me as a person.

Ever since high school I have been lucky to know dedicated teachers, human in the true sense of the word, who advised me as if I were their own child, educated me, laid the foundation for my formation as a grown-up. At the same time, from the relationship with my former colleagues, I slowly started to understand what diversity and tolerance are; and, at the same time, I acquired a few social skills.

The moment came when I saw myself with the baccalaureate diploma in my hand, as the valedictorian of the 2019 class within "Grigore Cobălcescu" Technical College of Moinești, with participations in Olympiads and competitions (in the technical and mathematical fields). I was asking myself the question "What am I to do next?" I knew that I wanted more, to develop, to evolve, to reach a better version of myself. At the same time, I wanted both my mind and my heart to be in harmony. I have always considered this aspect very important, which is why I chose to come to the city where my current husband had been a student for three years: Brașov.

Thus, analysing the study programmes of the faculties that were of interest to me, I came to the decision to choose IESC.

The four years as a student were not easy at all, but at the same time they were exciting and even challenging.

One important thing I realized at the end is that students need to enjoy these years because they go by faster than they can imagine. As far as I'm concerned, less than a month after the graduation ceremony, I feel a strong longing for everything that being a student meant to me. And what did it mean, anyway?

For me it was a transformational stage that included education, personal development, responsibility, friends, fun. All this was a preparation for adult life, but also for a future career, especially since, in the second year of my studies, I could find a job relevant to my field of studies.

I had the opportunity to meet really passionate professors, dedicated to this profession, who succeeded in leaving their mark on me in a positive way. From them I learned many useful things, including the fact that only through perseverance, ambition and a lot of work can I achieve the success I want.

At the same time, without my colleagues I would not have been able to complete the four years in this way, I had a lot to learn both from them and from the interactions I had with them.

Due to them, due to the professors, due to my husband's unconditional support, today I am a better, more responsible, more respectful, wiser person. For this I want to thank everyone; and I conclude by mentioning that I am grateful for all the experiences I had the opportunity to live at IESC.

Diana Alexandra APETREI
Valedictorian

*Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer
Science*

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MIHAELA - IULIA GĂITĂNARU – Average mark 9.82



My name is Mihaela-Iulia Găitănar, a graduate of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, study programme of Information Technology, within Transilvania University of Braşov. I was born in the middle of autumn, on 5 November 2000, in the city of Ploieşti, county of Prahova, and I started my education at No. 9 "Rareş Vodă" Secondary School. There I had the opportunity to meet wonderful people who helped me discover beautiful things like friendship, ambition and self-confidence. Every day spent there was full of smiles and constant learning. I got involved in artistic activities, such as the school choir, skits and drawing competitions, but also in sports activities, in the handball team of the school, where I learned the value of teamwork.

In high school, I was a pupil at "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" National College, sciences, mathematics-informatics – intensive informatics track. Ever since the 9th grade, I have discovered my passion for computer science, due to an outstanding teacher who challenged us weekly with interactive activities. In addition to my passion for IT, I discovered that French was not that difficult to learn, which offered me an unforgettable experience through Alliance Française. As time went on, the moment came when I had to make the decision regarding my future university studies.

I recall with emotion that at the age of 17, in the 11th grade, I had the opportunity to visit Braşov for the first time. This extraordinary city captivated me in every way and made me feel that this is where I belong. And

I was not wrong. Thus, with my family's unconditional support, I made the decision to continue my studies at Transilvania University of Braşov.

This choice was the best I could have made at the time, as it marked the beginning of a wonderful transformation in many ways. I developed in a remarkable way, learned new things and had the opportunity to meet extraordinary people. My coming to this faculty was the moment when I discovered my true potential and everything I have to offer.

During the faculty, I wanted to expand my knowledge and gain professional experience in the industry of Braşov. That's why, in my second year of college, I became a part-time employee at Elektrobit company, so that I could combine my studies with work, but also focus on my bachelor's degree project. Moreover, during the development of this project, I participated for two consecutive years in the Session of Student Scientific Communications.

I am an ambitious person, committed to everything I do. Even though I chose an engineering field, I did not overlook my sensitive side and my passions. I am fond of nature, doing sports, especially dancing, traveling and learning as much as possible about other cultures. I am a person who appreciates life and I firmly believe that each of us should live it authentically and beautifully. I have learned that every effort is rewarded and that nothing is impossible, we only need to be willing and focus our attention and effort in order to achieve that thing. In the future, I want to develop myself as much as possible, to let life challenge me and surprise me in unexpected ways.

Mihaela- Iulia GĂITĂNARU
Valedictorian

Faculty of Electrical
Engineering and
Computer Science



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ANDREI AVASILOAIE – Average mark 9.54



My name is Andrei Avasiloaie and I am a recent graduate of the Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering, the study programme of Forestry.

I was born on 25 May 2000, in the county of Bacău, and I have been living in the town of Moinești for more than 20 years. I attended the primary and secondary school at “Ștefan Luchian” School of Moinești; and after completing the eight years, I decided to continue my studies at “Spiru Haret” Theoretical High School, also in Moinești.

I am a graduate of the mathematics-informatics track. Nevertheless, I chose to study at the Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering in the city of Brașov. My passion for mathematics made me acquire skills for what science means and helped me to develop my capacity for analysis and synthesis, and at the same time to always move towards finding solutions.

At this moment, the application of mathematics can be found in many fields, including the field of forestry that I chose to pursue, and I strongly believe that this is one of the reasons why I succeeded in completing my studies as a valedictorian. I did my bachelor’s degree final project in the subject of dendrometry because the biometric measurement and modelling of trees and

stands, a distinct field of forestry practice, is based on mathematics.

For me, the Faculty of Silviculture was the only option I wanted to pursue, because my passions and dreams are related to this beautiful field. I had my first contact with forestry in childhood, because my family members work in this field. I had to make a choice between the faculty of Brașov and the one of Suceava, but I chose to study in Brașov, even though my father is a graduate of the Faculty of Silviculture in the town of Suceava. I dare say that in addition to the prestige that this faculty has in terms of forestry, the academic teaching personnel’s professionalism and dedication made me believe that this choice was the best.

Further, I applied for the master’s degree programme – Forest Ecosystem Management, in order to improve my skills in forestry management and entrepreneurship, forest protection, wildlife assessment and conservation, and more; and for the future, I intent to apply for a doctorate, also within the Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering in the city of Brașov.



*Andrei AVASILOAIE
Valedictorian
Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering*

ROXANA GALL – Average mark 9.73



My name is Roxana Gall and I was born in 2000, in Braşov. After graduating from “Andrei Şaguna” National College in 2019, I decided that all I wanted was to continue my studies at home. I chose the Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Engineering for the opportunity to develop both my theoretical knowledge and my artistic skills.

During the four study years within this faculty, I set myself the goal of living up to a high standard of academic results. I succeeded in achieving the desired performance through the opportunities offered by the university, from interesting study programmes to the pleasant atmosphere of the team; I enjoyed coming to courses and labs in order to learn, and I had the opportunity to meet many people willing to help me in my personal and professional development.

From the second year of college, I had the honour of being guided by dedicated professors, who initiated me into the world of scientific research. I participated in student scientific sessions, in national and international competitions and conferences,

where I got various awards and who helped me make a final decision regarding my future.

I am glad to have finished this faculty, which is unique in the country, with great results and with a lot of knowledge acquired in this field. I do not consider this as the end of my academic studies; therefore I want to continue my development within the master’s degree and in the future doctorate programmes proposed by the faculty. Scientific research will always remain an important part of my identity, which is why I am excited for the current and future projects that I will participate in.

Due to the professors who fondly guided me, down the line, I wish I could work with them within the academic system in order to prepare the next generations for the future.



Roxana GALL
Valedictorian
Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Engineering

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KÁZMÉR FOSZTÓ – Average mark 9.61



My name is Kázmér Fosztó and I am a fresh graduate of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, specializing in Civil, Industrial and Agricultural Constructions.

I was born on 20 December 2000, and I live in a village of Covasna county, called Brăduţ.

I finished primary and secondary school at "Benkő József" Secondary School in the same village; and the upper secondary cycle at "Baróti Szabó Dávid" Technological High School of Baraolt, located a few kilometres from my native village, majoring in mathematics and informatics.

Ever since an early age, I have had a passion for constructions. While spending the summer holidays at my maternal grandparents, with my grandfather's help, I built several wooden houses, which furthered my interest.

During my high school years, I found myself drawn to several fields, especially physics, mathematics and informatics, but my passion for constructions remained equally important.

I can say that I have always liked physics and mathematics; and upon seeing that these two also meet within constructions, respectively in the process of designing and evaluating the final result, I found the definitive answer to the question: "What do I want to do when I grow up?"

Thus, without any hesitation, I applied for the Faculty of Civil Engineering in the city of Braşov, immediately after being awarded with the baccalaureate degree.

The four years of faculty were full of both good and bad moments, and the student years will remain as one of the most beautiful periods of my life.

I am glad to have been able to live and experience the "dorm life", where I made friends, who were by my side both at parties and fun, and during the sleepless nights before the exam sessions.

The faculty taught me the seriousness and responsibility that I have to show in any situation. The teaching personnel always helped me and tried to answer any of my questions, However, all this time I myself also sought to further my knowledge, I read many books and articles published in both Romanian and English, in the field of constructions, I learned to use several computer programmes in a self-taught way, and at the end of my study years I developed a special passion for high-rise buildings and skyscrapers where, in my opinion, both design and technological performance are pushed to the limit. This may have been the reason why I chose an eight-story building as the topic of my bachelor's degree thesis.

However, all this could not have been achieved without the support of the people around me, especially without my parents' help, who have always been by my side.

Thus, after four study years, I became an engineer who is open to any opportunity of development in the field. However, my path will not end here, I will continue with the master's degree studies also within this faculty.



Kázmér FOSZTÓ
Valedictorian
Faculty of Civil Engineering

CRISTINA POPA - Average mark 9.72



My name is Cristina Popa. I am a graduate of the Faculty of Food and Tourism, majoring in Engineering and Management in Tourism Industry. I was born in Câmpina, county of Prahova, and I grew up in a beautiful mountain locality – Valea Doftanei. It is in this locality that I spent the best years of my life and also here that I graduated, in 2019, from “Carol I” Technological High School of Valea Doftanei, majoring in Tourism and Food.

The four years of high school in this field and the participation in the Olympiad of Tourism and Food, as well as the passion for travel and my favourite subject - Geography led me to choose the Faculty of Food and Tourism. This is how, in July 2019, I stepped into the R building for the first time, the faculty building where I was going to experience the most special period of my life and the best evolution.

Upon applying for this faculty, I didn't think for a second that I would get these great results, and that I would eventually enjoy the status of “Valedictorian of the Faculty of Food and Tourism”. Today, I proudly bear this title and feel honoured to have been a student of this educational institution.

In all these years, I have had beautiful moments, but also moments of tension and stress before each exam, I have gathered memories and experiences, I have made quality friends, I have met wonderful and valuable people; but most importantly I have discovered myself and evolved beautifully. In the last year of faculty, I won first place at the Session of Student Scientific Circles with the paper entitled “Promotion of rural tourism. A case study: Implementation of the tourist resort of local interest Valea Doftanei” and I participated in AFCO 2023 - Graduates in front of the Companies, within Transilvania University of Braşov. In the near future, I want to go deeper into this field, to further enrich my knowledge and to practice in the tourism industry.

For all my academic experience, I would like to thank the professors who have contributed to my both professional and personal training, and who imparted the most valuable knowledge in this field to me. As to my colleagues, without whom these four years would not have been as memorable and wonderful, I thank them for being part of the most beautiful period of my life. Last but not least, I want to thank my parents and my entire family, who supported me during these years and believed in me, even more than I would have believed in myself. The support and encouragement received from them made me overcome the difficult moments and reach the point of introducing myself “Eng. Cristina Popa”.

For me, faculty was the most beautiful chapter, and engineering was the best choice.



*Cristina POPA
Valedictorian
Faculty of Food and
Tourism*

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LARISA - SIMONA BRAN – Average mark 9.81



My name is Larisa-Simona Bran, I am 23 years old and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Product Design and Environment.

I grew up in the village of Blejoi, county of Prahova, near the town of Ploiești. I have been drawn to science from an early age, I have always asked myself questions and tried to find out the explanations for the phenomena around me, and that's why I chose to attend the Natural Sciences track within "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" National College of Ploiești. Later, I discovered my passion for the medical field; and out of the desire to help those around me, I chose to pursue my undergraduate studies at Transilvania University of Brașov, in the field of Medical Engineering.

The student years were full of challenges, but also of successes. From the beginning, I was involved in various activities within the faculty, I participated in local and international competitions, and the results were not long in coming. Through the university, I also had my first contact with the economic

environment, where I could interact with various technical companies.

These four student years were also the years in which I made friends, discovered passions and learned to be independent, to look for solutions when walls rise in front of me. I learned that nothing truly worthwhile comes easily; and this lesson was the foundation of my desire to excel in all situations I found myself in.

Next, I will attend the master's degree studies at Transilvania University of Brașov, where I want to further the knowledge acquired so far and add another cornerstone to the basis of my professional training.

By way of conclusion, I would like to leave this thought that always motivates me to continue: "Success is not final and failure is not fatal. The courage to continue is what really counts." Let's not forget that regardless of the result, we are better off for having tried!



*Larisa - Simona BRAN
Valedictorian
Faculty of Product Design and Environment*

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CRISTIAN - GEORGE FIERARU – Average mark 9.53



My name is Cristian-George Fieraru and I am a fresh graduate of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, majoring in Computer Science.

I was born on 8 August 2001 in Braşov, and my place of residence is in the town of Zărneşti, county of Braşov. I attended primary and secondary school at "Mitropolit Ioan Meţianu" Theoretical High School of Zărneşti. For 12 years, I had been a member of the school's folk dance ensemble, called "Crăişorii Pietrei Craiului". During this period, I had the opportunity to carry on the traditions and customs of the region where I grew up, both in the country and abroad. I am grateful in this way to all those who have contributed to my harmonious growth.

In the 5th – 7th grades, my passion for exact sciences emerged, being especially attracted to mathematics. As a result, I decided to mix business with pleasure, and completed my high school studies at "Grigore Moisil" National College of Computer Science of Braşov. During the four years of high school, I was rather drawn to computer science, which is why I decided to continue with the academic studies in this field. I graduated from high school in 2020, in the midst of a pandemic. It was a year that, to me personally, brought joys, not just worries and family problems.

Three years ago, I was enrolled at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science within Transilvania University of Braşov, but I actually stepped into the halls of the P building only in the second semester of the first year, when I was excited to meet my colleagues, but also my professors.

Looking back, I can honestly say that my time as a student was one of the most beautiful stages of my life. Although it was a demanding time, with moments when I felt tired and overwhelmed, I kept reminding myself that learning defines me and that through it I would become a happy and fulfilled person. Therefore, I want to continue with the master's degree and doctoral studies within the same faculty.

In parallel, I attended the courses of the psychopedagogical training module within the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences. This module helped me to identify and realize all the functions that a good teacher must have. Thus, I want the acquired notions to be useful for me in guiding future generations.

In the third year, I was one of the student mentors within the project "InfoTRON 2023 – Informatics, your step towards the world of mechatronics". The students' main goal was to coordinate high-school pupils of Braşov to create mechatronic systems. It was an amazing experience for me, because I succeeded in establishing friendly relations with the pupils, and above all to put into practice what I learned during the three years of psychopedagogical module.

Based on the knowledge acquired in the previous years, as well as through intense individual study, I developed my bachelor's degree thesis on the topic "Automatic colouring of monochrome images", coordinated by Lect. dr. Ioana Cristina Plajer, which was appreciated with the highest mark by the bachelor's degree examination committee. Furthermore, I had the honour of presenting my thesis in front of the companies, during the AFCO event, where I received constructive feedback from the representatives of the participating companies.

For me, the title of valedictorian is the crowning of the work, ambition and perseverance I have shown. Moreover, I confirm to have made the right choice by studying at this faculty, and I currently have a job in the field.

Cristian - George FIERARU

Valedictorian

Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

VLAD CRISTIAN STOIAN – Average mark 9.85



My name is Vlad Cristian Stoian, I am 21 years, and I am a graduate of the study programme Accountancy and Management Informatics, within the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business Administration. I finished the mathematics-informatics track at “Grigore Antipa” College of Sciences in the city of Braşov. I was born in the town of Zărneşti, county of Braşov.

I chose this study programme because my mother works in the field of accountancy, and I thought it would suit me as well. Moreover, I realized that I really liked the economic field in the 11th grade, after taking economics classes.

I have several hobbies including watching movies and TV series (like any young person my age), photography, technology, spending my leisure time with friends, and dancing.

I have been part of a folklore ensemble since the age of 8, more precisely “Crăişorii Pietrei Craiului” ensemble of Zărneşti.

Dancing, for me, is more than a hobby, I could even call it a lifestyle. In all the 13 years since I became a part of this ensemble, I have visited the country far and wide, participating in numerous competitions and festivals, and almost always winning a place on the podium. But I didn't just travel through Romania; I had the pleasure of participating in many competitions and festivals in countries such as Italy, France, Greece, Macedonia, Croatia, Germany, Poland, Bulgaria, Turkey, and more.

In December 2021, I had the honour to represent both the university and the country in the United Arab Emirates, in Dubai, at EXPO 2020, where 191 countries participated. Every day, for a week, together with colleagues from other faculties within Transilvania University of Braşov, we delighted the visitors from all over the world, who passed by the Romanian pavilion, with one of our great traditions, the folk dance. At the exhibition in Dubai I met people from all over the world, I could discover new cultures and traditions that I would not have been able to discover in another context.

Faculty was an important moment in my life because I acquired a lot of knowledge from the professors; however, more than that, I discovered beautiful people, colleagues and even professors, whom I regard as my friends even outside of course and seminar hours.

Vlad Cristian STOIAN
Valedictorian
Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business
Administration

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ELENA - NATAȘA DINU – Average mark 9.90



My name is Elena-Natașa Dinu and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, having majored in the Pedagogy of Primary and Preschool Education. I have the honour to share with you some of my thoughts and experiences, both personal and professional, which have shaped me as a person and left their mark on my evolution up to the present moment.

I was born in Sîriu commune, a mountain area of Buzău county, in a simple and modest family, but who always placed emphasis on education, both mine and sister's, aware that this is the only way to overcome my condition and to succeed in life. Like many others, I spent my childhood in my hometown with the few children who were still in the village, accumulating precious memories with the fellow villagers, moments and events that made my childhood more beautiful and that make me proud that I was born "in the countryside". I am extremely grateful to my family, who supported me in all my choices, who encouraged me and believed in me even in the most difficult and hopeless moments, but also for the education I received, specifically during the first seven years of early childhood, which define you as a person.

I completed my high school studies at "Radu Vlădescu" Theoretical High School of Pătârlagele, with Natural Sciences specialization, where I tried to push my limits and acquire the most important skills that will help me throughout my life.

In 2020, I was admitted to this study programme, a desire that had blossomed in my mind and soul since the 10th grade when, spontaneously, I thought about what I would like to achieve in the future. And I believe that nothing is random. The title of valedictorian was just a fleeting thought, a dream; however, through scrupulosity, perseverance and ambition, this dream actually became the reality I live today.

My student years were a beautiful time for me; even though the educational demands involved effort, work and individual study; together with the colleagues with whom I made real friends, with whom I shared laughs, joys, but also tears, I succeeded in passing each stage and collecting in my "luggage" even more memories, with a strong emotional charge.

This educational path helped me to form and develop the necessary skills for my future profession, that of a teacher, as I benefited from a high-quality education through the teaching personnel's professionalism. On this occasion, I would like to thank them for all their advice and guidance, for the ways in which they have helped me evolve and become the best version of myself, but also for what they have meant, above all as people whom I have taken as an example, since they are genuine role-models.

This is the end of another important and meaningful stage in my life, but every end is a new beginning that I think about, and hope will be one full of rewards, achievements and fulfilments on all levels. I want to be able to educate my future "children" in the best way, to give them the teacher they need, whom to love and appreciate for what she is and whom to remember fondly years and years from now.



*Elena - Natașa DINU
Valedictorian
Faculty of Psychology and
Education Sciences*

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MELISSA - IOANA ROMAN – Average mark 9.61



My name is Melissa-Ioana Roman, I am 21 years old, I come from Sibiu, and I chose the Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports, specializing in Kinetic Therapy and Special Motricity, because I found this hybrid between medicine and physical activity very interesting; and the job of kinetotherapist is an essential one in the society we live in, because there are more and more sedentary people or people with jobs that do not allow them to carry out physical activity.

I graduated from "Andrei Șaguna" Pedagogical High School of Sibiu, as a school- and kindergarten teacher, which gave me a benefit in working with the children in the physical therapy clinics. During the three years of faculty, I conducted my student practical placement and volunteer hours both in Sibiu and in Brașov; and at the present time, I am newly employed at "My Kinetic" clinic of Brașov.

I am passionate about this job and fondly practice it every day. Both the faculty and the volunteer activities in various clinics have enriched my knowledge and helped me delve into this field.

For the future, I have decided to take kinetic therapy specialization courses, to go as deep as possible into this field. I also intend to pursue the master's degree of Kinetic Therapy here in Brașov and to complete it as beautifully as I completed my bachelor's degree studies. I am an ambitious and perfectionist person, and I never turn down a person who asks for my help. I like to be taught so that I myself, in my turn, can teach others.

This faculty not only provided me with the foundations in the job that I do, but it also offered me a place where to develop both personally and professionally.



Melissa – Ioana ROMAN
Valedictorian
Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports

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CIPRIAN CUCU – Average mark 10



My name is Ciprian Cucu and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Music, department of Music, within Transilvania University of Braşov.

I was born in Buzău ... by chance, but I grew up in Braşov, eventually becoming ... a dweller of Braşov out of conviction!

Music has been my interest since early childhood, and my fascination for the art of music is unshakable; therefore, I started, as a child, by singing in the church choir; and slowly but surely, I ended up giving the answers within the Holy Liturgy. I attended the courses of the School of Singers in the town of Sibiu, and then those of the Theological Seminary.

From adolescence, in all the years following my admission to the Faculty of Music, I have sung in vocal chamber formula and became a founding member of *Anatoly* Vocal Quintet within the Opera of Braşov, with whom I have come to mark 23 years of artistic activity on the stages in the country and abroad.

I recorded 10 CDs with this vocal group and received over 15 awards in national and international competitions, becoming European vice-champions in 2014.

The *Anatoly* quintet and each of its members is honoured with "Şaguna's cross", the highest award for lay people, conferred by the Metropolitanate of Ardeal, through Metropolitan dr. Laurenţiu Streza, for their zeal and quality in supporting Orthodox music.

Through work and out of passion for the religious music, I researched, without false modesty, almost

all specialized libraries in the country, and xeroxed and studied thousands of choral scores.

As an outcome of this passion, I published four volumes of music pieces for various vocal ensembles. The most recent achievements are the two volumes of *Chants of the Holy Liturgy* for three and five voices (2016, 2022). In 2020, I was admitted to the Faculty of Theology within "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu.

Within the Faculty of Music in the city of Braşov, I tried and, I dare say, succeeded in acquiring the necessary knowledge for my personal musical progress and in developing a workstyle in this field so beautiful, but very difficult, which requires a lot of patience, perseverance, curiosity and passion.

I had the chance, through my music master, Assoc. Prof. dr. Petre-Marcel Vârlan, to approach a new repertoire, *romance music*, having performed so far three of the romance music pieces composed by him, and having obtained three important awards at *Golden Chrysanthemum* National Festival of Romance Music of Târgovişte, as well as at its younger sister, *Silver Chrysanthemum* of Chişinău, under the section of creation.

At the time, I have become a graduate student in the Music department, at the Faculty of Music, within Transilvania University of Braşov, and I am glad to go further along with my professors and colleagues.

My passion is therefore "visible", because the activity, the rehearsals for the preparation of the concerts is permanent.



Ciprian CUCU
Valedictorian
Faculty of Music

IOANA MÂRȚI – Average mark 10



My name is Ioana Mîrți, I am 21 years old and I graduated from the Faculty of Music, Transilvania University of Brașov. I come from the village of Pildești, county of Neamț, and my passion for music started at an early age. Having inherited the musical talent from my parents, I had their unconditional support, which encouraged me to pursue this beautiful path of music.

My musical path began by singing at various festive festivities and shows organized by the school, as well as in the village church choir, thus maintaining a special connection with Divinity all along my musical evolution. Upon noticing my strong desire to express myself through music at a higher level, my parents decided to set me up, at the age of 10, with singing and piano lessons, which opened up new horizons and opportunities for me. Thus, I began to attend various national easy-listening and pop music contests, coming into contact with music professionals, developing my own style and vision of music along the way. As time went by, I have understood that success comes through sustained effort, discipline and perseverance.

In the desire to explore more of the musical secrets, I decided to attend "George Apostu" Arts High School of Bacău, professionally studying music from several points of view, thus discovering that it is a very complex universe.

I delved deeper into music within the Faculty of Music where, with the very valuable teaching personnel's help and support, I developed and improved myself, coming to have, at the end of the study years, a wide range of

musical knowledge, and to enjoy a development of my aesthetic and analytical sense. At the same time, I succeeded in incorporating the musical-interpretive theoretical notions acquired within the faculty in the vocal musical practice - in my stage appearances.

Along this musical path, I accumulated valuable stage experience, by attending many contests and festivals. Among the prizes obtained, I would like to remind, with joy, of the trophy at "Top of Mini Stars" Festival of Ploiești, the trophy at "Neghiniță" International Festival of Bacău, the trophy at "Voces Fest" International Festival of Galați, the 1st prize at "Best Pop Rock" International Festival of Piatra Neamț, the 1st prize at *Champions League* Festival of Constanța, the trophy at *Voice of the Fortress* festival of Sighișoara, and more.

In parallel with participating in contests, I also had the opportunity to attend TV competitions, such as *Next Star* (2013 and 2015), where I reached the Grand Finale, and *X Factor* (2017), where I reached the duel stage.

During my studies at the Faculty of Music, I had many artistic - musical opportunities, participating in many concerts organized by the faculty, at Brașov Philharmonic and "Sergiu T. Chiriacescu" Conference Centre of Transilvania University. Personally, one of the dearest and most important musical moments occurred during the musical concert "Magic of Movies" (2022, Patria Hall), when I had the honour of performing, together with the faculty orchestra, the song "The Greatest Love of All" from the repertoire of the famous Whitney Houston, watching with emotion and delight the overcrowded hall that was applauding us.

Music remains my greatest passion, it is what defines me, and this stage of my musical studies is a solid and valuable foundation in my professional path and in my evolution as a person. I am determined to keep dedicating my life to music and bringing smiles on the people's faces, by giving my best in every performance. With all the confidence and desire to improve myself, I will continue to follow my dream and share the joy of music with as many people as possible.

Ioana MÂRȚI
Valedictorian
Faculty of Music

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ALEXANDRA-GEORGIANA DOBRESCU – Average mark 9.36



My name is Alexandra-Georgiana Dobrescu and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine within Transilvania University of Braşov. I was born on 3 April 1998. I spent my childhood with my parents and grandparents in a village of Prahova county, within a modest family. As a child I liked to explore, to discover new things and I still consider myself as having an inquisitive nature. Although medicine was an unfamiliar field to my family, their support and trust kept me on this path. I graduated from high school in 2017, at "Nicolae Grigorescu" National College of Câmpina. Later, in the same year, I passed the entrance exam at the Faculty of Medicine in the city of Braşov. About me, I can say that I am an ambitious and hardworking person. I am passionate about travel, sports and I like to spend my time outdoors. Moreover, I regard myself as an introvert, sometimes preferring to spend time alone, rather than in other people's company. Now, after the six student years, I can say for sure that it takes a lot of dedication, perseverance, passion throughout this faculty. In addition to a lot of work and a lot of time

spent learning, I have realized, during these years, that it also takes a lot of empathy and patience to become a successful doctor. After practice, I understood that this job brings many satisfactions, but I am also aware of its negative sides, and I am prepared to face them.

The experience of these study years will remain very important to me and I will always remember it. In the coming months I will be preparing for the residency exam. In terms of future plans, I would like to stay in Braşov to practice as a doctor, because I love this city, but I might as well consider another country, more developed in this field, as a new challenge.



Alexandra-Georgiana DOBRESCU

Valedictorian

Faculty of Medicine

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ELENA - GABRIELA LUNG – Average mark 9.62



My name is Elena-Gabriela Lung and I was born on 1 September 2001, at Câmpina. I graduated from the philology track of “Nicolae Grigorescu” National College of the same town in 2020, after which I was enrolled at the Faculty of Letters within “Transilvania” University of Braşov, in the philological study programme of Romanian language and literature – English language and literature. Ever since the first student year, I have participated in the “T Building” Cenacle, led by professors Dan Țăranu

and Virgil Borcan; and since the third student year, I have been a member of “T Building” Magazine, re-founded and coordinated by Assoc. Prof. dr. Adrian Lăcătuş, Dean of the Faculty, and by Prof. dr. Rodica Ilie. At the moment, I intend to pursue the Cultural Innovation master’s degree, after which I set out to continue with a doctorate in literary studies.

In addition to writing and reading, I am passionate about photography, history, travel and what arises from these cultural experiences.

The fact that I have come this far is due, on the one hand, to my ambition to continue and overcome myself; and, on the other hand, the credit goes to the professors who taught and formed me, and whom, on this occasion, I want to thank, because they were and still are real mentors.

Elena - Gabriela LUNG
Valedictorian
Faculty of Letters

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DARIUS SEBASTIAN CUPU – Average mark 9.81



My name is Darius Sebastian Cupu, I am 22 years old and I come from Făgăraș. I graduated from “Radu Negru” National College, I passed the baccalaureate exam with an average mark of 10; and here I am, after four years, “relapsing” and becoming the valedictorian of the Faculty of Law.

I admit that this title was a goal in itself for me, and the success makes me all the more happy, as it was achieved after struggles on two fronts, one academic - of the faculty, and the other - of performance sports, because during the four student years I was active at the level of the first two handball leagues of Romania. With travel bags full of equipment, codes and treaties, I managed to reconcile two activities which seem, to many, diametrically opposed, but which, for me, are complementary and gave me balance. Thus, I tried to approach the ideal of *mens sana in corpore sano*, an ideal that I will rigorously observe from now on as well.

In addition to law and sports, I am passionate about foreign languages and reading, activities that brought me obvious advantages in the study of law.

My knowledge of French, English and Spanish also helped me in documenting some scientific papers that propelled me into the publishing field; accordingly, at the moment, I am the author or co-author of many specialized articles published in prestigious legal journals in the country and abroad.

All these activities shaped a person characterized by fair-play, determination, fairness, combative spirit, willingness to work hard, and tenacity, qualities without which I would not have reached this point.

The goal that I set for myself in the near future is the admission to the magistracy, a goal for which I prepared myself intensively during the four years of my studies. The motivation to become a magistrate resides in the very desire to do good through justice, to give everyone what they deserve, an ideal that was instilled in me during my student years. Although the achievement of this goal would mean giving up sports activity, an activity that has brought me countless satisfactions, I am ready for this change and I have confidence in what the future holds for me.

I am certain that I would not have reached this point without my family’s continuous and unconditional support, without the involvement of all the teaching personnel I have met throughout my academic journey, and without the energy of everyone around me. That’s why I want to thank them, once again, in this way, for everything.

Darius Sebastian CUPU
Valedictorian
Faculty of Law

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MONICA - CAMELIA SOOS – Average mark 9.76



My name is Monica-Camelia Soos and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Sociology and Communication, majoring in Social Work.

I was born and grew up in Braşov. I went through the educational path in a school of this county, and I completed my high school studies at "Grigore Antipa" College of Sciences, natural sciences track.

My passion for social assistance was sparked by my own life path, which transformed me from a beneficiary into a volunteer, and in the future into a professional activist. I like to think that we chose each other; let it be my way, and me to implement it!

The three years of study developed me beautifully. They brought me knowledge by which to learn and understand how worldly things work, but also to know myself. During these years I gained self-confidence, empathy and active listening.

Volunteering during the faculty was a continuation of the path unconsciously outlined since high school through extracurricular initiatives, as well as out of my desire to get to know various non-governmental organizations.

In the fall, I will continue to delve into data and information within the master's degree programme offered by the Faculty of Sociology and Communication, in order to do better what I want, through my work, namely: reducing social problems.

I can say that these three years were not easy to complete, but I had professors from whom I acquired knowledge, life stories, courage. In addition to this opportunity, I also had the loved ones, friends, colleagues, family, by my side.

I like to think that my journey has only just begun and will continue as I sketch it.

Monica - Camelia SOOS
Valedictorian
Faculty of Sociology and Communication

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