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Дорогой студент!

Я обращаюсь к тебе, да, именно к тебе, и хочу, чтобы в твоей голове это поселилось раз и навсегда.



С детства каждому из нас прививали чувство уважения друг к другу, учили моральным и нравственным ценностям, но, к сожалению, не у всех они прививаются, а если прививаются, то гибнут с половым созреванием. АУЦА всегда отличался своими умными, очень воспитанными студентами... Но когда заходишь во внутренний дворик и слышишь жестокий мат, или открывая двери главного корпуса видишь девушек стоящих в непристойной позе и держащих в руках сигареты, то мнение об АУЦА и о нынешней его молодежи кардинально и моментально меняется.

У меня просьба ко всем курящим и матерящимся: впредь уважать окружающих вас людей.

- В стенах университета исключить из своего лексикона МАТ!!! Не произносите на людях тех слов, которые не можете произнести в присутствии своей матери!

- Не курите во внутреннем дворике АУЦА и на территории университета!!!

За не соблюдение вышеперечисленных правил, вы будете причислены к числу студентов, которые уже числятся на испытательном сроке к отчислению.

Наказание будет следующее:

- Предупреждение и испытательный срок

- Отчисление из университета

Да, АУЦА это университет, где демократия на первом месте, где есть свобода слова, действий и все в таком же духе, но все это не означает то, что нужно забывать об уважении, толерантности, терпимости и культуре. Давайте будем иметь совесть и научим себя сдерживаться и не выражаться непристойной лексикой в нашем обществе. Мы же приличные люди, так давайте и соответствовать этому статусу, а не уходить на дно бескультурья.

Без обид и надеясь на понимание,

С уважением к курящим и не курящим, матерящимся и терпящим эту гадость,

Студенческий координатор
Диана Такутдинова

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Пишу на русском, потому что это наша, местная (к сожалению) проблема.

Dear students,

It's a pleasure to welcome everyone for the new academic year. We hope you have spent a wonderful summer, we hope you are eager to strive for new knowledge and motivated for your classes. This year, with the help of Student Office, we are planning to start a health campaign and try to help our students to get rid of the bad habit of smoking.

For many people it is very hard, it takes a lot of effort and persistency to quit smoking. Since we care about the health of our student body, we are willing to help our smokers. The next month will be "No smoking". There are going to be organized many activities and events on campus concerning smoking. We hope that by the end of the campaign there will be fewer smokers. Starting from the next week we will announce our plans and events on "No smoking" month. We encourage all students to participate in this campaign and hope it will make our social life at the university even more interesting.

Sincerely,
Student Senate

«ШОС – это не только перекрытые дороги»...



Освещенные чистые улицы, перекрытые главные дороги, пробки и гаишники на каждом шагу – это ШОС. По определению же, ШОС – это международная организация, в которую входят шесть государств – Кыргызстан, Казахстан, Китай, Узбекистан, Таджикистан и Россия. 14-15 июня 2001 года в Шанхае на встрече шести глав государств было объявлено решение о создании Шанхайской Организации Сотрудничества, ШОС. Главные задачи: поддержание и обеспечение мира, безопасности и стабильности в Средней Азии, развитие сотрудничества и борьба с сепаратизмом, терроризмом и экстремизмом. Как бы там ни было, в глазах жителей Бишкека ШОС – это, в первую очередь, перекрытые дороги.

Ради ШОСа весь город встает на уши... В университете разговоры, скорее жалобы, насчет ШОС не прекращались. Парко-



ваться там и тут нельзя. Как же все-таки тепло встречает наших гостей город Бишкек. Одиннадцатого сентября АУЦА принял участие в организации вечера ШОС в этно-комплексе «Супара». Несмотря на то что у многие заняты работой и учебой, с 15.00 волонтеры из числа студентов и работников АУЦА были на месте, чтобы устроить приём гостям вечера. Концертная программа состояла из выступлений Каныкей, Курмангазы, прекрасного ансамбля оперных певцов, наших студентов и выпускников, а также показа мод в этно-стиле. Больше всего было гостей из Китая, судя по тем бурным овациям, которые звучали после народной китайской песни в исполнении Риты Скочило. Вечер прошел отлично, домой мы вернулись, уставшие, только к полуночи. Эх, с утра – кто на учебу, кто на работу, а тут снова перекрытые дороги...

Твиты по теме #ШОС (sic):

Ноги решают. #ШОС

На площади столько фонарей горит, это нечто! Я даже не знала, что они там есть! #шос

Пробка #vbishkeke это когда водители сами регулируют движение. И это круто! #ШОС

У Путина и Атамбаева одного цвета галстуки...)) #шос

Весь город устал от #ШОС#bishkek я не смотрю новости и не в курсе про #ШОС но я сразу пойму когда он закончится по более менее свободным дорогам

#ШОС официально закрыт. На повестке у глав были вопросы по Сирии, Афганистану и Ирану. #vbishkeke

Наверное саммит #ШОС незначительное событие. Пролетал мировые СМИ, мало кто говорит об этом #bishkek

Переход закрыт полностью!! Бедные продавцы!!! #шос#vbishkeke

В любой непонятной ситуации (в том числе опоздания на работу) сваливайте все на #ШОС

У меня на работе свой ШайкаОпоздавшихСотрудников

#ШОС - это когда работают фонтаны #vbishkeke

Вместо украшения и освещения улиц, лучше бы купили вертолеты для дипломатов #ШОС

Пешеходный рай #vbishkeke сегодня. Спасибо #ШОС за пробки ох уж этот #ШОС. Это сотрудничество видимо бесит всех бишкекчан

Наши чиновники из ДПС думают, что организовать дороги для #ШОС - это перекрыть главные (и по сути единственные) улицы, не думая о народе.

Я согласна с мнением некоторых читателей, что проходящий саммит #ШОС трата денег и времени.

Шла Саша по шоссе и ругала #ШОС#bishkek#realpolitik

Милиция не пропустила скорую помощь из-за саммита ШОС #ШОС

наши водители и так мало похожи на людей, но в пробках теряют остатки человеческих лиц. #vbishkeke#шос

«Уважаемые жильцы! Чьи балконы выходят на пр. Манаса, просьба не пугать участников саммита #ШОС вывешенным бельем.» Мэрия, акимият 13-й саммит #ШОС завершился.

Бишкекчане, вас больше не будут доставать закрытые трассы, а также освещение, чистые улицы, паркинг! #vbishkeke

наконец то#ШОС подошел к концу...

Элина Туралыева JMC 112

'NEW STAR' MEETING!
SEPT. 24, LUNCH TIME,
ROOM #104



Учебный год в АУЦА начинается с приветливых улыбок волонтеров и хорошего отношения всего персонала университета. Но, как говорится, в каждой бочке мёда есть ложка дёгтя.

Registrar Office. Когда открываешь его дверь, первым делом можно заметить яркий контраст выражения лиц. Здесь нет приветливости, нет понимания, нет отзывчивости. Здесь

«Дёготь» АУЦА

есть: взгляд исподлобья, грубость и палец, указующий на дверь.

Даже френшмены почувствовали на себе всю искреннюю «приветливость» Registrar Office'а. Как же так? Сентябрь только начался, а Registrar уже никто не любит.

Во-вторых, можно заметить усердную работу сотрудников офиса. Таковую, как: вечные листы бумаги, громкий стук по клавиатуре и суетливое хождение по кабинету. Казалось бы, всё так, как и во всех офисах, но есть одно отличие. Работа – это когда в упорном труде можно увидеть хороший итог.

А что видим мы:

- В расписании нет номеров

аудиторий

• Курсы закрываются без предупреждения

• Отменяются обязательные курсы (required)

• Меняется расписание и приходится в спешке выбирать другого преподавателя

• Список всех закрытых курсов присылается за час до дедлайна.

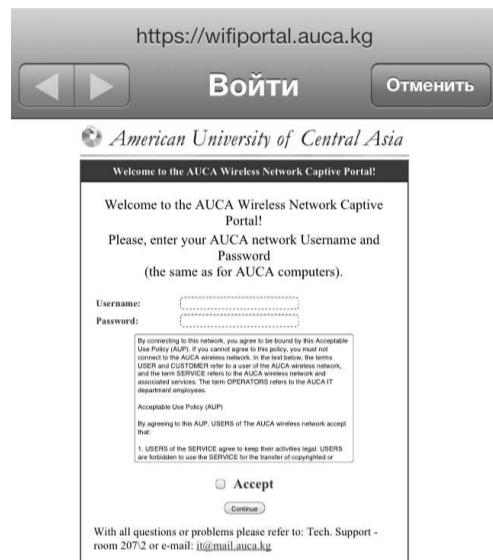
10 сентября в 16:01 всем студентам было выслано письмо о курсах, которые были отменены. Дедлайн для регистрации был в тот же день в 17.00. В письме был файл со списком отмененных курсов на 6 страниц (всего 96 курсов). На то, чтобы проверить, нет

ли там курса, который выбрал студент, уйдет как минимум 20 минут. То есть, если, к сожалению, студент обнаружил свой курс, то у него есть 39 минут на то, чтобы найти другой, подходящий ему. Учитывая то, что мест на курсах, как правило, уже нет, ему придется бежать к преподавателю, которого может уже и не быть, так как на часах 16:21.

В итоге студент не успевает зарегистрироваться и платит штраф, в размере 500 сом, только потому, что у него было всего 39 минут.

Отношение Registrar Office'а к студентам – на самом низком уровне. Это – капля дёгтя, портящая вкус аюковского мёда стольким студентам.

**Всем добра,
Анастасия Ласкина JMC 112**



Remember good old days when you come to AUCA, having your laptop with you and just open your favorite web-pages? Of course, you would have to have the settings up or see the IT office in order to

Can I use your login?

set your device up, but then, unlimited wireless connection and hours of internet usage. These days are gone. AUCA has stepped into new system of internet, but with new system come new problems.

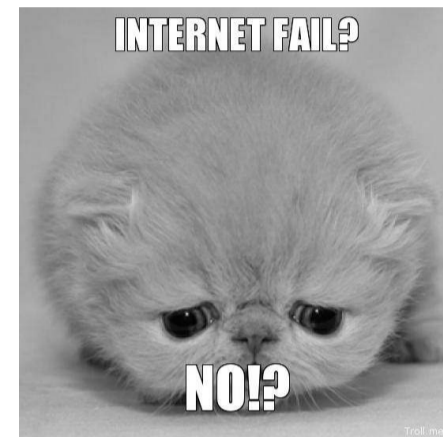
In past, you would have to login only once when you set the internet connection up on your computer, but now, you have to do every day login using your name and password. If you don't use internet for more than 15 minutes it logs off and you have to do the authorization again. It seems that it is just a small thing that takes couple seconds, but a lot of students take this as a serious problem #1. They are annoyed and irritated by the fact that they have to authorize constantly, and repeat the process all over.

Another thing is that you can use WiFi only with one of your devices, phone or laptop, you are not able to use both using the same data. Once you log in from your

phone, it automatically logs off from your computer. But what if I am an extremely busy student and I need to use more than one device? I will have to ask someone else to give me their personal data and to log in using their names.

Moreover, some students have been complaining that their login and password don't work when they use it on their personal laptops, and they keep trying to do it, but the system wouldn't let them in. It's not incorrect information they input, because they use the same data in labs and it works fine. It is the fault of the system. Afterwards, those students end up asking someone else to use their name and password.

With failures comes experience, but when it comes to our network system, things are hopeless. IT office brought these innovations into our university, but there is a question remains: why? We all



know how global usage of networks works at AUCA, take online registration for example. If IT service cannot deal with hundreds of students using the same internet system, or if they can't help to get rid of the problems described above, maybe these innovations are not that necessary.

**Disappointed user,
Masha Savelyeva JMC 112**

Knowledge and Convocation Day Ceremony

Do you know what Knowledge and Convocation Day Ceremony is? It is a traditional ceremony of awarding students with outstanding academic achievements that takes place in the beginning of September. This year Knowledge and Convocation Day Ceremony was held on September, 6 at CH-1 and it raised several questions.

First of all, Andrew Wachtel's speech surprised students; the president says that everything students do at the University besides studying is «тыфтра».

• Yura Kim, ECO 111: "For that «тыфтра» in Wachtel's speech I want to say that this was a bit not right. Nikolai Shulgin was sitting there and that «тыфтра» is actually his life".

• "When Andrew Wachtel called activities outside of classes «тыфтра». It was disrespectful for those people who participated in those activities", said Anastasiia Laskina, JMC 112.

• Ruslan Aidarov, ICP 112: "Speaking about Andrew Wachtel, his words might have been offensive for some people but I believe that he did not really mean what he said".

• "I think Andrew did not mean to offend those folks who enjoy putting up shows for the main events of AUCA. However, it is clear that the word «тыфтра» has a negative connotation and might have hurt feelings of our active-on-stage students," said Batyr Shabdanov, JMC-110.

• Khamida Malianchinova, JMC 112: "Of course, acquiring knowledge is extremely important, but having fun with friends at university, getting practical experience in performing in front of a public, acquaintance with many crazy and cool people here and, moreover, creating memories with them is important, too. And, to many hardworking students all that stuff provides a good mood and inspiration to go forward to the bright future and study hard".

For reference, the word «тыфтра» by itself has 3 meanings: 1) nonsense, rubbish; 2) untruth, lie; 3) negative



evaluation of things, events, and actions. There is no positive meaning. These «всякие выступления» ("all kinds of performances") made by students require huge amount of time, work and patience. Of course, a student should firstly study hard, but actually extracurricular activities give us a lot of experience that we cannot get from studying.

Secondly, some students of ICP department did not get their invitations even if they have high GPA.

• "I'm upset with incompetence of ICP department", said Ruslan Aidarov, ICP 112 (GPA 3.83).

Thirdly, performance of artists from National Kyrgyz Opera and Ballet Theater was not great as it was expected.

• "Singers with a playback looked unprofessional, but it's not AUCA's fault. It's a problem of singers, who got their portion of shame", told Yura Kim, ECO 111.

Actually, whole ceremony was a little bit strange. A student who was called to the stage had time only to take the certificate, shake president's hand and just run off the scene. It was so quick that a camera could not have

caught that good moment when a student gets the certificate.

And the last question about the event, what does the certificate mean to students?

• "A certificate itself is not worth anything. Just paper that will be kept with bunch of other useless things", told Masha Savelyeva, JMC 112.

• "I think certificate is just a piece of paper, while the meal ticket for a free lunch in Kitchenette would be more appreciable and enjoyable!" said Khamida Malianchinova, JMC 112.

• Yura Kim, ECO 111: "The ceremony itself is a good event for making those who study well feel somehow special. Of course, speaking honestly, those Dean's lists do not mean much, but still, it's a pleasure to get them".

There are two types of certificates: President's List for seniors and Dean's List for sophomores and juniors. Of course, the certificate shows that

a student worked hard for the whole year to achieve high GPA but it gives almost nothing to the student. Diplomas can have a place on a dusty shelf and that is all. Why not to give the opportunity for students to increase their Fin Aid or to get grants or money prizes? That would be a great chance to make students try harder in studying process if instead of the certificate students would get financial support or job offers. At least AUCA could afford small memorable presents for students.

Finally, the most significant thing that students liked this day was stand-up meal. We hope that next year Knowledge Day will get more positive feedbacks than this year. Congratulations to those 70 students who achieved high GPA over 3.67 points! Keep going and do your best!

P.S. If you have anything to say about this article you are welcome to write and send us your comments.

Elina Turalyeva, JMC 112

Club's Fair

On September 12, 2013 there was a "Clubs Fair" during lunch time at AUCA. It was a wonderful opportunity for students of AUCA, especially for freshmen, to get familiar with the real life of the university. AUCA is not only about studying, but also it is about having fun, learning new things, new cultures through different clubs, sharing experiences, opening mind to the whole world, enjoying time afterschool with new people who become your friends, become your family.

There were representatives of more than 25 different clubs that tried to involve as many people as possible by preparing interesting posters, wearing special uniforms, dancing, singing, even cooking some national food like boorsok, or just offering some snacks. Some of these clubs like Drama, Debate club have been working excellently for many years, while some like Cheerleading made their debut into AUCA life this year.

Students seemed to be very enthusiastic, energetic and excited to explore all these clubs, signing up for several ones. Enthusiasm, creativity, excitement, inspiration – that's all about Clubs Fair, that's all about the life at AUCA. Every year AUCA Senate sponsors 100 dollars to each club to help to cover their expenses and to give them an opportunity to come up with new ideas for the club and to develop them.

However, only few of them exist till the end of the year completing all of their missions. Unfortunately, many of the other clubs are closed shortly after Clubs Fair, leaving new members in disappointment. We hope that this year it is going to be different than it was last year when only several clubs were working by the end of the school year. We truly believe that all the clubs students of AUCA saw during Clubs Fair last week are going to keep working no matter what, till the end of the year, bringing a lot of joy and excitement to our big family of AUCA.

Nurlan Asakeev PSY
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Spirit week: Yay or Nay?

Spirit Week is very traditional for AUCA. Normally, during this week-long-party students actively participate and show their love to the university. This year we found out that freshmen don't feel our AUCA magic spirit, but whose fault is it? Maybe elder students should be a better example of showing the affection towards their university life.

It's not a secret that starting from the 2nd year of studying in the university, students rarely participate in AUCA events. They don't find it fun anymore to act crazy and wild; they become chillier and come to university for actual classes. "We are too old for this" they said as one, explaining why they are no longer interested in it. But the point is who will pass on the spirit to younger AUCA family members, if not the old folks of university? Such a "I am too cool for getting stupid" leads to separation between students of different years.

Freshmen, who were supposed to be very active and show us some love, dress like crazy, party hard during lunch time, follow the spirit week schedule and whole bunch of other must-to-do things were boring and tired this year. "Bravo" was pretty quite in comparing to previous years and shows on stage were done within 20 minutes, because there was no one to interact with. Only couple stood out and got to be the "stars" of the Spirit Week 2013 and dressed up every day and played our games on stage, which helped them to earn prizes!

At the end of complaint just wanted to say: it is never too late to have fun. You might be busy and serious with what you do, but remember, when you step into AUCA you can feel our spirit, because you are not alone!

Masha Savelyeva JMC 112



AUCA TV: The faster, the better?



AUCA TV is an organization that exists for not such a long time, but existence of which has been already doubted a lot. A question concerning the work of AUCA TV appeared right at the beginning of our editorial planning meetings, especially when everyone saw the first issue of AUCA TV this year.

A short excursus to AUCA TV's latest history:

Fall 2011: AUCA TV revives as a very promising project. Lots of people were involved in the works, the first brainstorm and actually in the production of the first issue. And it was quite successful: every time a TV in Bravo cafeteria switched on to show a new work by AUCA TV, lots of people gather there and watched it. But the duration of this excitement was about one month, and then, after 4th or 5th time the project goes on hiatus.

Later on, in Spring 2012, the project suddenly changes name to "A-TV". A presentation in CH-1 took place, where the current leader of AUCA TV, Atai Muratbekov promises huge changes and amazing A-TV stuff in general.

In Fall 2012 Atai makes a new team, taking members from AUCA newcomers (obviously, freshmen 2012). Unfortunately, the only complete issue released was a February 2013 one, though we saw a lot of people shooting something at AUCA for the whole year.

Fall 2013, Atai gets a part-time job as AUCA TV lead-

er. There's a big new team to work on new AUCA TV issues. They promise a huge change in AUCA TV that would make it much better than before.

Willing to understand why everything is going so bad in AUCA TV, we decided to go and speak to the person, who is responsible for everything happening in there, and who already receives salary for this work. Atai Muratbekov, the driving force of AUCA TV was responding to our questions honestly, not hiding any details, showing that AUCA TV started another series of their work.

NS: Atai, when AUCA TV begins to work?

Atai Muratbekov (AM): AUCA TV starts working from the next week. We planned a lot for this year and want to make everything well.

NS: And whom are we going to see in your issues? What exactly AUCA TV is planning to show us?

AM: We made a casting; crew is composed mostly of freshmen, who are very interested in it. We completely changed the inner structure of AUCA TV itself: we divided people into teams, according to their abilities. Someone will shoot serious reports, someone will make lighter and more entertaining stuff. We're going to teach students by using not boring theory, but practice. We created a lot of teams, who will be responsible only for their part of the job: we got our web-journalists, cameramen. We even ask our university to provide us with our own camera similarly to the case of New Star newspaper. I even asked about AUCA TV budget from AUCA, but the administration of AUCA wants us to make some work first.

NS: Atai, who are the web-journalists? How are they connected to AUCA TV?

AM: Web-journalists are people, who are responsible for our Facebook page. Video editing usually takes big amount of time, but students are always interested in news. So, we will post everything happening at AUCA on our Facebook page. Our motto is "The faster, the better".



Unfortunately, we did not share Atai's delight concerning new structure and organization of AUCA TV. Conversely, it caused more questions and doubts, as well as after the first, "experimental" issue this year. Main questions that appear are:

- Why only freshmen are in the crew?
- Will all the newbies be able to make solid videos for AUCA TV since they have no experience in journalism?
- Why more experienced people refuse to take part in AUCA TV?

Just imagine: if the next AUCA TV issue will be also not that good, they always can say: "we are new to this, right now we cannot manage it better". But if you become a person who is paid for this work, such justifications are not going to be solid. And, in addition, AUCA TV also should think about how to attract experienced journalists to work, and, more importantly, about the reasons why they refuse.

AUCA TV promises a better production this year. We'll see, and let's hope that now this organization will really work much better than before.

Karina de Traie JMC 112
Yura Kim ECO 111

Streetball tournament: "No place for losers!"



AUCA students contribute a lot in the sport activities. The very last contribution was the streetball tournament held on September 15 in front of AUCA. The tournament was pretty organized and did not take too much time (1 hour).

The most exciting thing about the tournament was that there were no teams regretting about taking part in this competition. Each team took its place on the podium. How did it happen? If we simply calculate the num-



ber of places on the podium, we will understand that only three teams participated in this tournament.

As a spectator I was not impressed because the teams already knew there would be no outsiders. There were no real emotions when no-one worries about taking a place on the podium. The whole activity was accompanied by the rainy weather and it can be a probable reason for the presence of only 20 people including teams, teams' supporters and organizing committee who did their best to

contribute to sports.

Are we to blame the weather for such "interest"? Of course, it might be the weather because instead of six teams that signed up for the tournament only three participated. Nevertheless, streetball tournaments held last year gathered more teams and more team supporters. I do not think that the rainy weather is a reason to not being interested in sport activities.

I asked some students whether they know about the upcoming competition. Most of the respondents did not have any idea about it. I also would not have had any idea if I hadn't been asked to write an article about the tournament.

I guess it happened because organizers of the tournament did not want to face the strong competition and crowdedness. That is why there was not enough information about the upcoming event. Anyway, thanks to the teams who tried their best and organizing committee that also did its best to make the streetball tournament easier to win.

P.S. 1stplace – "Хлеб - чай, сахар" team;
2nd place – "Mix" team;
3rd place – "Legends" team.

Kyzzhibek Batyrkanova ECO 112

BOXES

• Danzi is the coolest girl in AUCA
• Атай мелкий (freshman) не беси придурок

• Please make a research on the students of Kyrgyz Republic. I'm sure that many people from all over the country (and probably not only KR) will happily study here.

• Azeka Sydykova! Happy Birthday honey! Love you! The 5th of September. Wish you all the best things! Be wealthy, healthy + wise! Love + be loved! Always smile + be #1!!! Meka I. JMC

• Скучаю по Orientation Week! Yellow team + our lovely volunteers missing You!

• Почему у малыша в ушах сера?
• Маша Cheerleader очень крута!
• The volunteers of grey group are the best. Aikerima, Akylai, Nastya, Maral. I adore them.

• Кисюля, женись на мне :) хоть я и не беременна :D

• Столько работы... Столько работы!!! О боже! Эрлан

• Проуаева Е! You're the best!

• #оуауса чуваки вы крутые :)

• Thanks to Administration of AUCA for our great 2 weeks. Also thanks to our volunteers of grey group, especially to Nastya, Akylai, Maral, Aikerima. Without them our days wouldn't be so cool. From Tamerlan. Ехууу! :)

• Zarni and Aktilek so cool райс

• Настя Ласкинаб будь моей :)

• Желтые и черные самые самые

• Адыл, ты великолепен! Васечка.

• Б.Ш. самый горячий

• Всем добра! Кир.

• Zarni is sweet! Ahhh

• А cinema club рулит!))))

• Нурик волонтер ты лучший

• Мелис! Ты мой и только мой!

Кадырбек

• Батыр, перестань трясти тазобедренным суставом. Тоша

• Really nice AUCA

• Atai new President! :)

• Где фильм, Руиз?!

• Моя Ж! Почувствуй мою любовь :) Твой К. P.S. Знаешь, что у меня высохло? :)

• Initiation 2013! 20 year AUCA!

Will be so hot party! Waiting!!! Soon!!!

Nurik do your best.

• Хочу еще одно пати до Initiation!

• Let's kill Oleg! Oleg from black team.

• Джеенбекова Марал, Вы самый красивый волонтер, Вы такая милая, женственная и хорошая. А еще я бы не прочь стать Вашим парнем.

• Элина! Ты классная!

• А где же наш любимый ЭйТи на Атай ТВ? Йоу, Йоу, Йоууууу! Атай, реально, может хватит, а? УЗБАГОЙСЯ!



Change your life, take it all!



AUCA has partnerships with lots of universities all over the world. I applied for Hannam University as I wanted to explore the Korean culture and lifestyle. This country has a lot to offer.

The inspiration for making my mind to go to a foreign country for six months was the exchange students we had at AUCA and international volunteers who came to our country via AIESEC programs. As I was the reception coordinator of AIESEC Bishkek, I had felt those young people seeking for adventures. I saw them coming to Kyrgyzstan, adopting new culture, new people, and challenging themselves to explore totally new atmosphere. And one question came up: why wouldn't I challenge myself, too?

AUCA students regularly receive announcements about opened applications to study abroad via AUCA Mail (mail.auca.kg), but students mostly ignore them. I did the same until I realized that time is passing by me with the opportunities that AUCA offers. I started to check mail regularly, and that is how I learned about an exchange semester opportunity in Korea. My story began that day.

Application process, invitation, visa, check-out from AUCA....All those routines were exciting in a way. Also I got support from the Student intellectual life committee (SILC), which I am very thankful to.

All the international students were picked up by the university bus, and delivered to the campus. OMG! You need to know how big it was! The location and living facilities were wonderful. We had a welcoming ceremony, where all of us were officially greeted. In addition, there was a buddy system: Korean buddy for each international student for helping throughout the semester.

Korea has one of the fastest Internet connections in the world, so taking Media classes with usage of computer was a great pleasure. All the classes were in English, and most professors were from the US. If you are worrying about credits, then no worries! All my 18 credits were successfully transferred!

Academic life in Korea is very interesting, but a bit difficult. There is a strict competition between students because of the curve system – it means, even if you earned an A, you can get a B, because only 25% of the students can have an A. During the midterms and finals, students do not sleep; they take pillows and toothbrushes with pastes with them to the library and spend nights there (some prepare for exams in McDonalds – crazy, right?!) That was shock for me!

There is a strong community of students from Kyrgyzstan who study in Korea. They regularly meet and do volunteer work in hospitals. There are a lot of Kyrgyz children who come for getting serious operations without parents as it is very expensive, that is why the students help with translation and just taking care of them. I liked the organization process of this volunteer-based initiative.

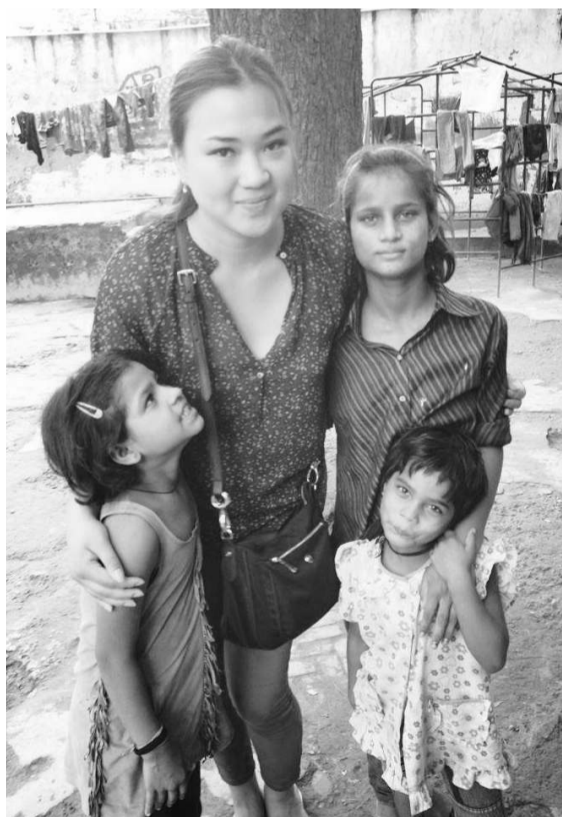


We were two exchange students from AUCA. Together we presented Kyrgyzstan on the concert of International students, and on a cultural festival organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Within the semester we had an opportunity to work on a part-time job at the university's 'Free Talking' courses.

This exchange semester has broadened my vision of life. I learnt so much new that I cannot even write in words. The most important but not the only is that I became more responsible in what I do. I understood what I want from life and what I can do for that. I realized that education is very important, and AUCA gives us world level quality education. I would like to advise all the students who read this article to be thankful for being able to have high education, study hard, and take all the chances that our university provides us with. This is starting point for shining future!

Sincerely, Asel Baidyldaeva, ES111

FOR OUR DEAR FRESHMEN STUDENTS ESPECIALLY COLORS OF INDIA



Monsoon, yoga, Ghandi, curry and spicy foods, 200% humidity level, monkeys, elephants, holy cows in the middle of highway road, festivals, spontaneous temples, Taj Mahal, basmati rice, unbelievable traffic, riksha taxi, henna paintings – all are the colors of incredible India I will always keep in my heart and my memory.

4 life changing events – FLEX program, AUCA, UNITY FUND and AIESEC, three of which are available for any of you, played a significant role in my life.

The most memorable one was the experience at my volunteering place– Khushi Rainbow School for street children. I went to India with AIESEC (you all heard of it, I am sure) internship program. I went to India with gained from FLEX experience about life abroad, work experience with orphans at Unity Fund and door to the world – AIESEC. I was a perfect combination of 4. Educating underprivileged children in various directions was the main aim of the project. Hundreds of street

children are being taken from the streets and given education and shelter every year, for hundreds of them life changes in just one moment, for most of them this event is a new start and they all know it. For 4 years Unity Fund has been combating hardship of children from Kyrgyz orphanages where bringing happiness has been our mission. In just one day, I understood that all I saw was the life of Kyrgyz orphans as I was limited to the thinking with local conditions. I have learnt that moral values and respect are the models for children and they don't allow themselves to disobey these moral beliefs. It is in their blood, in their culture, in their faith, in their philosophy. Those children know so little about life but understand so much about rules of life – another lesson learnt.

They were so grateful for everything, loved sincerely and with every hug, the warmth and the energy of love were felt so truly. I have an undying hope for them and hope soon to share with children from orphanages in

Kyrgyz Republic with all I have obtained from my experience in incredible India.

Huge thanks goes to our university for supporting our initiative and for helping us with all our undertakings. We hope to do more great things with our new members this year. Sign up to be the part of Unity Fund, to be the part of big family where the most valued things are – sincerity, integrity and strive to help the community. Sign up for other clubs as well and expand your horizons! Send us a letter to unityfund.kyrgyzstan@gmail.com and join our team of young and motivated people who share the values of community service and personal growth.

Making the world a better place in fact makes one man a better person. AUCA freshmen, take control of your lives and achieve high results. Entering AUCA is a first start!

Nadezhda Pak, BA 110

FAREWELL KISS



Кто мы: Алан Маматов и Карина Куссаинова

Вместе: 1,5 года.

Мы учимся на: ECO 109 и BA 110

Достижения в АУЦА:

Карина: USCAEF scholar, President's list award, Miss Grace AUCA Beauty Contest.

Алан: предпочитает не распространяться о своих заслугах

Мы любим АУЦА: за уникальность и иногда немножко ненавидим: за эту же уникальность

АУЦА – больше, чем просто университет.

Не секрет, что в этих стенах образовалась не одна пара. Многие из них сумели превратить свои студенческие романы в полноценные семейные отношения. Алан и Карина – отличный тому пример.

У них растет замечательная дочурка Ева-Ясмин, забота о которой не мешает юным родителям писать свои дипломные работы – в этом году Алан и Карина выпускаются из АУЦА.

Она рассказывают о том, как совмещать студенческую жизнь с семейной, почему стоит брать историю Кыргызстана, и что такое AUCA Spirit.

NS: Так как вы познакомились?
Алан: На истории Кыргызстана
Карина: В АУЦА. Но до этого три года не замечали друг друга.

NS: Помните особые даты своих отношений?

Алан: Конечно, помним!

Карина: У нас их две – день, когда мы решили быть вместе и день, когда родилась наша дочь.



NS: Пару слов о дочке! На кого она похожа?

Карина и Алан единогласно: На папу, как две капли воды!

NS: Что делает Карину особенной?

Алан: В ней хорошо сочетаются ум и красота.

Карина: Ага, при первой встрече он меня спросил: «Как тебе удастся все успевать?»

А я ему словами Харуки Мураками ответила: «ТАНЦУЙ, пока звучит музыка. Какой в этом смысл – не задумывайся. Смысла всё равно нет и никогда не будет. Но надо танцевать так

здорово, чтобы все на тебя смотрели. Так что танцуй...». Вот он, видимо, и решил, что я умная.

NS: Алан, чем ты зацепил Карину?

Карина: Лучше я расскажу. Просто он самый. Самый-самый.... Этим все сказано.

NS: Есть любимый профессор в АУЦА?

Карина: Да, Маматова Махинура Асановна. Она лучший из преподавателей, все пары я брала у неё до знакомства с Аланом и всегда ей восхищалась. А теперь вот восхищаюсь ею в качестве свекрови.

NS: Каково это, брать пары со своим мужем / своей женой?

Алан: Нам и дома друг друга достаточно, поэтому классы вместе стараемся не брать.

Карина: Он с экономики, я с бизнеса, как-то нет совпадений.

NS: Тяжело совмещать студенческую жизнь с семейной?

Алан: Немного, но мы отлично справляемся.

Карина: Ну люди как-то же



совмещают работу и учебу? Родитель – это тоже своего рода работа.

NS: Сколько времени требуется, чтобы влюбиться?

Алан и Карина: Это путь длиною в жизнь.

NS: Какой самый важный урок вы вынесли из учебы в АУЦА?

Алан и Карина: Тут можно встретить своего будущего мужа или жену! (смеются)

Это, конечно, шутка!

NS: Три принципа ваших семейных отношений - ...

Карина: Veni, vidi, vici. Шучу! Нет принципов никаких, ну или люби, учись, терпи.

Алан: Нет-нет, все-таки veni, vidi, vici.

NS: Дайте пару советов тем, кто только начинает знакомиться с АУЦА:

Карина: Здравствуйте не только с преподавателями, но и с тех. персоналом, у них очень тяжелая работа, они заслуживают уважения.

Алан: Учитесь, как Карина.

NS: Что за AUCA Spirit, о котором столько разговоров?

Алан: "You are not alone"?

Карина: Этот дух ощутим, когда ты на ориентационной неделе носишься с другими, такими же, как и ты, первокурсниками, вы поливаете друг друга водой, ты моешь памятник и прикрикиваешь: «I will kill you with the spoon!» (улыбается)

NS: По чему в АУЦА будете

скучать больше всего?

Карина: По красивому внутреннему дворику.

Алан: По «Кичинету»...

Карина: Путь к сердцу мужчины лежит все-таки через желудок!

NS: Планы на будущее?

Алан и Карина: Написать дипломку.

NS: Если хотите кого-то поблагодарить, сейчас самое время!

Карина: Спасибо USCAEF за возможность получить качественное образование!

Алан: Если кого-то не упомянем, обидится, поэтому – спасибо ВСЕМ!

Женя Цой JMC 110

