

## **APPLICATIONS FOR THE STORY COMPETITION ON YUNUS EMRE STARTED**

Applications for the short story contest titled "Living Like Yunus in the 21st Century: Tolerance, Dedication, Patience, Love" have started. All short stories to be written with the themes of "tolerance, patience, self-sacrifice and love" from Yunus Emre's teachings are accepted within the scope of the competition.

Due to the 700th anniversary of his death, 2021 has been declared as the year of commemoration of Yunus Emre by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). With the Presidential circular, it has been decided that 2021 is the Year of Yunus Emre and Turkish language.

Istanbul Gelisim University, Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Turkish Language and Literature Department organizes a short story competition, which makes students think about how to live by taking Yunus Emre as a guide during the global epidemic.

### **THEMES: RESPECT, PATIENCE AND SELF-SACRIFICE**

Short stories to be written on the themes of "tolerance, patience, self-sacrifice and love" from Yunus Emre's teachings, one of the cornerstones of Turkish language and civilization, are accepted within the scope of the competition. The competition will be open to 12th grade students of secondary education institutions who apply with their school IDs.

In the written statement made by the university, the following words were emphasized about the competition:

"We chose the short story as the literary genre. Standing out in contemporary literature, the short story requires using words economically in number and rich in meaning. Another aspect of Yunus Emre that stands out as a poet is his mastery in the art of concise speech, which is called Sehl-i mümteni, which seems easy but is difficult when trying to apply. The experience of writing short stories will be useful in understanding Yunus Emre in this context as well."

The deadline for submission of stories is September 30, and applications are made via the university's website. The winners of the competition will be rewarded with cash prizes.

## **GÖKKUŞAĞI COLLEGE GRADUATES IB STUDENTS FOR THE FIFTH TIME**

Graduating its first Turkish and foreign students group in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in 2017, Gökkuşığı College held the 5th International Baccalaureate (IB) graduation ceremony.

The graduation ceremony held at Gökkuşığı College Bahçelievler Campus started with a moment of silence and the singing of the National Anthem. The opening speech of the ceremony was made by the Chairman of the Board of Gökkuşığı College, Abdülkadir Gayretli. This year, girls ranked the first, second and third places in the school, which happened for the first time.

Abdülkadir Gayretli said, "The happiest days of families are the days when they see their children's graduation. They have graduated from the world's most prestigious high school diploma program and will be accepted into the world's prestigious universities. Thanks to the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, students who continue their education journey at universities such as King's College London, Birmingham University, Polytecnico di Torino, IFA Paris have no trouble getting admissions from universities like Manchester, King's College, Durham, KU Leuven, Kanada British Columbia, City University of London, Edinburgh, Queens, Lincoln, York, Essex."

"After the former graduates who achieved a maximum of 41 IB points, there are students who expect 43 IB points this year" said Abdülkadir Gayretli, who stated that the 5th IB graduates, consisting of 20 students, are waiting for the IB scores to be announced two weeks later, and continued:

“The International Baccalaureate (IB) program, which functions as a pre-university program, brings students to university life, learning and working skills expected at university, and the ability to conduct scientific and academic research, while educating young people with high foreign language skills. Adopting the principle of a balanced life, IB directs its students to art, music, sports and activities, while raising sensitive young people who worry about global and local problems and seek solutions through community service activities. The system, which integrates critical thinking skills into all courses, allows students to gain a broad perspective and reach a rich cultural perspective.”

### **ADVICE FOR UNIVERSITY CANDIDATES: CHOOSE THE PROFESSION THAT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY FOR LIFE**

The university exam marathon, which lasted for two days, is over. Candidates are now waiting for the YKS results to be announced on August 4. Making suggestions to the candidates for the next period, Counseling Specialist Elif Alu Gülşen stated that the departments should be started to be researched. Gülşen said, “Candidates should invest in themselves and choose the departments that are suitable for them. They should do the jobs that will make them happy for the rest of their lives.”

Stating that university promotions will be carried out online due to the coronavirus epidemic, from Istanbul Gelisim University Guidance Specialist Elif Alu Gülşen said, “Candidate students can communicate with the lecturers of the departments they are interested in during the promotional days broadcast live on the social media accounts of the universities.”

Gülşen said, “With the promotion days of the universities, information is given about the departments of the universities, foreign language opportunities, accommodation and scholarship opportunities, social, cultural, sports activities, life on campus and academics.”

**“PREFER WHAT SUITS YOU BEST”**

Stating that the candidates usually approach to this preference by asking "Which departments will be the most advantageous?", Gülşen said, "Ideas such as choosing the department that currently has job opportunities are not correct in the long run. A profession that is popular for a few years may lose its popularity after a few years. Candidates should invest in themselves and choose the departments that suit them. They should do the jobs that will make them happy for the rest of their lives."

#### **"WIDE RANGE OF CHOICES IS BETTER"**

Emphasizing that the candidates should make a wide range of choices since they have the right of 24 choices, Gülşen said, "Candidates need to evaluate the first 5 choices well when creating their preference lists. It is useful to contact universities as much as possible to get information about the possibilities of universities and to get support from experts if they do not have experience of choice."

#### **EXCAVATIONS BEGIN IN BASILICA WHERE THE BIBLE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN**

Izmir Selcuk Ephesus Ayasuluk Hill and St. Jean Monument 2021 season excavations will start on July 4.

Excavations will continue to be carried out under the chairmanship of Asst. Prof. Dr. Sinan Mimaroğlu from Hatay Mustafa Kemal University, and Fırat Baranaydın from Istanbul Gelişim University as the vice-president.

The Ayasuluk Hill and St. Jean Monument excavations that will be attended by the expert researchers from Istanbul University, Akdeniz University, Ege University, 9 Eylül University and Manisa Celal Bayar University will begin on July 4.

#### **"WE BELIEVE THAT FINDINGS WILL MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD OF ARCHEOLOGY"**

Speaking about the excavations that will begin, Fırat Baranaydın, Vice President of Excavations, said, "Another work area will be on the walls built by the Commanders of Alexander the Great. We believe that the findings to be obtained

during the season will make significant contributions to the world of archeology. Ephesus and its component, Ayasuluk Hill, are among the most important tourism destinations of our country. The excavations and restorations that will take place here will increase the attractiveness of the area and contribute to the country's economy.

The 2021 excavations will be carried out in the Basilica where the Gospel Writer St. John is believed to have written the Bible, around and inside the Hagia Sophia and the contemporary church, where St. John's grave monument is located.

### **PROJECT COOPERATION MEETING OF IBB AND IGU**

A project cooperation meeting was held by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IBB) and Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU). It was shared that the projects are about energy saving, water saving, children's playgrounds, encouragement of young people to sports, irrigation systems, homeless and disabled people.

Istanbul Gelisim University Deputy of Foreign Relations Coordinator, Asst. Prof. Dr. Fırat Demirkol, from Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (FEA) Civil Engineering (English), Asst. Prof. Dr. Burak Toydemir and Dean of Students Lect. İbrahim Halil Yaşar and Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IBB) European Union Relations Manager Dr. Ali Doğanay and Deputy Director Egemen Gökgöz came together for international project collaborations. During the meeting held at the university, opinions were shared on EU project applications and future planning that IBB and IGU will carry out together.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATIONS ARE VITAL**

Emphasizing the importance of university and local government collaborations, Asst. Prof. Dr. Fırat Demirkol said, "While the scientific and theoretical infrastructures of the projects are being created at universities, local government cooperation is very important in terms of application area. Collaborating with IBB which is one of the most important stakeholders of Istanbul, one of the largest metropolises in the world, has very beneficial results for the society and the itself. In line with the vision of our university, we act to improve our cooperation with all our stakeholders at the point of service to the society."

## **IGU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY HAS BECOME A MEMBER OF ADEE**

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Dentistry has become a member of ADEE (Association for Dental Education in Europe), which was established to determine and raise the standards of dental education in line with its internationalization policy objectives.

In the statement made by the university, it was informed that they provide international quality by fulfilling the conditions recommended by the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) and applied in European Union (EU) countries. With the membership, IGU Faculty of Dentistry has taken its place among the few members in Turkey.

### **“WE HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP”**

Speaking about the success achieved, Istanbul Gelisim University Deputy Rector Prof. Dr. Nail Öztaş said, “International memberships and accreditations are among the fundamental values on which Istanbul Gelisim University's internationalization policy is based. With the ADEE membership of the Faculty of Dentistry, we have taken another important step in establishing strong bilateral relations in Europe, coordinating international quality assurance and applying high education standards.”

