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Dear Young People,

Istanbul Gelişim Vocational School, which started its education life in 2008, started to publish a monthly E-Bulletin as of 2021. We are very happy to bring you the May issue of our e-bulletin and to share with you the developments in our Vocational School. I believe you will enjoy reading our bulletin and I present my greetings and respect with the hope of meeting you in a new issue.

You can follow all the developments in our Vocational School on our social media channels.

Director of IGVS
Assoc. Prof. Mehmet SOYAL



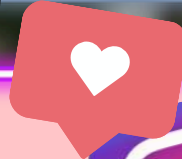
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Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day - May 19

May 19, the day that marks the beginning of Türkiye's War of Independence and was dedicated to the youth by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, symbolizes hope, determination, and confidence in the future. With our belief that young generations empowered through science, culture, and sports will lead our country toward a brighter tomorrow, we proudly celebrate the Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day.

**"All my hope is in youth."
Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**



Eid al-Adha Mubarak

As Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, we extend our warmest wishes to all our academic and administrative staff, students, and their families on the occasion of Eid al-Adha. May this blessed holiday bring health, happiness, peace, and prosperity, and strengthen the values of sharing, solidarity, and unity.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Eid al-Adha.



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LEADERSHIP

ACADEMICIANS FROM IGU ARE ON THE "BEST SCIENTISTS" LIST OF THE WORLD AND COUNTRIES!

Research.com, one of the world's leading research and academia portals, has announced the list of the "Best Scientists" of the world and countries. Istanbul Gelisim University academics were shown among the best scientists in Turkey and the world with their degrees in "Engineering and Technology", "Economy and Finance" and "Neuroscience".

Great success in the fields of "Engineering and Technology", "Economics and Finance" and "Neuroscience"!

Istanbul Gelisim University, which is modern, developing, producing and advancing with an understanding of quality education, stands out with its science, technology and R&D studies. According to the list created on the basis of the D-index created for the purpose of measuring, evaluating and monitoring the performance of scientists in terms of scientific productivity. 3 academicians from Istanbul Gelisim University were included in the list of "Best Scientists" with their successful work.

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin ranked 17th among 47 scientists from Turkey and 4020th in the world in the field of Engineering and Technology.

Prof. Dr. Kemal Sıtkı Türker from IGU Faculty of Dentistry achieved an important success by being 4th among 6 scientists from Turkey and 5870th in the world.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Festus Victor from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences of IGU was the only scientist from Turkey to be ranked in the field of Economics and Finance, and he was ranked 1183 in the world.



IGU Maintains Its Success in the 2026 Times Higher Education World University Rankings

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has achieved another significant success in the 2026 World University Rankings announced by the international higher education ranking organization Times Higher Education (THE). According to the 2026 results, IGU maintained its position in the 1001–1200 band worldwide, ranking 9th among foundation universities, 16th in Türkiye overall, and 2nd in Turkey in the Research Quality category. In the international visibility category, IGU ranked 6th, right after Bogazici University, strengthening Turkey's position in global higher education with its research strength and international impact capacity.

IGU Stood Out with Its Research Strength in THE 2026 Rankings



The infographic features the Istanbul Gelisim University logo and the THE World University Rankings 2026 logo. It highlights the following achievements:

- 2026 THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS ANNOUNCED!**
- IGU is ranked in the **1001–1200 band** in the global rankings
- 9th AMONG FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES**
- 16th in Türkiye**
- 2nd in Türkiye in Research Quality**

This year, the Times Higher Education 2026 World University Rankings evaluated 2,191 universities from 115 countries, including 137 universities from Türkiye.

In line with its vision of becoming a "Research University," Istanbul Gelisim University has achieved a lasting momentum globally in recent years through investments in research infrastructure, qualified human resources, and international projects. This determined progress was once again confirmed by the university's stable position in the 1001–1200 band.

According to THE 2026 results, IGU ranked 16th overall in Türkiye, 9th among foundation universities, and 2nd in the Research Quality category. In the international visibility category, IGU ranked 6th, just after Bogazici University. These results once again highlight IGU's strengthening position not only at the national level but also in the global higher education arena.



"We Do Not Compromise on Our Goal of Academic Excellence"

IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin made the following statement regarding the THE 2026 results:

"Maintaining our place in the 1001–1200 band in the Times Higher Education 2026 World University Rankings, ranking 9th among foundation universities, 16th overall in Türkiye, and 2nd in Research Quality, is a reflection of our strong academic structure based on scientific output. This success is the result of our sustainable research policies, internationalization strategies, and the collective efforts of our qualified academic staff. As Istanbul Gelisim University, we not only take part in the field of higher education but also contribute to global science by producing high-impact scientific outputs with strong research quality.

Our goal is to further increase our research capacity, move beyond this band, and strengthen Turkey's global representation in world university rankings. With the dedicated efforts of our academic staff, the scientific curiosity of our students, and the support of our stakeholders, we are moving confidently toward this goal. I thank all our academics, administrative staff, and students who contributed to this achievement."

Research Power Rising with a Global Vision

Istanbul Gelisim University does not limit its research ecosystem to scientific production alone; it supports it with industry collaborations, innovative projects, and global funding sources to increase Türkiye's international visibility and expand its scientific impact.

IGU Ranked in the 401-500 Band in THE Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has achieved a significant success by placing in the 401–500 band in the Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026, prepared by Times Higher Education (THE) in collaboration with the Schmidt Science Fellows. In the 2026 results announced for the field of Interdisciplinary Science, 911 universities from 94 countries were evaluated, and 82 universities from Türkiye succeeded in entering the list. Istanbul Gelisim University, evaluated for the first time this year, attracted global attention with its performance in interdisciplinary research output, publication quality, scientific impact, and international collaborations.

IGU's THE Success Trend Continues to Rise

The ranking in the 401–500 band in the field of Interdisciplinary Science is a new indicator of Istanbul Gelisim University's steady upward trend in THE rankings.

In the previously announced THE World University Rankings 2026 results, IGU was placed in the 1001–1200 band, drawing attention in international evaluation systems with improvements particularly in research quality, publication impact, and international collaborations.

The newly released Interdisciplinary Science results show that the university continues its momentum in scientific production and that its research policies are being recognized globally.

With the Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026, IGU has now become a higher education institution listed in all rankings published by THE. This outcome demonstrates that the university's research-oriented vision, academic production capacity, and internationalization strategy are acknowledged on a global scale.



“This Achievement Is a Concrete Result of Our Scientific Productivity”

IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin shared the following remarks regarding the achievement:

“Being ranked in the 401–500 band in the Times Higher Education Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026 is a concrete result of our university's scientific productivity and its commitment to an interdisciplinary approach. Being included in the list in this field for the first time shows that we are on the right path within the global academic competition. Every step we take to strengthen our research ecosystem is a strategic gain that enhances our international visibility.

As Istanbul Gelisim University, we advance with a holistic vision that increases our research capacity, strengthens international collaborations, and supports interdisciplinary knowledge production. This approach, which prioritizes scientific efficiency, research quality, and innovative practices, forms the foundation of achieving sustainable academic success on a global scale. I wholeheartedly congratulate our entire academic staff who contributed to this success.”

"We are increasing our competitiveness on a global scale"

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin stated the followings about the achievements of THE World Universities Ranking and THE World Universities Field Ranking: "With our university ranking overall, it is a great source of pride for us to be included in the rankings in the fields of Business and Economics and Social Sciences for the first time this year. This achievement once again reveals our university's research capacity, quality of education and vision of internationalization. Our place in the 501-600 band, which is obtained especially in the Social Sciences category, embodies our goal of increasing the academic power of our university in the field of social sciences and its competitiveness on a global scale. As Istanbul Gelisim University, we will continue to maintain our understanding of excellence in education and research."



"It is a significant indicator that we are on the way to achieving our internationalization goals"

Istanbul Gelisim University's Vice Rector for Quality, Accreditation and Internationalization Prof. Arda Öztürkcan, on the other hand, said the following about THE success rankings:

"It is a pleasure for our university to enter the general ranking in THE World Universities Ranking and then to take part in THE World Universities Field Ranking on top of our success in THE Awards Asia 2025. This success is an important indicator that we are on the way to achieving our quality and internationalization goals in our education and research activities."

The grades obtained by Istanbul Gelisim University in THE rankings proved once again that the university has a competitive structure on a global scale and that it attaches importance to quality standards in the education it offers to its students. The university is determined to continue its work uninterruptedly to continue these achievements in the future.

Istanbul Gelisim University received YÖKAK Corporate Accreditation for 5 years!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) was fully accredited for 5 years as a result of the institutional accreditation evaluation carried out by the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK). After the detailed audit process in December, IGU was entitled to receive accreditation at the highest level with the high standards it has shown in the fields of education, research and development, management system and community service.



**Yükseköğretim
Kalite Kurulu**

**İstanbul Gelişim Üniversitesi,
YÖKAK tarafından
5 yıl süreyle tam akredite edildi!**

Üniversitemiz, eğitim-öğretim, araştırma, yönetim ve topluma hizmet alanlarındaki kalite standartlarını sağlayarak, Yükseköğretim Kalite Kurulu (YÖKAK) tarafından **5 yıl süreyle "Kurumsal Akreditasyon Belgesi" almaya hak kazandı.**

Institutional accreditation is an important process that evaluates whether universities meet the quality standards set in the fields of education, research, management and community service. This rigorous evaluation process carried out by YÖKAK aims to increase the competitiveness of higher education institutions on a national and international scale and to ensure that they establish a transparent and sustainable quality assurance system. Universities that are entitled to receive institutional accreditation prove that they successfully manage quality processes, adopt sustainable development in education and effectively fulfill their mission of adding value to society. Istanbul Gelisim University successfully completed this important process and made its name among the few universities in Türkiye that received full accreditation.

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HISTORY

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School started education in 2008 with 9 programs and became a school that forms the core of Istanbul Gelisim University. It has shown rapid development since its establishment; it has reached 19 departments, 37 programs and 10,630 students. Evening education is provided in 21 of 37 programs.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School continues its educational activities with its experienced and strong academic staff. In addition to the permanent instructors, by employing the leading names of the sector part-time, the students are given the opportunity to learn their practical experience in business life.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, which has moved to its new campus as of the Fall Term of the 2017-2018 Academic Year, has a total of 22 workshops, including Aircraft Maintenance Workshops, Mock-Up, Kitchen, Electric, Construction, Automotive, Serigraphy, Ceramics and Fashion workshops, in its new campus so that students can apply their theoretical education practically. Besides it offers a field of application with 7 Computer Labs, one of which is MAC.

Our School's Aircraft Technology Program has the Recognized School Approval Certificate from the General Directorate of Civil Aviation (SHGM) as well as the Flight Operations Specialist Training (Dispatcher) Authorization Certificate from the DGCA. Apart from our two programs authorized by DGCA, the licensing processes for the Approved Cabin Crew Basic Training Organization Certificate for Civil Aviation Cabin Services Turkish and English Programs and the Approved Ground Handling Training Organization Certificate for Civil Air Transport Management Turkish and English Programs are continuing at the DGCA.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School students can benefit from the educational and social activity opportunities available in all campuses of our university without interruption.

OUR MISSION

To equip our students in all the programs with innovations in their fields, to keep them informed of current developments, to keep this process alive with scientific activities, and to support the scientific studies of lecturers. To be the solution for the need of qualified intermediate staff with the qualifications required by the sector, to have assimilated the latest technological developments, to have developed a practical side.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to be one of the world's leading vocational schools with qualified academic staff and all the programs recognized by international institutions and organizations, and to train students who are demanded by the market and who are all employed after graduation.



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GELISIM MESLEK YUKSEKOKULU

EDUCATION



NEWS FROM IGVS

At the Sports Industry Forum ISTANBUL event held at Istanbul Gelisim University on April 28, 2026, our Banking and Insurance Program students were on stage!



Our students, who took responsibility in many different areas from organization to guest hosting, from technical support to field management, did an amazing job. We would like to thank all our students who ensured the event ran flawlessly with their team spirit, crisis management skills, and endless energy. We are proud of you!

NEW ERASMUS+ COLLABORATION AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School has added a new one to its strategic partnerships in Europe in line with its internationalization vision. We have expanded our Erasmus+ network with Politechnika Częstochowska, located in the city of Częstochowa, Poland.

As a result of the work carried out by Lect. İpek Ebru KARAÇAY, Erasmus Coordinator of the Computer-Aided Design and Animation Program, a new Erasmus+ agreement covering the field of Information and Communication Technologies has been signed with the institution based in Częstochowa.

Thanks to this strategic partnership, our students and academic staff in the relevant program will be able to participate in mobility activities in Częstochowa, one of Poland's important technology and education centers.



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UDİO-K
Uluslararası
Değişim ve İş Birliği
Koordinatörlüğü

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School hosted academics and students from Nyíregyháza University in Hungary.

Dr Evelina Balla, Dr Erzsébet Bárány, and Dr Viktória Stefuca from Nyíregyháza University in Hungary visited our university as part of the staff training mobility program under the Pannónia Scholarship Program. A meeting was held with the visiting academics and students, attended by the Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School Director, Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Soyal, Deputy Director, Lect. Bilge Yılmaz, and Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School Erasmus Unit Coordinator Asst. Prof. Sevda Polat. During the meeting, information was shared about the general structure, introduction, and educational processes of both universities.



As part of the program, the visiting academics and students had the opportunity to meet with students and Lect. Tuğrul Güngör from the Applied English Translation Program of the Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures.



This meeting fostered fruitful dialogues between our students and the visiting academics. Visiting academics also participated in Russian language classes, sharing comprehensive information about Hungary and their own universities. Their presentations and interactive dialogues fostered a productive exchange of knowledge with the students. Such intercultural interactions significantly contribute to increasing our students' interest in language learning and strengthening their motivation.



The event titled "Career and Current Practices in Payroll Services" organized by the Human Resources Management Program at IGVS, was held on May 13, 2026, at the Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall.

Moderated by Lect. Duygu Hoban, the event brought together professionals from Datassist Payroll Services and our students. Emine Özkan, Assistant Payroll Operations Group Manager, and Pınar Kömür Yıldız, Training and Legislation Specialist, shared their expertise and industry experience regarding career paths in payroll services, current payroll practices, the impact of technological advancements on payroll processes, and the interrelation between human resources, legislation, and payroll systems.

The event, which drew intense student interest, continued with a productive question-and-answer session and concluded with a plaque presentation ceremony.



Civil Aviation Students Explored General Aviation Through a Paragliding Experience

An in-class event titled “Paragliding in General Aviation: Real Experience” was organized within the scope of the Civil Aviation Transportation Management (English) Program at İstanbul Gelisim Vocational School by Assist. Prof. Dr. Demet Özcan Biçici. The event, held as part of the Vocational English II course, hosted Ms. Rojda Yıldız, D Category Paragliding Instructor Pilot, as the guest speaker.



During the event, students were provided with general information about paragliding, which is considered one of the sportive aviation activities within the scope of General Aviation. The stages of paragliding training and certification processes, flight safety, meteorological conditions, and important considerations during flight operations were shared with the participants. In addition, the challenges that may be encountered during paragliding activities, decision-making processes, and the personal gains provided by this experience were explained through real-life experiences.

The event aimed to raise awareness about different fields of aviation beyond commercial aviation activities. Through real field experiences, students had the opportunity not only to improve their aviation terminology but also to gain closer insight into the operational structure of general aviation activities.

The event attracted significant interest with the participation of the academics of the Civil Aviation Transportation Management (English) Program, guest academics, and students from different aviation programs.

We would like to thank Ms. Rojda Yıldız for her valuable contributions and insightful sharing during the event.



Training Program on Disaster Logistics and Warehouse Management Processes Organized at IGU Within the Scope of the UNIDES Project

A comprehensive training program was carried out within the scope of the project titled "Disaster Logistics Field Preparation: Warehouse Setup and Distribution Processes Training with Youth," conducted by the IGU Supply Chain Club operating under Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School and supported within the scope of the Ministry of Youth and Sports UNIDES Program.

During the event held at the G Block Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall, critical topics such as disaster logistics, warehouse setup processes, coordination of relief supplies, distribution planning, and field organization were discussed. Throughout the training, students were provided with both theoretical and practice-oriented information regarding how logistics processes are managed during disaster periods, how coordination is ensured in crisis situations, and how relief operations are carried out effectively.



Lect. Emine ÖZTÜRK KOÇALI, who participated in the event as a speaker, emphasized the importance of warehouse management and supply chain coordination in disaster logistics and highlighted that rapid decision-making and proper planning play a vital role during disasters. Lect. Vefa Sümeyye KORKMAZ made evaluations regarding the strategic contributions of air logistics processes to disaster management. In the presentation delivered by Dr. Kaan KOÇALI, topics such as occupational health and safety practices in disaster processes, field safety, risk management, and emergency organization were discussed.



The project was coordinated by Hatice FIÇICI, a student of the Logistics Program at Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, and the event aimed to increase students' awareness regarding disaster management processes and help them gain field-based practical skills.

Through the training program, it was aimed not only to provide students with theoretical knowledge, but also to raise awareness about effective coordination, logistics planning, and safe working culture during disaster periods. The event, carried out through university-student club cooperation, made a significant contribution to the active participation of young people in practical training processes related to disaster management.

IGU Students Observed Logistics and Port Operations On-Site at Kumport Port

Within the scope of the project titled “Disaster Logistics Field Preparation: Warehouse Setup and Distribution Processes Training with Youth,” conducted by the IGU Supply Chain Club operating under Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School and supported within the framework of the Ministry of Youth and Sports UNIDES Program, a technical visit was organized to Kumport Port Services and Logistics Industry and Trade Inc.

During the event organized under the title “Port Operations and Supply Chain Processes: Kumport Technical Visit,” students had the opportunity to observe port management, container operations, cargo handling processes, field coordination, and supply chain management practices on-site. Throughout the technical visit, participants were provided with comprehensive information regarding operational flow within the port, terminal management processes, equipment usage, safety practices, and logistics planning mechanisms.



The poster features the logos of the Ministry of Youth and Sports (UNIDES) and Istanbul Gelisim University. The text in Turkish reads: 'BU PROJE, GENÇLİK VE SPOR BAKANLIĞI TARAFINDAN DESTEKLENMEKTEDİR.' (This project is supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports). Below this, it says 'İSTANBUL GELİŞİM ÜNİVERSİTESİ' (Istanbul Gelisim University). The main title of the event is 'Afet Lojistiği Saha Hazırlığı: Gençlerle Depo Kurulumu ve Dağıtım Süreçleri Eğitimi' (Disaster Logistics Field Preparation: Warehouse Setup and Distribution Processes Training with Youth). The specific event title is 'Liman Operasyonları ve Tedarik Zinciri Süreçleri: Kumport Teknik Gezisi' (Port Operations and Supply Chain Processes: Kumport Technical Visit). The date and time are '16 NİSAN PERŞEMBE 09:00-13:00'. The location is 'KUMPORT LİMAN HİZMETLERİ VE LOJİSTİK SAN. VE TİC. A.Ş. - MARMARA MAH. LİMANCAD. BEYLİKDÜZÜ'. The poster also includes the 'KUMPORT Senirle' logo and a small red icon of a book. At the bottom, there are social media handles: 'gelisim.edu.tr', '@gelisimedu', and '@igugelisim'.

Within the scope of the event, students gained the opportunity to evaluate through field observations the strategic role of maritime transportation within the supply chain, the importance of ports in national and international trade, and the critical functions of port infrastructures in terms of logistics sustainability during disaster periods. In addition, information was provided on occupational health and safety practices in operational processes, field safety measures, and coordination mechanisms during crisis situations.



Through the technical visit, it was aimed for students to reinforce their theoretical knowledge with sectoral practices, closely examine current processes in the field of port logistics, and gain awareness regarding disaster-oriented logistics management. The event, carried out within the scope of university–industry cooperation, contributed to the professional development of students while also strengthening their practical learning experiences.



IGU Students Observed Disaster Management Processes On-Site at the IMM Logistics Support Center

Within the scope of the project titled “Disaster Logistics Field Preparation: Warehouse Setup and Distribution Processes Training with Youth,” conducted by the IGU Supply Chain Club operating under Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School and supported within the framework of the Ministry of Youth and Sports UNIDES Program, a technical visit was organized to the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Logistics Support Center.

During the technical visit organized under the title “Logistics Support Practices in Disaster and Emergency Management,” students had the opportunity to gain comprehensive information about logistics coordination activities carried out during disaster and emergency processes, storage of relief materials, shipment planning, vehicle management, and operational support processes during crisis situations.



The poster features the logos of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, UNIDES, and Istanbul Gelisim University. It states that the project is supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports. The poster is titled “AFET VE ACIL DURUM YÖNETİMİNDE LOJİSTİK DESTEK UYGULAMALARI: İstanbul Büyükşehir Belediyesi Lojistik Destek Merkezi Teknik Gezisi (UNIDES Projesi)”. It lists the speaker as Öğr. Gör. Emine ÖZTÜRK KOÇALI and provides the date and time as 17 NİSAN CUMA 09:00-13:00 at the İBB LOJİSTİK DESTEK MERKEZİ. It also mentions the support services of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and includes social media handles for the school.



Within the scope of the event, students examined on-site the disaster preparedness capacity, logistics support infrastructure, and field coordination mechanisms of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and observed the critical role of public institutions in disaster management. During the technical visit, practices related to rapid response during disaster periods, resource management, distribution organization, and ensuring operational continuity were evaluated in detail.



Lect. Emine ÖZTÜRK KOÇALI, who participated in the event as a speaker, emphasized that disaster logistics is not limited to the transportation of materials alone, but also includes multidimensional processes such as planning, coordination, human resource management, and time management. Students were especially informed about the importance of effective logistics management in crisis situations for public safety.

Through the technical visit, it was aimed for students to reinforce their theoretical knowledge regarding disaster management processes through practical examples, closely examine the logistics organizational structures of public institutions, and gain awareness about disaster-oriented logistics systems. The event, carried out within the scope of university-public sector cooperation, made a significant contribution to students' professional development and practical learning experiences.

A SYMBOLIC BEGINNING FOR FUTURE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY EXPERTS: THE II. HARD HAT CEREMONY

The "A Symbolic Beginning for Future Occupational Health and Safety Experts: The II. Hard Hat Ceremony," organized by the Occupational Health and Safety Program at Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, drew strong participation. The event took place at the Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall in G Block, at Istanbul Gelisim University, drawing a large number of students from the Occupational Health and Safety Program and various other programs within the Vocational School.

The event was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Kaan Koçali, the Head of the Occupational Health and Safety Program. Delivering the opening remarks, Dr. Koçali drew attention to the critical role of the occupational health and safety profession in working life, the societal importance of a safe working culture, and the future responsibilities of the students. Emphasizing professional belonging, ethical responsibility, and fieldwork awareness, Koçali stated that students must graduate equipped not only with technical knowledge but also with a strong understanding of safety culture. Dr. Koçali coordinated the ceremony throughout the program, inviting students to the stage for the hard hat presentation.



The event was also attended by program faculty members Lect. Şehmus Turan, Lect. Vefa Sümeyye Korkmaz, and Lect. Emine Öztürk Koçali. Fellow program academics Lect. Efe Erin and Lect. Türker Yapan also joined the students, highlighting that the IGU OHS Program is a family that will continue to support its students throughout their professional lives.

Symbolizing the first step into their professional identity, the hard hat ceremony was organized to increase students' awareness of the occupational health and safety field, strengthen their sense of professional belonging, and emphasize the importance of a safe working culture. Within the scope of the program, students were informed about the strategic importance of safety expertise in professional life, the role of safety awareness in a sustainable workplace, upcoming duties and responsibilities in the field, and professional ethical values.

During the ceremony, speakers emphasized that occupational health and safety comprises more than regulations and technical applications; it carries a significant professional responsibility to protect human life, make work environments safer, and develop a societal safety culture. It was noted that, as future safety professionals across various sectors, students must develop into individuals who can anticipate risks, implement preventive measures, and foster a safe working culture in the field.

During the hard hat ceremony, one of the most meaningful segments of the program, students made a symbolic start to their professional journey. It was noted that in the field of occupational health and safety, the hard hat is not merely personal protective equipment (PPE) but a powerful symbol of responsibility, awareness, professional identity, and a safe working culture. The students were highly excited throughout the ceremony, gaining an important experience that boosted their professional motivation.

The event also featured a plaque presentation to the top three students with the highest academic standing from both the daytime and evening education options of the Occupational Health and Safety Program. Rewarding successful students added a distinct meaning to the ceremony by making academic effort visible and supporting student motivation.

With strong participation and high student interest, the event made a significant contribution to spreading the culture of occupational health and safety within the Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School. The program was evaluated as an essential gathering that supports not only the academic development of the students but also the formation of their professional identities, their sense of responsibility, and their conscious preparation for the industry.

Through such organizations, the Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School Occupational Health and Safety Program continues to support the professional development of its students, strengthen the safe working culture, and train the safety experts of the future as highly equipped individuals.

Katmer Workshop at IGU!

The “From Tradition to the Future: Katmer Workshop,” organized for the students of the Culinary Arts, Pastry and Bakery Programs at Istanbul Gelisim University, was conducted within the scope of the Regional Dessert Production Techniques course under the coordination of Lect. B sra Saęlam.



During the workshop, where the production processes of katmer, one of the important flavors of traditional Turkish cuisine, were addressed practically, participants were informed about the history and cultural significance of katmer. Throughout the event, correct dough kneading and resting techniques, methods for rolling thin dough, folding stages, and the preparation of traditional fillings were demonstrated in detail through hands-on practice. In addition, emphasis was placed on proper cooking techniques and aesthetic presentation suggestions.

Chef Engin Küçük, one of the university's graduates and an experienced professional in the sector, attended the workshop as a guest chef. Within the scope of the event, the effects of the proper use of basic ingredients such as flour, water, and salt on dough structure, the key techniques of hand-rolling dough, and traditional production methods were shared with the students.



At the end of the practical training process, the prepared products were tasted, and students gained important achievements both in terms of technical knowledge and sectoral experience sharing. The event concluded with a question-and-answer and evaluation session.

We congratulate our student for their contributions and wish them continued success in their professional development journey.

Sourdough Bread Making Workshop

The “Sourdough Bread Making Workshop” event, organized by Lect. Zeynep Kurhan, was held with the aim of developing practical professional skills in the field of gastronomy. Chef Murat Yıldırım, who works at Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul, participated in the event as a guest instructor, sharing his theoretical knowledge and practical experience in sourdough bread production with the students.

During the workshop, dough science, the fermentation process, and production planning, which form the basis of sourdough bread production, were addressed with a holistic approach. At the beginning of the program, Chef Murat Yıldırım provided detailed information on the structure of sourdough and the natural fermentation process. Students were informed, at an academic level, about the microbiological development of sourdough and its effects on flavor formation.

In the practical phase, dough preparation was performed first. The correct balancing of flour, water, salt, and sourdough ratios, the control of dough temperature, and the importance of the autolyze process were detailed. Subsequently, technical concepts such as gluten structure development, elasticity, and dough resistance during kneading were demonstrated practically.



During the folding techniques stage, structural strengthening of the dough, increasing its gas retention capacity, and balancing the fermentation process were conveyed to the students through hands-on practice. In this phase, emphasis was placed on proper planning of time intervals and on the effects of environmental conditions, including temperature, humidity, and resting time, on dough quality.

During the primary and secondary fermentation processes, students observed the increase in volume, flavor development, and maturation of the gluten structure in the dough. The shaping stage focused on different bread forms, practically demonstrating dough tensioning techniques and the impact of surface tension on product quality.



At the end of the event, the produced sourdough loaves were presented for the sensory evaluation of the students, who assessed them based on criteria of appearance, crust structure, crumb texture, aroma, and flavor. This process created an interactive learning environment aimed at developing both the technical knowledge and sensory analysis skills of the students.

The workshop concluded productively in terms of developing the students' professional application skills, allowing them to observe industrial production processes firsthand, and raising awareness regarding professional kitchen discipline. The program ended with Lect. Zeynep Kurhan presenting a plaque to Chef Murat Yıldırım in appreciation of his contributions.

Career in the Technology World: The Changing Role of HR and the Impact of Artificial Intelligence

The event titled “Career in the Technology World: The Changing Role of HR and the Impact of Artificial Intelligence,” organized by the Human Resources Management Program of Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, was held with strong participation on May 5, 2026, at the Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall.

The event, moderated by Asst. Prof. Hülya ATEŞOĞLU, featured Eray SEVİNÇ, Founding Partner and R&D Manager of “Daimia Bilişim ve Mühendislik”, as the guest speaker. Within the scope of the event, comprehensive evaluations were made regarding the effects of artificial intelligence on the business world, digitalization in human resources processes, changing practices in recruitment and talent management, and the career competencies of the future.



During the program, which attracted great interest from students, participants had the opportunity to gain information about current developments in the fields of technology and human resources, while also being able to directly ask the expert questions related to sectoral experiences.

The event concluded with a plaque presentation following the question-and-answer session.

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Asst. Prof. Demet ÖZCAN BİÇİCİ and Lect. Duygu HOBAN, academics from Istanbul Gelisim University, IGVS, presented their paper titled "The Effects of Artificial Intelligence Applications on Employees: An Exploratory Study on Organizational Readiness, Usage, and Employee Demand" at the Inonu University International Social Sciences Congress, organized by Inonu University with the theme of artificial intelligence, on May 8, 2026.



Double International Success from Our University: Asst. Prof. Duygu Çelik Accepted into Second COST Project!

Asst. Prof. Duygu Çelik, a faculty member of our Finance, Banking, and Insurance Department, has achieved significant success by being accepted as a "Researcher" into the international project CA22124 – "EU Circular Economy Network for All: Consumer Protection through reducing, reusing, repairing (ECO4ALL)" that is supported by the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST).

The ECO4ALL project focuses on the "Circular Economy" model, which aims to reduce resource consumption, promote reuse, and expand the culture of repair for a sustainable future. Contributing to the project with her expertise in macroeconomics, Dr. Çelik will serve in "WG2: Quantitative Analysis for Consumer Protection through Circular Economy."

In this role, Asst. Prof. Duygu Çelik will lead international scientific studies analyzing the macroeconomic dynamics of circular-economy policies, the economic implications of consumer behavior, and the efficiency of sustainability practices using econometric and quantitative methods.

We congratulate Asst. Prof. Duygu Çelik for making our university proud with these prestigious international roles, and wish her continued success in her scientific endeavors.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FROM OUR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM STUDENT

Melda TEZCAN, a student of the Occupational Health and Safety Program, delivered an oral presentation at the VII National Occupational Health and Safety Student Congress with the paper titled "Management of Human Error in High-Security Industries: An Evaluation Through Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Facilities," supervised by Dr. Kaan KOÇALI.

In the study presented at the congress, where current approaches, human-centered practices, and social policy perspectives in the field of occupational health and safety were discussed, the management of human error in industries requiring high levels of safety was evaluated from an occupational health and safety perspective, while pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities were examined as a sample sector. The paper emphasized that human error should not only be considered an individual problem, but also as a systemic factor directly related to the working environment, organizational structure, level of education, communication processes, ergonomic conditions, and safety culture.



Within the scope of the study, critical processes prone to human error, such as raw material management, dosage processes, production line operations, clean room applications, quality control processes, documentation activities, maintenance and repair operations, and chemical safety practices, were discussed in detail. In addition, the effects of preventive and human-centered practices such as training activities, procedure standardization, employee participation, open communication mechanisms, a non-punitive reporting culture, leadership support, and psychosocial risk management on sustainable safety performance were evaluated.



We congratulate our student Melda TEZCAN and our advisor Dr. Kaan KOÇALI, who successfully represented our university through their academic work, and wish continued success and increasing contribution to scientific production.

The 1st Graduate Academic Studies Congress, organized by the Istanbul Gelisim University Graduate Education Institute on May 4–5, 2026, brought together researchers from different disciplines and made significant contributions to academic knowledge sharing and scientific production. Aiming to increase the visibility of scientific studies conducted at the graduate level, the congress addressed current academic topics through multifaceted perspectives.

Within the scope of the congress, Lect. Emine Öztürk Koçali delivered an oral presentation titled “A Conceptual Map of Sustainability-Oriented Transformation in Supply Chains: An Evaluation along the Axis of Risk, Resilience, and Digitalization”. The presentation evaluated the transformation of the sustainability approach within supply chain processes, the impact of digitalization on operational structures, the management of global risks, and the strategic importance of the resilience concept from an academic perspective. Evaluations conducted within the framework of global crises, disasters, supply disruptions, and technological transformations experienced in recent years were followed with great interest by the participants.



The presentation delivered at the congress, which contributed to strengthening the scientific exchange environment, demonstrated the importance of an interdisciplinary approach in the field of sustainable supply chain management, while also contributing to the development of academic studies conducted along the axis of logistics, risk management, and digital transformation.

As Istanbul Gelisim University, we congratulate Lect. Emine Öztürk Koçali, who adds value to academia with her scientific work, and wish her continued and increasing academic success in her scientific endeavors.

SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION



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Lect. PhD. Ali GÜRCAN
Machinery

Contribution of the Machinery Program to Academic and Institutional Activities in May

The Machinery Program of Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School contributed to academic and institutional activities by taking part in events held in May. Within this scope, Lect. PhD Ali GÜRCAN participated on behalf of our program.

On May 7, 2026, the Machinery Program was introduced during the promotional event organized within the scope of the visit of students from Güngören Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School to our university. During the event, students were informed about the educational content of the program, application areas, professional competencies, and post-graduation career opportunities. The aim was to enable students to become more familiar with our university and the Machinery Program, increase their professional awareness, and contribute to their preference process



On Friday, May 8, 2026, at 11:00, a “Certificate of Appreciation Presentation Ceremony” was held at the G Block Aziz Sancar Conference Hall. The ceremony was organized to present certificates of appreciation to the academic and administrative staff who contributed to the Sport Industry Forum Istanbul 2026 organization, which was hosted by Istanbul Gelisim University and organized by Turkish Meetups on April 28, 2026.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Lect. Dr. Ali GÜRCAN, who took part in the organization, by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet SOYAL, Director of IGVS.



The Machinery Program continues to contribute to promotional activities for prospective students and to the institutional activities of our university.

Lect. Hasan Ilker Çeliker
Aircraft Technology

Aircraft Technology Program 2025-2026 Spring Semester Activities

As the Aircraft Technology Program at Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, we feel bittersweet as we leave another academic year behind, while also proud and excited to graduate our students. As a program, we had the opportunity to carry out numerous activities during the 2025-2026 Spring semester.

We visited the hangar of Turkish Technic Inc., the leading company in the aviation sector and our flag-carrier pride, at the Sabiha Gökçen Airport campus, allowing our students to observe the environment where they will work in the industry. Alongside the practical training they receive at school, our students had the opportunity to observe Aircraft Maintenance Technicians at work in a hangar environment and conduct on-site observations.



Our students received detailed information about the operations from the respective technicians. In an industry with various departments such as line maintenance, avionics, and engines, technicians train themselves specifically for these relevant fields. The practical skills of our students, who receive certified licensing training approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (SHGM), are enhanced through theoretical module courses as well as practical task training. To meet the personnel criteria required by the aircraft maintenance and repair sector, our students primarily improve their language proficiency, which is an indispensable requirement of the industry, and certify their language levels through the Maintenance Personnel Foreign Language Exam conducted by SHGM. Our students who successfully pass the module exams, applied for those who have completed their module courses at school, continue their efforts to fulfill the licensed technician criteria demanded by the sector.



Since Turkish Technic Inc. is both the leading company in our country's aviation sector and the organization that performs the maintenance and repair operations of our flag carrier THY, it ranks among the most preferred companies by technician candidates.

Through these technical field trips, we aim to ensure our students remain integrated with the sector and increase their interest in the profession by being informed by currently active technicians. We strive to show them that aviation is a lifestyle culture rather than just a profession.

Technician candidates, who blend the knowledge they receive from practical instructors sharing their long-term professional experiences with the insights gained from working technicians in the field, are trained to be more prepared for the industry.

Within this scope, we wish all our technician candidate students who will graduate at the end of the semester success in their professional lives.



ASST. PROF. KAAN KOÇALI DELIVERS A COMPREHENSIVE INTERVIEW ON THE NEW OHS TRAINING REGULATION

Asst. Prof. Kaan Koçali, a faculty member of the Occupational Health and Safety Program, evaluated recent legislative amendments in the field of occupational health and safety in an interview published in the May 2026 issue of the *Lebib Yalkın Mevzuat Dergisi*, one of Turkey's long-established publications in its field.

Within the scope of the interview, the "Regulation on the Procedures and Principles of Occupational Health and Safety Training of Employees" published in the Official Gazette on April 2, 2026, was discussed in detail. Numerous topics, such as orientation training, basic training durations, distance education applications,



assessment and evaluation processes, certification of training sessions, and employer obligations, were evaluated from both academic and practical perspectives.

In his interview, Asst. Prof. Kaan Koçali drew particular attention to the importance of the new regulations aimed at improving quality, measurability, and practical efficiency in occupational health and safety training. He provided comprehensive evaluations regarding the implications of these legislative changes for employers, employees, and sector professionals.

As the Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, we congratulate our faculty member and wish him continued success in his academic studies and growing contributions to the sector.

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