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# AAB College during 2021

**Bujar  
Demjaha**  
Rector



The years 2020 and 2021 were very challenging, as the pandemic swept across the world and inevitably affected AAB College too. However, I can confidently say that the teachers and the students were able to overcome all hurdles before them, thanks to their commitment and dedication. Almost all lectures and exams took place without interruptions; sometimes physically, sometimes virtually, often combined. All this was done to maintain a sense of order and normality and provide the students with a friendly environment for study.

Despite the challenges that we are still facing, AAB College hasn't stopped working, negotiating various cooperation agreements and organizing many activities throughout the year.

Every move, every change for the better, no matter how small, in these trying times, is a success, but the epitome of success for the year 2021 at AAB College was the opening of ATV, which very quickly became the most watched television channel in the country.

In addition, the construction of the AMD Polyclinic was another major success of AAB College. This health institution will start working in the beginning of 2022, starting with 15 departments, which include a wide range of medical quality medical services that the community desperately needs, in addition to serving as grounds for the practical lessons of the faculties of medical science.

The international cooperation of AAB College had two culminating moments: Membership in the Association of European Universities (EUA) and the signing of the agreement for exclusive cooperation with the Embassy of France in Kosovo. As a result of this unique and exclusive cooperation agreement came the opening of the Francophonie Center at AAB College. Even in these trying times, AAB College continues its international cooperation with ERASMUS +, KUSA, HORIZON, etc.

Two multidisciplinary scientific conferences of regional and international character and many thematic conferences during 2021 prove that our institution insists on the development of research.

The International Scientific Journal “Thesis”, which is published twice a year, continues to maintain the multi-year trend of publishing scientific works of local and international authors.

Like every other year before, 2021 wasn't found lacking in cultural events organized by AAB College.

December 2021 marked the 5th edition of Prishtina International Theater Festival, which brought theater troupes from Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Northern Macedonia, Albania, and Kosovo, to the stages of both “Faruk Begolli” theaters, as the only international theater festival in the country, organized by yours truly.

Furthermore, many other cultural activities were also organized, such as the awarding of the International Prize for Literature “Ali Podrimja”, given to the Bosnian writer Abdullah Sidran, the Academy marking the 85th anniversary of the birth of academician Rexhep Qosja, or the visit of the President of Albania, Ilir Meta on the eve of November 28, National Flag Day.

During this year, we have also achieved great results in the advancement and digitalization of services at AAB College. Online learning in pandemic conditions and especially the digitalization of the platform for the administration of diploma theses, mark a practice unique to AAB College that cannot be found elsewhere in the region. Graduates can now carry out a considerable part of their diploma work remotely, saving their precious time that previously had to be spent on administrative procedures. The process of digitalization of services at AAB College will remain a priority in the future as well.

These are but a few of the most important moments for AAB College that happened during 2021. However, in this compilation of events, you will be able to find much more information on other activities held in the three campuses of AAB College, in Prishtina, Ferizaj of Gjakova.

With this, we leave you to enjoy your reading and wish you even greater success in the coming years.





**JANUARY 2021**

## Faculty of Psychology marks the 88th anniversary of the birth of Academic Pajazit Nushi

8 January 2021

The Laboratory of Clinical Psychology "Pajazit Nushi", which is a part of the Faculty of Psychology at AAB College, organized an activity to mark the 88th anniversary of the birth of Pajazit Nushi, whose name this laboratory bears.



The summary of papers presented at the student conference "Psychological Correlations of the COVID-19 Pandemic", held days ago at AAB College was also promoted today.

The Laboratory of Clinical Psychology, which is the only one of its kind in Kosovo, was created to serve students by combining the theoretical lessons with the practical during their study classes.



## **Faculty of Physical Education and Sports of AAB College and Step Sports Center sign cooperation agreement**

22 January 2021

AAB College's Faculty of Physical Education and Sports has signed a cooperation agreement with Step Sport Center, through which joint projects will be realized, with special emphasis on student internships.



The agreement reached ensures the creation of conditions and the provision of necessary tools and equipment for students during their internship in the premises of the Step Sport Center and the commitment of the professional staff of this center to supervise and assist students in their internships.



In addition, distinguished students from AAB College will be offered the opportunity to do their internships as swimming instructors within the Step Sport Center.

## Meeting with UN Women Kosovo on International Education Day

25 January 2021

On the occasion of January 24, International Education Day, a work meeting was held at AAB College with representatives of UN Women in Kosovo.

During this meeting, opportunities for cooperation were also discussed, where it was emphasized that education is essential for women to achieve gender equality and become leaders of change. Educated women make significant contributions to their families' economic status, health, nutrition and education.



January 24 has been declared International Education Day through a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018, while aiming to raise awareness of the role of education in achieving peace and sustainable development in the world.



## Debate club established at the Faculty of English Language

26 January 2021



At the initiative of the students of the Faculty of English Language, the Debate Club was founded, which aims to be a group of the most distinguished students in order to develop public speaking skills through the activities that will be organized.



The student, Artiola Kajtazi, was elected coordinator of this club.

The founding session of the club was followed by the organization of its first activity. The first topic was "Does money bring success".



## **AAB College and Kosovo Chamber of Hospitality and Tourism sign inter-institutional cooperation agreement**

27 January 2021

A cooperation agreement between AAB College and the Kosovo Chamber of Hospitality and Tourism was signed at AAB College.



The purpose of the Agreement is to link theoretical learning with practical work for better economic progress.

This cooperation will be realized through the provision of practical work to the students of AAB College in tourism and hotel companies, the development of diploma topics by giving students theoretical / scientific guidance and practical guidance of diploma thesis in tourism and hotel companies, and through AAB's engagement in solving KCHT practical / scientific problems, as well as organizing practical and seasonal work for AAB students in Tourism and Hotel Companies.

## AAB College promotes two significant international scientific publications

28 January 2021

Two important scientific publications were promoted at AAB College today, which contain the studies of dozens of professors from prestigious universities around the world. We are speaking of the international scientific journal "Thesis" and "The book of the global scientific conference", which was held months ago by AAB College.



In the new issue 9/2 of the international scientific journal "Thesis", according to the vice-rector for scientific research, Hasan Saliu, 16 scientific articles have been published by researchers and professors from the University of Leicester, University of Osaka, Polytechnic University of Milan, UNIJU of Sao Paolo, University de Puebla Brazil, from Mexico, University of Technology in Maryland, University of Bucharest, AAB College as well as from several other universities in the region.

"Thesis" is an international scientific journal of AAB College indexed on international platforms such as DOAJ, Worldcat, Base Bielefeld, Erich Plus, Hrcak, Core, MIAR, CEEOL and over 30 libraries of Western European universities.



## Book "Serbian crimes in Kosovo" promoted at AAB College

28 January 2021

The book "Serbian Crimes in Kosovo" by Çerçiz Loloçi was promoted at the Media Center of AAB College.

This book reflects the crimes committed during the war in Kosovo and is divided into 4 chapters. The book "Serbian Crimes in Kosovo", which was first published 12 years ago with the title "Holocaust, the file without comment on Milosevic's crimes", was highly praised by its readers and critics.



The author of the book, Çerçiz Loloçi, said that this is a modest contribution which serves to help us remember the crimes, to denounce them, and to be wiser in protecting our rights", adding that the time has come for the academies of sciences to work more in this field.

## **Professor Mimoza Shkodra accepted as a regular member of the Global Observatory of Physical Activity (GOPA)**

28 January 2021

Professor of AAB College, Prof. Ass. Dr. Mimoza Shkodra has been officially accepted as the only Albanian full member of the Global Observatory of Physical Activity (GOPA).

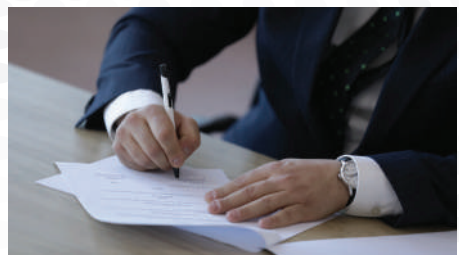


It is worth mentioning that in addition to the successful membership, the admission of Mimoza Shkodra is another victory for Kosovo, because so far, our country was presented as part of Serbia in GOPA.

## **Memorandum of understanding between AAB College and Kosovo Competition Authority**

29 January 2021

A cooperation agreement was signed with the institution of the Kosovo Competition Authority. This agreement, which was signed on the premises of AAB College, aims at cooperation, support and coordination of activities between the two institutions and aims to promote joint efforts in the field of advancing issues of mutual interest.





**FEBRUARY 2021**

## Faculty of Nursing of AAB College and Dokuz Eylül University from Turkey co-coordinate scientific activities for 2021

3 February 2021

AAB College's Faculty of Nursing has reached a cooperation agreement with the Faculty of Nursing of the University "Dokuz Eylül" from Turkey, with which many scientific activities will be coordinated during 2021.

These activities will take place on a monthly basis, while aiming to increase cooperation between the academic staff of both institutions, in scientific research, conferences, symposia and various trainings.



The first activity will start with the organization of the online conference marking the "World Cancer Day" which will be held on 04.02.2021 from 13:00 - 15:00.

## Students of the Faculty of English Language of AAB College celebrated "World Read Aloud Day"

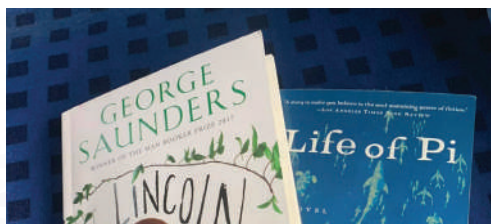
3 February 2021

Every year on February 3, book lovers get together and read aloud their favorite works and then discuss and analyze these works together.





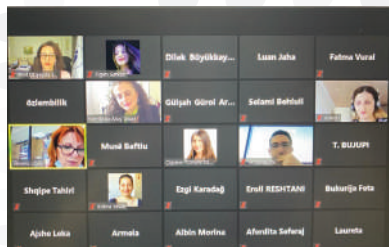
So did AAB College's students of Faculty of English, but in a more special way. The activity took place in a train car, while traveling from Prishtina to Peja under the motto "A book read, another treasured viewpoint gained".



## 1500-1600 new patients are diagnosed with cancer every year in Kosovo

5 February 2021

On the occasion of February 4, World Cancer Day, the medical field programs within AAB College organized two important activities aimed at raising awareness and discussing forms of prevention of this disease.



At the Media Center of AAB College a lecture was held by oncology experts, Sehad Kadiri and Ekrem Hyseni, who said that 1500-1600 people are diagnosed with this deadly disease each year in Kosovo.

Meanwhile, the Faculty of Nursing of AAB College and Dokuz Eylül University from Turkey organized a joint online discussion roundtable, marking the "World Cancer Day". This roundtable also discussed the new forms of treatment of this disease, where they talked in particular about the effects of music therapy.

## Students of AAB College on a project for the reconceptualization of the highway "Joseph" Beau "Biden III"

12 February 2021

A group of students and graduates of the Faculty of Architecture of AAB College, in collaboration with Prof. Bujar Demjaha, professor of architecture at AAB College, as a sign of gratitude for the contribution of the United States of America to our country, have launched a project to reconceptualize the national road Ferizaj-Viti-Gjilan "Joseph" Beau "Biden III".





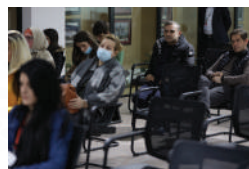
The project conceived by the students of AAB College has already been submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure of the Republic of Kosovo, as a project proposal, in order to see the possibilities of its implementation and realization, including finding donors and entities who would be involved in it.



## Today marks February 13th, International Radio Day

13 February 2021

Today marks International Radio Day, and on this occasion, the premiere of the documentary film for radio was exhibited, conducted by the Faculty of Mass Communication, through which was shown the history and role of radio over the years.



As well, the radio and its role were discussed together with the most famous journalists/moderators on Kosovo radios in the present, who are students and alumni of AAB College.

## **Students of Law Faculty reach the HNMUN competition final organized by Harvard University**

**16 February 2021**

The prestigious international competition of law students, HNMUN organized by Harvard University, where Kosovo was represented by the students of the Faculty of Law of AAB College, has successfully completed.



On this occasion, a reception was organized for the participants at the Rectorate of AAB College, where they were acknowledged for the success shown.

The HNMUN competition was the second international success of the students of the Faculty of Law, after the award won last year in the international student competition for mediation held in Lithuania.



*Urimi i Rektorit të Kolegjit AAB*

## **PËR 13 VJETORIN E PAVARËSISË SË KOSOVËS**

*Rrugëtimi i popullit të Kosovës drejt pavarësisë së saj ishte kompleks, shumë i gjatë dhe i vështirë. Kjo ëndërr shumë shekullore mbase e kishte një cak pak më ndryshe, por sot shtetasit kosovarë dhe bashkëkombësit kudo që janë duhet të jenë krenarë dhe nuk duhet të kemi asnjë dyshim për vlerën e madhe të të arriturës së të qenit i pavarur.*

*Sot, kur ngremë lart flamurin e Republikës së Kosovës, këtu duhet ta bëjmë me mburrje dhe ta bëjmë për secilin që dha kontributin në të kaluarën, që sot të gjithë ne ta gëzojmë lirinë e plotë pavarësisht nga kombësia apo feja në shtetin tonë demokratik.*

*Në ditëlindjen e 13-të e ftoj secilin individ që të jemi të dinjitetshëm dhe të devotshëm në kryerjen e obligimeve të veta çfarëdo qofshin ato, ashtu sikur vepruam në zgjedhjet e 14 shkurtit. Apeloj edhe te institucionet tona të vazhdojmë me intensitet të shtuar për zhvillimin, forcimin dhe përsheptimin e integriteteve euro-atlantike të shtetit të Kosovës.*

*Ftoj institucionet dhe shoqërinë tonë që arsimin ta konsiderojmë prioritet shtetëror.*

*Kolegji AAB po arrin rezultate të dalluara jo vetëm në Kosovë por edhe më gjërë. Jemi të sigurt se institucioni ynë mund të kontribuojë edhe më shumë në zhvillimin social, ekonomik dhe kulturor të Republikës së Kosovës nëse neve na besohet më shumë, dhe na jepet më shumë hapësirë për ta dëshmuar këtë.*

**Urime të gjithëve 17 Shkurti -  
Dita e Pavarësisë së Republikës së Kosovës!**

**GËZUAR!**

**Dr.sc. Bujar Demjaha**

*Rektor i Kolegjit AAB*

On the occasion of the 13th anniversary of Kosovo's Independence, the Rector of AAB College congratulates all students, staff and citizens of the Republic of Kosovo!

## The fourth student conference of Social Science students was held

25 February 2021

Organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences at AAB College in Prishtina, today, the fourth Student Conference was held, which was attended by students from the three campuses: Prishtina, Ferizaj and Gjakova, who continue their studies in the Child Care and Welfare program.



In today's conference, 59 students presented their research contributions, while addressing the main topics of the conference, such as early childhood development, pedagogy, psychology and its social aspects.





## **AAB College participated in the meeting on access and equality in university studies, by Charta Observatory members**

25 February 2021

AAB College was a participant in the virtual meeting held by the Magna Charta Observatory, which is the largest university organization in the world, and where AAB is the only member of non-public institutions from our country.



The poster features a background image of a person wearing a headset and looking at a computer screen. Overlaid on this is a semi-transparent white box containing the following text:

**Access and Equity: what have we learnt from the pandemic and what should we be doing about it?**

**Webinar**

**23 February 2021**

**16.00 -17.30 CET**

In the top left corner of the poster is the logo for the Magna Charta Observatory, which consists of a red circle with the word 'OBSERVATORY' in red and 'MAGNA CHARTA UNIVERSITATUM' in smaller black text below it. In the top right corner is a circular logo with the text 'World Access to Higher Education Day' and various educational icons around it.

In this meeting, AAB College was represented by the Vice-Rector for International Relations, Prof. Ass. Dr. Venera Lljunji.

## AAB College program for continuous vocational education "Evp Nursing II" accredited

26 February 2021

The Faculty of Nursing at AAB College has had its program for continuing professional education "EVP Nursing II" accredited by the Commission for Continuing Professional Education at the Kosovo Chamber of Nurses.

In addition to providing the latest information in the field of nursing and health care, one of the goals of these trainings is to also enable the re-licensing of nursing professionals in Kosovo.

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04.03.2021 11:30-13:00	Qasjet momentale në Edukimin infermieror	Res. Assist. Taner ONAY	Drejtuari mbulimit universal të shëndetit-Sfidat dhe mundësitë në Kosovë	Prof. Dr. Ass. Fatime Qosaj
01.04.2021 11:30-13:00	Procesi ndaj Covid 19 në Shëndetin Publik infermieror dhe aplikimet subsekuente për ndryshimin e metodave	Assoc.Prof. Dr. Seyda OZBIÇAKÇI	Higjiena e duarve si metode preventive ndaj Covid 19  Karakteristikat klinike të trajtimit dhe mortaliteti spitalor tek pacientët e pranuar për sindromën koronare akute në Kosovë	Prof. Dr. Ass. Idriz Sopjani  Dr. Zarife Regaj
06.05.2021 11:30-13:00	Si kanë ndryshuar kujdesi dhe proceset e shërbimit ndaj kujdesit shtëpiak të pacientëve me stome dhe trakeostomi gjatë pandemisë Covid-19	Dr. Cahide AYIK Res. Assist. Ilkin YILMAZ	Moshë dhe vulnerabiliteti i të burgosurve ndaj Covid-19 në pajtueshmëri me udhëzimet e qendrës për kontrollimin dhe parandalimin e sëmundjeve në Kosovë	Prof. Dr. Ass. Hasime Terziqi
03.06.2021 11:30-13:00	Varësia nga ekrani dhe menaxhimi tek fëmijët gjatë procesit të pandemisë Covid-19	Dr. Kubra Pinar GURKAN	Incidenca e kancerit, trendi me moshën dhe shpërndarjen në mes të qyteteve në Kosovë	Dr. Vildane Goga
07.10.2021	Çfarë ka ndryshuar në edukimin infermieror gjatë pandemisë, si janë afektuar/ ndryshuar, proceset edukative	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Havva YURUMEZOGLY	Të mësuarit gjatë pandemisë tek edukatorët infermierorë dhe studentët	MSc. Eroll Reshtani MSc. Teuta Bujupi
11.11.2021 11:30-13:00	Edukimi në distancë dhe trajnimi i aftësive gjatë procesit pandemik	Dr. Nurten ALAN	Riorganizimi i shërbimeve të TBC-së në Kosovë, sfidat e reformimit të shëndetit	Dr. med. Luzim Çela
02.12.2021 11:30-13:00	Shëndeti tek femrat gjatë pandemisë Covid-19, procesi obstetrik dhe Covid-19	Asso. Prof. Dr. Merlinda Alus TOKAT  Dr. Buse GULER	Incidenca e lindjeve nën moshën 19 vjeçare në Qendrën Klinike Universitare të Kosovës	Prof. Ass. Berat Krasniqi

Active participants of the program "EVP Nursing II", will be able to obtain 8 accreditation points, while passive participants will receive 6 accreditation points.



**MARCH 2021**

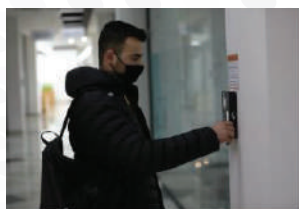


## Summer semester 2020/21 begins at AAB College

### Rector Bujar Demjaha's message:

Dear students, teachers and coworkers,

It is my pleasure to address you today, on International Women's Day, immediately after Teacher's Day March 7, wishing you and your families well on these two joyous holidays.



For us at AAB College, today is even more special, because we are starting the summer semester of the academic year 2020/21.

As AAB College holds the student in the highest regard, the student rewards AAB College, in turn, by keeping their studies at the center of their attention. Our institution has taken every measure to meet all requirements of the students.

Aside from the quality of studies, AAB College and all its campuses in Prishtina, Ferizaj, and Gjakova also set themselves apart from the rest with their infrastructure, which we are all proud of. As is rarely the case with any institution of higher education during these times, we are doing most of the teaching in our classes, but as a necessity, and in complete adherence with the anti-Covid-19 measures, a part of the teaching remains to be done from a distance, while another part is being done on Sundays. It is a state of emergency and we expect understanding and cooperation from everyone involved.

All of us, without exception, must respect our government's measures aimed at preventing the spread of the pandemic. COVID-19, with all its new strains, is still among us. Each of us must respect the measures not only because we are legally obligated to but also in order to protect our loved ones at home.

The student and the teacher are obligated to:

- Keep their distance.
- Wear the mask properly for as long as they are within the AAB College premises. Teachers can remove their masks as long as they keep the 2-meter distance.
- Wash their hands often



## Debate held by students of English language of the debate club

10 March 2021

The Debate Club of the Faculty of English Language of AAB College held a debate session on the topic "The Importance of Civic Education in the school curriculum for young people".

The debate was moderated by Artiola Kajtazi, debate coordinator, and a jury of teachers: Mirsad Suhodolli, Aida Thaqi and Gresa Shaqiri.



The discussion started with a short presentation by the coordinator who informed the debaters and the jury about the format of the debate and provided information on the topic of civic education. Students raised many important questions such as:

What are the benefits of civic education in schools?

Why is sex education important?

How does a country's culture influence the inclusion of civic education as a subject in schools?

What should be taught in civic education classes?

At what age should students start learning about civic education? What kind of grading system should teachers of this subject use?



Jury members observed the discussion for the duration of 90 minutes.

The jury then contributed to the discussion and evaluated the student's performance while also giving tips on how to further improve their debating skills in the future.

## The book "Success of sales management" of the former AAB college student Shpëtim Memishi promoted

15 March 2021

The book "Success of sales management" by Shpëtim Memishi was promoted today at AAB College. In this book, the author explains the concepts of sales management, with particular focus on the process of sales management self-efficacy.



"Success of sales management" is divided into six parts and fourteen chapters, and brings a completely practical approach through which the author touches on the full cycle of the sales management process, from the planning, organization, communication, process and negotiation techniques up to sales analysis and evaluation.



During his speech, the professor of the Faculty of Economics, Ilir Rexhepi, among others, said that a special feature of this book in terms of content, in addition to the scientific context, is how the author melds practical experience with the examples, case studies, concepts, methods, instruments and sales techniques. All of these factors make for a book that will have no trouble selling itself.



"This book is a skillfully honed instrument with an alternative and practical approach that will serve not only students but also all others who partake in sales management, to advance their practical professional training in order to manage sales better, and have greater success in the process of selling products or services" said Rexhepi.

The Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Medain Hashani, highly praised the work of the author Shpëtim Memishi, while also saying that AAB College is proud that Memishi has completed his studies in economics in both the bachelor and master's level here at AAB College, amongst us.

## **AAB College joins the European Law Faculties Association (ELFA)**

15 March 2021



The Board of the European Law Faculties Association (ELFA) admitted the Faculty of Law of AAB College as a full member of this association.

This is a very important step for AAB College, given that the Faculties of Law in Europe and around the world are facing a number of challenges today, such as creating systems for comparability of higher education between countries and recognition of diplomas received in foreign countries, providing adequate funding for its members, creating new jobs, student and staff mobility, digital education, etc.

ELFA was founded in 1995 in Leuven, Belgium, by more than 80 law faculties from various universities across Europe.

ELFA's mission is to represent and promote the interests of its members in the field of legal education and research in relation to the European Institutions, National Education Institutions, and Lawyers and Prosecutors' Associations.

The organization currently has more than 150 members from inside and outside the EU and acts as an international forum for discussing many legal topics related to legal education.

## **AAB College signs cooperation agreement with Isa Boletini University from Mitrovica**

15 March 2021

In order to develop academic cooperation and promote understanding between the two institutions of higher education, AAB College and the University "Isa Boletini" from Mitrovica, signed a cooperation agreement today.

The agreement signed by the rectors, Bujar Demjaha and Alush Musaj, was signed in the premises of UIBM.



On the occasion of the signing of the agreement, the rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha, said that he expects the cooperation between the two institutions to be fruitful and to produce tangible results.

On the other hand, the Rector of UIBM, Alush Musaj, assessed that the cooperation between higher education institutions within the country is necessary and much needed, both for students and academic staff.

Through the agreement reached today, a partnership will be created in the professional, educational and scientific fields that involve all the study programs of both signatory parties.

Some of the benefits of this agreement will be the professional cooperation between the academic and administrative staff, the cooperation of students for semester study periods or for internship periods, joint activities and publications in scientific research, etc.

## **AAB College students celebrate World Poetry Day**

21 March 2021

On the occasion of March 21, World Poetry Day, the AAB College students of the Faculty of English organized an artistic gathering of poetry and song. The recital was conceived as a competition, with a jury consisting of literature lecturers, Prof. Xhavit Rexhaj, Prof. Venera Lljunji, Prof. Albert Paçarizi, Kaltrina Pacolli and Andrin Kabashi.



In her opening speech, Dean Aida Alla welcomed the competing students and said that such activities promote reading and increase the passion for literature.

At the end of the event, two awards were given, the Best Reciter Award and the Poet of the Generation Award. The first prize as the best reciter was won by the student Adonita Kadriaj, while the "Poet of the Generation" Award was given to the student Jetmira Ajeti.



## **The 70th anniversary of the Kosovo archives celebrated**

22 March 2021

The 70th anniversary of the Kosovo Archives was marked today In AAB College's Theater "Faruk Begolli".





In his speech, the Chief Executive Officer of the State Archives Agency, Bedri Zyberaj, spoke about the history but also the current state of the Kosovo Archives. He said that in this 70-year journey, despite the challenges and difficulties faced by this institution, there have been significant achievements that cannot be denied, collecting original documents and manuscripts that reach as far as 600 years back.



Meanwhile, the Director of the General Directorate of Archives of Albania, Ardit Bido, said that we consider our archives a common national asset. He spoke about the fruitful cooperation between the two countries and said that the example set by the cooperation of the Archives of Kosovo and Albania would be good to be followed by the other institutions of our countries.

## **Auditor general visits AAB College to strengthen inter-institutional cooperation**

22 March 2021

The Auditor General of the Republic of Kosovo, Besnik Osmani, visited AAB College, where he was received by the Rector, Mr. Bujar Demjaha, Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Mr. Medain Hashani and the vice dean Mrs. Kosovare Ukshini. The purpose of this meeting was to strengthen the cooperation between the National Audit Office and AAB College in the field of auditing, to exchange professional and academic assistance, as well as to provide students with more internship opportunities.

During his visit at AAB College, the Auditor General, Besnik Osmani, also had a discussion with the students of the Faculty of Economics, where he explained the role, the mission, how the National Audit Office works, as well as other details of the process of compiling audit reports.



Osmani said that the KAO audits public funds to assure taxpayers that their money is being used economically, that financial reporting is accurate and decisions are in line with legal requirements. The Auditor General further emphasized the importance of implementing the KAO recommendations and their impact on strengthening good governance and accountability.



During this discussion, the students showed a lot of interest in the auditing process, the security of the audit, the types of audits, the accountability and transparency of the spending of public money.

Meanwhile, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics at AAB College, Mr. Medain Hashani, thanked the Auditor General for the visit, emphasizing the importance of cooperation between the two institutions. Hashani said that the KAO continues to be among the most credible institutions in Kosovo through professional, independent and transparent work.

## Virtual roundtable held with partner universities from Turkey

25 March 2021

Organized by the Office for International Relations of AAB College, a virtual roundtable was held with representatives of partner universities from the Republic of Turkey.

In this meeting, the Rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha spoke about the importance of implementing and intensifying the agreements reached to further deepen cooperation.



The roundtable also discussed the achievements of cooperation not only with educational institutions from Turkey but also European ones.

Vice Rector Venera Lljunji spoke about the ERASMUS + and MEVLANA projects and about the difficulties that our institution has encountered during the pandemic period.

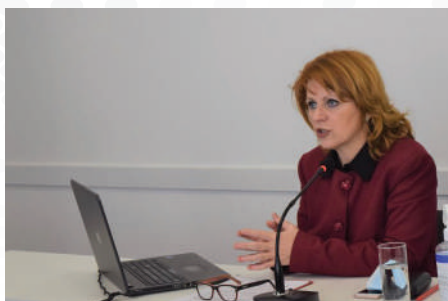


She stressed that the pandemic can hinder travel and direct contact in higher education institutions but cannot affect cooperation through the use of various virtual communication platforms.

## Education reforms – important factor in the reduction of skill gap

26 March 2021

The Vice Rector for International Cooperation and Relations, Venera Lljunji, was part of a virtual forum organized by the American Chamber of Commerce, which discussed the need for education reform and the lack of skills of young people graduating from higher education.



This virtual forum discussed the high unemployment rate among young people in our country, despite the high number which are enrolled in or have completed their university education. According to the panelists, this fact is an indicator that reflects the discrepancy between the skills offered by the education system and those required by employers.

Vice Rector Lljunji, when addressing the issue of skill discrepancy, stressed that in such a situation no one factor can be blamed specifically for the skill gap, because all levels of the education system are interconnected links. She also touched on the disturbing situation of education in Kosovo, where she said that it has dropped drastically at every level, citing the so-called functional illiteracy as a very negative factor present in Kosovo.

According to Lljunji, it is good to have cooperation between educational institutions and businesses, in order to identify market demands and create educational programs that match it.



## **AAB College–part of the virtual meeting “European universities 2030: vision and values”, organized by the Magna Charta Observatory**

27 March 2021

The Vice Rector for International Cooperation and Relations, Venera Llunji, participated in the virtual meeting “European Universities 2030: Vision and Values”, organized by the Magna Charta Observatory.



The purpose of this meeting was to analyze two important documents issued by MCHO and the European University Association: the new Magna Charta Universitatum (MCU2020) and the “Universities without walls – a vision for 2030” report.

In February 2021, as one of the two founders of the Magna Charta Observatory, the European University Association published a report titled ‘Universities without walls – a vision for 2030’. The report is based on extensive consultations with individuals, expert groups and actors. The report contains topics such as the sustainability and agenda of the United Nations by 2030, digital transformation, geopolitical situations and global tensions, and the impact of Covid 19.

Precisely because of these "seismic" movements and fundamental challenges that affect universities, it is all the more reason for universities to stand firm and maintain their core values, such as academic freedom, institutional autonomy and scientific integrity.

In 2020, this international body issued a new document called the new Magna Charta Universitatum (MCU2020), which examines and considers the changes in higher education from the time that the original document was released in 1988 up until 2020, and predicts the difficulties that universities will go through in 2020 and beyond.

Prof. Lunji contributed in the implementation of the strategies of these two documents and the method in which universities can balance the strategic orientation of their activities towards great social goals by emphasizing academic freedom and the individual freedom of researchers.

## **AAB College signs cooperation agreement with Kosovo Insurance Bureau**

30 March 2021

A cooperation agreement was signed between AAB College and the Kosovo Security Bureau on the premises of AAB College. The agreement was signed by Rector Dr.Sc. Bujar Demjaha, and Sami Mazreku, executive director of the Kosovo Security Bureau.



The purpose of this agreement is to establish professional cooperation in the field of insurance, organization of professional training on insurance such as insurance basics, risk management, risk analysis, life and non-life insurance products, reinsurance, marketing, and sales channels, and to have joint lectures in training for insurance mediators and other professional training.

In addition, thanks to this agreement, the parties agreed on the joint organization of debate and scientific roundtables, where issues of interest will be addressed, such as discussions on the development of the financial insurance market, insurance market analysis and impact on the economy, trends in insurance – systems and product development, etc.

## **Workshop held with students of the Faculty of Mass Communication on “Gender responsible budgeting”**

31 March 2021

The Faculty of Mass Communication, in cooperation with the Association of Journalists of Kosovo, supported by UN Women, in the framework of the regional project “Transformational Financing for Gender Equality towards more transparent, inclusive and accountable governance in the Western Balkans” funded by SIDA, organized a workshop with AAB College students on the topic “Gender Responsive Budgeting”.





The workshop organized with the students of the Faculty of Communication had the following objectives:

- Enabling students to report on Gender Responsive Budgeting in Kosovo in an impartial, gender sensitive and ethical manner.
- Increasing awareness and understanding of gender inequalities in Kosovo.
- Expanding students' knowledge of how gender inequalities can be addressed through GRB.
- Supporting students in developing concrete ideas and methodologies for drafting GRB reports.

Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) is a term often used by Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), international donors, and government officials.

Kosovo has a strong legal framework that supports and obligates all institutions at the local and central level to implement Gender Responsive Budgeting.

Even though GRB is a legal obligation that is expected to be implemented by public institutions, its implementation levels remain low.



**APRIL 2021**

## **Faculty of Physical Education signs cooperation agreement with Body-building & Fitness Federation of Kosovo**

2 April 2021



Through this cooperation agreement, the parties have agreed to implement joint programs in the field of fitness for practical work for students, for the protection of students' interests, and for the development of new and practical knowledge.

The parties also agreed to exchange materials and professional literature and other necessary information.

This agreement provides the parties with the opportunity to implement special short-term academic programs, including the joint organization of summer schools, workshops, events, and competitions. In addition, the licensing of students for personal fitness trainer, will be one of the points of interest of this agreement.

The agreement was signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, Fatmir Pireva and the Secretary General of the Federation, Mr. Sabri Dragusha.

## **Deputy French Ambassador to Pristina Mr. Francois Cyprien, awards certificates for students of the Faculty of Mass Communication**

2 Prill 2021

The training "Fighting misinformation", organized by the Faculty of Mass Communication in the framework of cooperation with the French organization CFI, was successfully completed.



The closing ceremony and the distribution of certificates to the participants was attended by the French Deputy Ambassador in Pristina, Mr. Francois Cyprien, who congratulated the participants for the results achieved and expressed the readiness of the French Embassy to continue with such events for the benefit of students.

The delegation of the French Embassy met with Deputy Rector Shemsedin Vehapi, who thanked all the participants and expressed interest to continue with other such trainings.

Lecturers in this two-day training were Professor Ilire Zajmi selected by CFI, and Robert Bourgoing, French communication expert, who joined us via video call from France.



CFI is a member of the Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD) which was established in 2004 to lobby on behalf of those working for media cooperation, and to coordinate the actions of its members in the service of development in countries which are in-wait of receiving international aid.

CFI is a public sector operator, mainly funded by the French Ministry of Europe and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## **April 6 – International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2021**

**6 April 2021**

On the occasion of April 6, International Day of Sport Day for Development and Peace, a roundtable discussion was organized by AAB College's Faculty of Physical Education where the newly elected President of the Kosovo Olympic Committee, Mr. Ismet Krasniqi and Mr. Besim Aliti, advisor to the president of KOC were invited.

In the opening of the roundtable, the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education, Prof. Asoc. Dr. Fatmir Pireva spoke about the positive contribution that sport can have in sustainable development and the advancement of human rights.





During the roundtable, the President of KOC, Ismet Krasniqi, spoke about his development plan: "My main goal is to develop sports in Kosovo strategically at national and local levels, to build strength and organizational capacities of national sports federations".

Krasniqi added that in his mandate as president of the Kosovo Olympic Committee, he will build the capacities to organize major international sports events and involve professionals from Kosovo in international sports governing bodies, however, building of capacities for sports lobbying, financial growth, and the creation of infrastructural and non-infrastructural heritage will remain a priority.





While on the topic of representation of Kosovo in the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Krasniqi confirmed that in addition to the five judokas who have secured their participation in this global sporting event, there are also two swimmers and an athlete who have done the same. Other athletes from different disciplines are also receiving help on their qualification.

"We will strongly support our contenders and help them in the best way we can to prepare so that they can also qualify in the Olympics." said Krasniqi.



## NDI presents awards of recognition to AAB students

12 April 2021

Students of the Faculty of Computer Science, Ermir Shabani and Arbëresha Alickaj, today were honored with awards of recognition by NDI (National Democratic Institute) for their contribution to the Women's Week 2020.



At the award ceremony, Pajtim Gashi from NDI thanked AAB College and the Faculty of Computer Science for their continuous cooperation of several years now in support of the project "Week of Women".



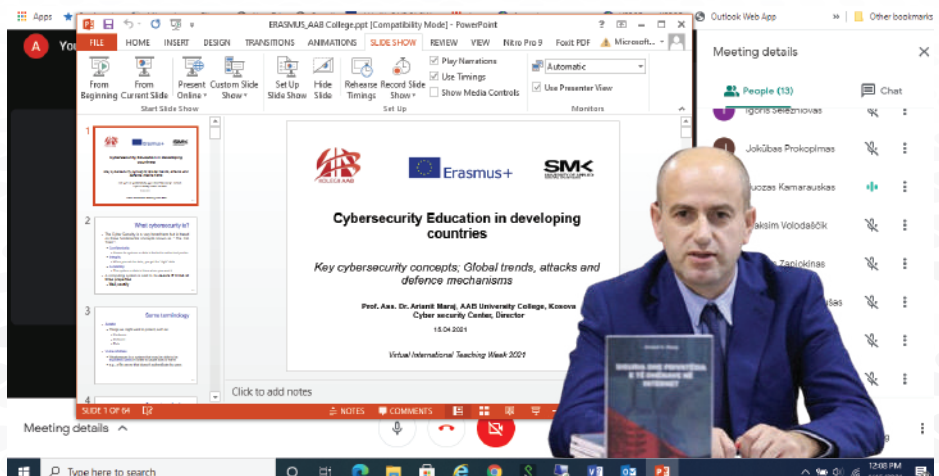
Meanwhile, students Ermir Shabani and Arbëresha Alickaj expressed their gratitude for the awards they received and their delight in participating in this project and the opportunity to give their professional contribution.

Ermiri and Arbëresha were part of the student team in the creation and maintenance of the website of "Women's Week 2020"; an international activity which was attended by eminent figures from around the world, among them the former US Secretary of State, Madeleine K. Albright.

## Prof. Arianit Maraj delivers lecture for students of SMK University of Lithuania

16 April 2021

In the framework of the Erasmus + Program for the mobility of academic staff, Prof. Arianit Maraj who is part of the academic staff at the Faculty of Computer Science of AAB College, joined the academic exchange program at SMK University, based in Vilnius, Lithuania.



Prof. Maraj held a lecture for the second-year students of the Multimedia Program, Computer Games and Animation, on the topic: Cyber Security Education in Developing Countries.

He praised this exchange as a very good experience, and thanked AAB College for the continuous support that the academic staff have received in their professional and academic development.

AAB College will continue with such international activities for the academic staff and for the students.

## Three students receive the “Masar Stavileci” award today on World Book Day

23 April 2021

On the occasion of April 23, World Book Day, AAB College held the award ceremony “Masar Stavileci”. This award is given annually to students who have been the most active readers at the AAB College Library.



"Masar Stavileci" Award was established in 2018, in honor of the first rector of AAB College, Prof. Dr. Masar Stavileci, and was today awarded for the third time since its inception. This year's winners of this award are the students: Dafina Buzoku, Florentina Peci, and Vanesa Dubovci.



At the award ceremony, the rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha congratulated the award winners and said that the library is the most important place of our College. "Students are the ones who give our library its importance" said Demjaha.

The winners were thankful for the awards and vowed to encourage their colleagues to read more.

## **Scientific conference "Perspective of Western Balkan Integration in the EU" completes its works**

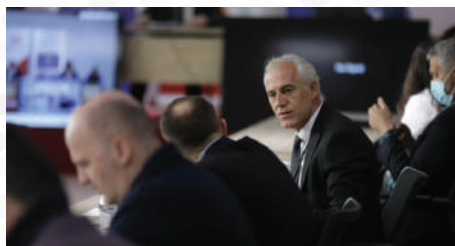
24 April 2021

Organized by AAB College, in cooperation with partner universities from Albania, Northern Macedonia and Croatia, the International Scientific Conference "Perspective of Western Balkans integration into the EU" was held.





This conference, which due to the pandemic situation took place virtually, gathered around 100 researchers from different countries, including Kosovo, Albania, Northern Macedonia, Croatia, USA, Australia, Belgium and Bulgaria.



This conference also brought three important personalities of science in the capacity of keynote speakers: Prof. Dr. Florian Bieber, from the University of Graz (Austria), Prof. Assoc. Dr. Besnik Pula from Virginia Tech (USA), and Prof. Dr. Anton Panchev from Sofia University (Bulgaria), whose lectures were attended with great interest by the participants.



In addition to the three key speakers, the conference proceedings took place in eight separate sessions where topics such as integration, administration, rule of law, and economics were discussed.

The works of the participants of the conference "Perspective of the integration of the Western Balkans in the EU", will be published in the Book of abstracts of the conference (Book of Abstracts), while the best works will be published in a special issue of the Scientific Journal "Thesis".

## **Ambassador Çağrı Sakar holds lecture on Turkey's foreign policy**

24 April 2021

As part of the special lectures held with foreign diplomats, the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey, Çağrı Sakar, spoke at AAB College for the students of the Faculty of Public Administration.





During the lecture on Turkish Foreign Policy, the Turkish ambassador to our country spoke about the role of the country he represents in the region, the continent and beyond. He said Turkey has bilateral relations with the Western Balkan countries and maintains good relations with all of them.

"Turkey's Balkan policy adopts a regionally inclusive stance." Sakar said, noting that Kosovo was not involved in regional initiatives, and that Turkey aims to involve everyone in the Balkans in order to achieve success through cooperation.

He also stressed that Turkey supports the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia.



Turkish Ambassador to Kosovo, Çağrı Sakar also spoke about the latest diplomatic developments regarding the opening of the Embassy of the Republic of Kosovo in Jerusalem, for which he said that Turkey does not agree with, and even described it as a dangerous action. According to Sakar, Kosovo has violated international laws with this decision.

The lecture of the Turkish diplomat continued with a discussion session where the students had the opportunity to ask questions to the guest speaker.

## **Sana Kliniken Ag in Germany employs its first student from Kosovo; a graduate from AAB College**

29 April 2021

Thanks to the cooperation between AAB College and Sana Kliniken AG in Germany, last week, the first student from AAB College started their professional trek at Sana Kliniken AG.

Kushtrim Haliti, who has successfully completed his Nursing studies at AAB College, is now carrying out the necessary phase of practical work at Sana Hürth Hospital for formal recognition as a professional nursing staff member.



Kushtrim Haliti has long had ambitions to go to Germany; to work in the field of medicine. He managed to actualize his dream through the collaboration of AAB College and Sana Kliniken AG.

"I have been warmly received here and I am feeling very well," said Kushtrimi, who has already completed the first week of work as an assistant nurse.

Kushtrimi's employment at the Sana Clinic in Germany is made possible through the Career and Employment Program, which is a unique program that operates within the Faculty of Nursing at AAB College.

In the coming days, other students who have already signed employment contracts are expected to become part of the staff of this esteemed hospital network.

## **Student Lirie Hoti receives full scholarship for the Innovation Leaders program to be held at Lund University in Sweden**

29 April 2021

AAB College student Lirie Hoti participated in several international competitions, such as the mediation competition held in Lithuania, and the student competition held at Harvard University, but that is not all, now she has received a full scholarship in the innovation leaders program that will be held at Lund University in Sweden.



"After successfully passing all the stages of evaluation, today I feel proud and very happy to share the news with you that I am a recipient of a full scholarship from the Swedish Institute as one of the 30 students selected by the countries of the Western Balkans to participate in the module which will be held at Lund University in Sweden ", said Liria.

The goal of SI Innovation Leaders (SIIL) is to contribute to the innovation ecosystem in the Western Balkans region. The aim is to create a platform for knowledge exchange and problem-solving between innovation experts within the private sector, the public sector, and academia, with the help of Swedish expertise and experience.

Lirie Hoti is a graduate student of both the Faculty of Law and English Language at AAB College.

## Rector Demjaha signs the new document of Magna Charta Universitatum MCU2020

29 April 2021

Rector of AAB College, Dr. Sc. Bujar Demjaha signed the new document of Magna Charta Universitatum, MCU2020, which will come into force in June 2021.



This new MCU document incorporates all the Magna Charta founding document's original core values while also trying to resonate with contemporary challenges and concerns.

The signing of the Magna Charta Universitatum is a testament to the fact that AAB College is a member of the global higher education community committed to academic excellence and the provision of high-quality education. AAB College is a signatory of the Magna Charta Universitatum since 2010 as the only non-public institution of higher education in the country.



The Magna Charta Universitatum was drafted in 1988 by the rectors of European universities where it was initially signed by 388 universities. Meanwhile, today it is signed by over 900 Higher Education Institutions worldwide and serves as a document that supports the basic principles of higher education with a focus specific to the principles of academic freedom and institutional autonomy.



## Students of the Faculty of Arts mark International Jazz Day

30 April 2021

On the occasion of the International Jazz Day, the students of the Faculty of Arts of AAB College held a series of activities.

The Rector of AAB College in the opening of this event congratulated the organizers, the Faculty of Arts, and wished that this event continues annually for years to come. "I hope that this event will continue to be held annually for years to come, with each event better than the one that came before, especially when the pandemic restrictions are lifted."



The well-known Albanian jazz guitarist, Faton Macula, who lives and works in the USA, also addressed the students through a video message.

He urged students and institutions of art and culture to pay more attention to this day and this musical current and promised students that he will soon offer workshops on jazz and jazz theory.

According to Macula, Jazz is the highest level of music, and that this musical form is not just a genre but a way of life.



To mark this day, the students of Musicology, Gent Malazogu and Arta Elezi showed us their artistic performance through jazz.

The day's activities were concluded with the exhibition of the Faculty of Graphic Design and Multimedia students.



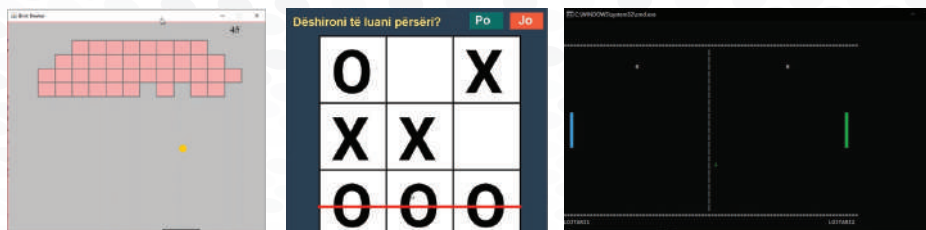


**MAY 2021**

## Computer Science students create video games in java

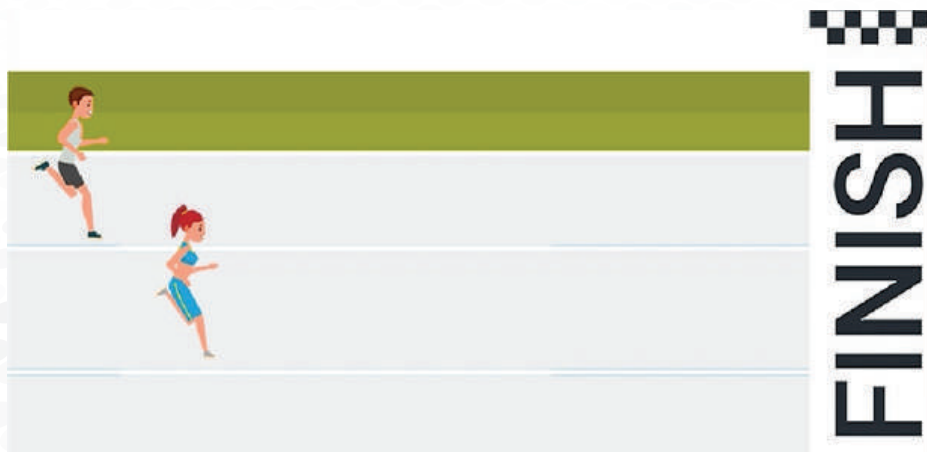
5 May 2021

As part of the course "Video game programming ", students of the Faculty of Computer Science have designed and programmed 2d computer games in JAVA.



Racers is a game that was created by students Zenel Bobi and Taulant Fondaj. This game is also programmed in JAVA. Pong is a game created in 2D, programmed in JAVA by student Leurit Rama.

The student Artan Mehmeti, has created the game Tic-Tac-Toe, which is a 2D game for two people, programmed in JAVA. It is played in a  $3 \times 3$  square matrix.



## **Faculty of Physical Education and Sports signs cooperation agreement with the National Center of Sports Medicine**

**7 May 2021**

The Faculty of Physical Education and Sports has signed a cooperation agreement with the National Center for Sports Medicine, which is a public health institution and a part of the University Clinical Hospital Service of Kosovo.



Through this agreement, it is intended that the students of AAB College be offered the opportunity to do their internships and to develop new practical knowledge in the master's program Fitness and Nutrition.

The agreement was signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Fatmir Pireva, and the director of the National Center for Sports Medicine, Dr. Afrim Shabani.

KCSM, as a stand-in center of sports medicine, provides health services for all athletes and patients referred there. This center also conducts scientific and statistical research and prepares the program of health care measures from its field of activity that will help students in their professional development.

## Ambassador Kolly: "It is also in the interest of Switzerland to have close relations with Kosovo"

8 May 2021

Special lectures with ambassadors accredited in our country continue for master level students of the Faculty of Public Administration, within the modules of History of Diplomacy and Foreign Policy.



The next honored guest lecturer was the Ambassador of Switzerland in Kosovo, Mr. Thomas Kolly, who shared with our students the history of the Swiss state, and Switzerland's attitudes to foreign policy.

Speaking about the diplomatic relations between Switzerland and Kosovo, Swiss Ambassador Kolly stressed that Switzerland has a very special relationship with Kosovo, which has influenced Switzerland to be one of the first countries to recognize Kosovo as an independent country.

"It is also in our (Switzerland's) interest to have this cooperation. This is not a one-sided process, it goes in both directions, because we as Switzerland also benefit from this symbiotic relationship, so it is in our interest to have a close relationship with Kosovo and we are very happy about that." stressed Kolly.



The Ambassador of Switzerland in Kosovo, Mr. Thomas Kolly, before his lecture, was received by the Vice Rectors Shemsedin Vehapi and Venera Llunji, who informed him about the history, development and goals of AAB College.

## **Students and staff of AAB College donate blood to mark International Nursing Day**

**14 May 2021**

As with every year, the Faculty of Nursing of AAB College marked May 12, International Nursing Day.



The day of voluntary blood donation was organized by the Faculty of Nursing of AAB College In cooperation with the Kosovo National Center for Blood Transfusion. Dozens of students and staff of AAB College responded to this call, given the need for blood doses in hospitals.

Due to the situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, the activities to mark this day this year were symbolic; however, the role of the nurse is always highly valued regardless of the situation we find ourselves in.



Representatives of the Kosovo National Center for Blood Transfusion were also grateful for this contribution, as they had previously announced AAB College as the largest blood donor out of all educational institutions in the country.



## **Ambassador Aliferi: Greece strongly supports visa liberalization for Kosovo**

15 May 2021

The Head of the Greek Diplomatic Office in Kosovo, Ambassador Chryssoula Aliferi, began the lecture on "Greek Foreign Policy", with the history of Greece and the Greek nation, the history of the formation of the Balkan nations and the historical developments of this territory.



Ambassador Aliferi also spoke about the parliamentary system of Greece, which has the same as the system as Kosovo.

Speaking about the recognition of Kosovo by Greece, Ambassador Aliferi said that Greece has not yet recognized Kosovo, but they care about Kosovo, even more than some countries that have recognized us.

"We have not recognized you as a country, but we care, we care a lot, and sometimes we care more than some countries who have recognized Kosovo. I am thankful for the office, as I am the ambassador to the country. Greece has been here through NATO, KFOR, Eulex. We had our people in UNMIK as well. We have helped Kosovo join specific international organizations. We recognize Kosovo passports and issue visas. We want visas removed. We have to wait for the decisions of our partners. "We strongly favor visa liberalization for Kosovo" said Aliferi.



At the end of the lecture, in the discussion session with the students, the career diplomat Chryssoula Aliferi, also spoke about the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, saying that they support an EU-mediated dialogue, which would bring an ultimate solution to the matter. "Good results will pave the way for many things. As for compromises, do not ask us, because we made our compromises years ago. Life goes on, but you have to think about your future and the future of your children. Let your leaders be generous towards the opposite side." The lecture with the Greek Ambassador was organized as a part of the modules "Foreign Policy" and "History of Diplomacy", which are lectured by Prof. Nehmedin Spahiu within the Faculty of Public Administration.

## Faculty of Psychology celebrates Mental Health Awareness week

15 May 2021

As part of the mental health awareness week, organized by the Faculty of Psychology of AAB College and the Clinic "Empatia", a Roundtable Discussion was held in AAB College with professionals of the field, on the topic "Understanding mental health / Reflections in a time of pandemic"



in the opening of this roundtable, The Dean of the Faculty of Psychology, Prof. Naim Telaku, revealed some of the most significant statistics in terms of mental health, published by the WHO.



According to Telaku, the field of mental health, although ignored by many, according to various statistics, is one area in which people need help the most.

He said that according to the WHO, about 10% of the world's population is affected by mental illness, and this number can be as high as 20% in poor countries. Of these, about 264 million people suffer from depression, 45 million from bipolar disorder, 20 million from schizophrenia, and dementia affects about 50 million people worldwide.

Mental health problems are also the cause of suicides, providing a disturbing statistic especially among 15–29-year-olds, where suicide is the second leading cause of death globally. In this age group, every 40 seconds, a young person commits suicide in the world.

Another problem that Dean Telaku pointed out is the low level of awareness about the nature of mental health problems in the general population and also in various institutions.



He also stressed that there is a significant increase in the occurrence of anxiety in the population, where according to him, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the level of anxiety has increased by 30-50%.

Psychologist Shqipe Ukshini, from UCCK, an invited guest to this roundtable, said that the increase of mental health problems is proportionally related to the increase in population and overcrowding of urban settlements.

Meanwhile, psychologist Fitim Uka, from the Clinic "Empatia", and also an invited guest, said that unlike a decade ago, the perspective in the treatment of these diseases has changed, because today, people talk more openly about their mental health and concerns. "I am convinced that with this new era of psychology in Kosovo, we will no longer talk only about the treatment of mental disorders, but also about their prevention," said Uka.

Psychologist Shkurtë Bajgora, from the psychological support line "Mbështetu", who also participated in this roundtable discussion, explained that there are cases who call to talk about their anxiety, panic attacks, personal concerns in the family or with friends.



## Students of Child care and Welfare program visit Learning centers for learning and advice in Prizren

21 May 2021

A group of students from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Child Care and Welfare program, together with Professor Dr. Sc. Sevim Mustafa, visited the Resource Centers for Learning and Counseling "Lef Nosi" and "Mother Teresa" in Prizren.



The students were informed in detail about the learning process of children with hearing and speech impairments. They got to closely watch the children and their communication with teachers and peers through sign language and the assistance of a sign language interpreter.

The teaching takes place in the same way as in all schools in Kosovo, based on the curriculum, but adapts to the individual needs of each child through an Individual Education Plan which is reviewed twice a year.

Students learned concretely how to design an IEP (Individual Education Plan) for each student based on the individual needs of the student, and also discussed areas of activities that are designed based on their individual needs.

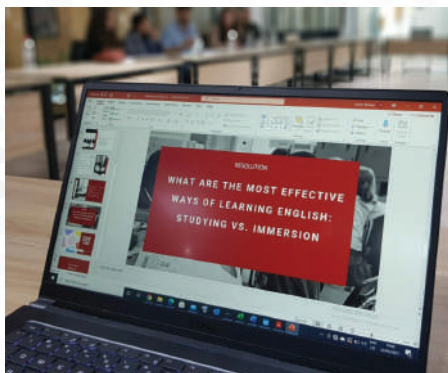


These visits were deemed very useful for the students, as they received a lot of information on the work being done and the great dedication of the staff so that the children can achieve success and also integrate themselves into regular schools.

## What is the best way to learn English, through learning or acquisition?

22 May 2021

As part of the consecutive activities of the English Language Faculty Student Debate Club, the recent debate addressed the topic of English language learning.





In this debut activity two teams of students participated: the "Debaters" and "Scientists", while the evaluation jury consisted of professors Xhavit Rexhaj, Mirvan Xhemajli, Hysen Kasumi and dean Aida Alla.

Participants debated and assessed various topics related to issues like: Can the grammar of a language be learned through acquisition? How is it possible for children to learn their mother tongue without the need for textbook support? What is the most effective and fastest way to learn English?, etc..



The debate lasted 90 minutes, and at the end the jury gave their comments and assessments, describing the affirmative team as "Debaters" for their ability to debate, and the denial team as "Scientists" for the fact that they used a lot of references and statistics in order to support their arguments.

In the end the jury decided to give an equal result between the two teams.



## Students of the Faculty of Economics attended the Chain supply management Workshop

24 May 2021

Under the leadership of Prof. Ass. Dr. Fëllanzë Pula, students of the Faculty of Economics participated in the "Chain Supply Management" workshop.

Three groups, with a total of 30 students, participated in this workshop.



The purpose of organizing this activity was for students to bolster their knowledge with contemporary working methods, and to encourage students' creativity in solving the challenges and problems they will encounter in their workplaces.

Students were divided into groups and did various works on Chain Supply Management, such as: warehouse management, transportation and the future of transportation and distribution as part of Chain Supply Management.

The representatives of the groups were Donjeta Morina, Driton Rrahmani and Labinot Krasniqi. The workshop concluded with the presentation of the works in front of the dean, and teachers and colleagues of the group.



## **Professor Magdalena Rekść from Lodz University, Poland, visits AAB College as part of the Erasmus+ exchange program**

25 May 2021

As part of the Erasmus + Program for the exchange of academic staff and AAB College's cooperation agreement with the University of Lodz from Poland, Professor Magdalena Rekść is visiting AAB College.



As a visiting professor, during her one-week stay at AAB College, Magdalena Rekść will hold a series of lectures with third- and fourth-year students of the Faculty of Law.

Rekść is part of the Department of Political Research and Policy Forecasting Methodology at the University of Lodz (WSMiP), and secretary at the University of Lodz Research and Development Center "Balkans at the End of the 20th / 21st Century".

Rekść has published dozens of scientific articles and participated in many scientific conferences.

She is a member of the Balkan Studies Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences and a member of the Albanian-Polish and Kosovar-Polish Association.

## **Isoft, now another partner from the industry of technology for the Faculty of Computer Sciences**

**26 May 2021**

The Faculty of Computer Science of AAB College and "iSoft LLC" from Prishtina, signed a cooperation agreement.



This cooperation agreement, which was signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science of AAB College, Prof. Jusuf Qarkaxhija and Managing Director of "iSoft LLC", Mr. Tuna Bütüçi brings the students of the Faculty of Computer Sciences of AAB College the opportunity to do their internships at "iSoft SHPK".

The agreement increases the number of partners from the industry of technology of the Faculty of Computer Science even more, thus ensuring the students and the graduates their successful entrance in the labor market.

Two students of AAB College are already part of "iSoft LLC", and this number is expected to increase further in the future.



## **AAB College signs cooperation agreement with Public University “Nënë Tereza” from North Macedonia**

**27 May 2021**

With the signing of a memorandum of cooperation with the Public University “Mother Teresa” from Skopje, yet another partner is added to the long list of partners of AAB College.



The ceremony of the agreement signing was attended by the academic leaders of the two respective institutions.

The agreement was signed by Rector Bujar Demjaha, of AAB College and Prof. Dr. Rizvan Sulejmani, Vice Rector for International Relations at Mother Teresa University.

Both parties have pledged that through this agreement they will increase their cooperation efforts in all university fields, including the exchange of academic and administrative staff, the exchange of students in different study cycles during semesters or internship periods, the organization of scientific conferences, seminars, roundtables, joint application in local and international funds for projects in the field of higher education, etc.

UNT is the first Albanian public university in the capital of Northern Macedonia, with 5 faculties and 14 study programs.



## AAB College graduates employed in Germany share their experiences with Nursing students

28 May 2021

of Nursing and the Career and Employment Program was held with the graduates of Nursing, who have now found employment in prestigious German clinics.



Former students Bleona Zabërgja, Qëndresa Seferi and Kushtrim Haliti, who started working in Germany through the Career and Employment Program, shared their experiences about employment in Germany with current students at the Faculty of Nursing.

Bleona, Qëndresa and Kushtrimi informed the students about the procedures they followed to meet the qualifications to start working in Germany and about the hospitality given to them by the staff of the Clinic.

Such virtual meetings with other former students of the Program who have started working or are expected to start working in Germany will continue to be held so that the students of the program and also the Nursing students of AAB College who intend to learn the German language and gain an employment contract in prestigious German clinics through the Career and Employment Program, can be constantly informed with the experiences of our alumni.

## **Master level students discuss supply chain challenges during covid-19 pandemic with businessman Ramiz Kelmendi**

29 May 2021

As part of the module "Supply chain management" of the Marketing and Business Management program, master level students had the opportunity to be a part of a discussion with guest speaker Mr. Ramiz Kelmendi, owner of the company Elkos Group - ETC.



In this meeting with the students, the well-known businessman spoke about the challenges of running a business, the manufacturing in Kosovo, the advantages and disadvantages of leadership, the transition of management from the traditional way to the digital one from 1989 to 2021.

Also, one of the inevitable topics in this conversation was the Covid-19 pandemic and the challenges of Kosovar companies in managing the supply chain during the pandemic.

During this interactive discussion, Mr. Kelmendi talked about many challenges, problems and experiences that we have had over the years and during the pandemic with transportation, supplies, orders, and sales.

The company ELKOS GROUP - ETC is a distributor and general representative for Kosovo, for brands most popular international, as well as the biggest supporter of local producers in the chain of ETC markets.

## **The first alumni 2021 scientific conference on Linguistics, literature and didactics held at AAB College**

29 May 2021

The Faculty of English Language of AAB College held the "First Scientific Conference Alumni 2021 on Linguistics, Literature and Didactics".

This activity marked the establishment of a joint network between the graduates of the Master Program of the Faculty of English Language and the professors of this faculty.



In his speech, the Rector of AAB College, Professor Bujar Demjaha said that ALUMNI is an important community as it is the graduates who reflect the greatness of the College through their daily work and projects. Rector Demjaha said that this activity should become an annual tradition.

Whereas the Dean of the Faculty of English Language, Professor Aida Alla expressed her appreciation to the participants and thanked the former mentors for the close cooperation with their candidates. She said that their 5-year studies at AAB College have opened the doors towards even greater success in the future.

The main purpose of the conference was to present the findings of young researchers in the field of linguistics, literature and didactics, which are undoubtedly important in learning, studying and developing a language.



The conference hosted 30 researchers who presented their work in both English and Albanian.

AAB College professors also participated in discussions, asking questions and giving feedback. The conference was a huge success, and the participants were awarded certificates by their mentors.



## **"One more book for my Library at AAB" campaign continues**

**31 May 2021**

"One More Book for My Library at AAB College" campaign, initiated by the AAB University Library, continues with the aim of encouraging AAB College students and staff to exchange books they consider contributor to the growth of the Library fund.

Following the campaign, the director of the Library, Urim Sallauka, was invited to the Studio A programme on ATV, where he spoke about the activity of the Library and the contributors so far.

He once again called on all students and staff to support this initiative which will last until September when the next edition of the AAB Autumn Book Fair is expected to take place.



All those who want to support this initiative, can donate their books to any of the AAB libraries, in Prishtina, Ferizaj or Gjakova.





**JUNE 2021**

## **AAB signs cooperation agreement with IATP (Integrated Agricultural Technology Agency)**

**1 June 2021**

AAB College signed a cooperation agreement with IATP-Integrated Agricultural Technology Agency L.L.C. to promote joint educational and cultural cooperation.

The parties agreed that the move towards lifelong learning must be accompanied by a successful transition to a knowledge-based economy and society.

The goal of this memorandum was to promote active citizenship and employability, because they are equally important and interlinked for lifelong learning.

This will be achieved through the joint organization of courses, workshops, international trainings, etc. Included in the agreement with the IATP will also be the AAB Institute for Certified Public Accountants and Auditors operating within AAB College.



## Master level students discuss logistics services and transport in the local market with businessman Ahmet Dobrunaj

3 June 2021

The owner of the company "Artida LD", Mr. Ahmet Dobrunaj, was the next guest speaker of the "Supply chain management" module, which is part of the curriculum of the Master's program Marketing and Business Management.



The purpose of this activity was for the students to get acquainted with the logistics practices of Kosovar companies, sharing experiences with the local company "Artida LD".

Discussion at this event focused on the classic management of past years of logistics, as well as current changes with new digitized systems.

Students in this lecture were also informed on the ways of importing goods from different international countries, their distribution in the local market and export opportunities in the regional and international market.

The challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, such as the delays in logistics services, were also a topic of discussion during this event.

The company Artida LD is a successful Kosovar company founded in 1990, which, since 1998, also deals with export and import services.

The main activity of the company is the wholesale trade of small metal items, installation material, and plumbing and heating equipment.

## **The Implementation Of The Cooperation Agreement With "Isa Boletini" University Begins**

**3 June 2021**

*The Rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha, and his associates met with representatives of the University "Isa Boletini" from Mitrovica, Vice Rector for International Cooperation and Research Prof. Dr. Behxhet Shala, and Dean of the Faculty of Education Prof. Ass. Dr. Besim Gollopeni.*





The purpose of this meeting was to implement the recently signed cooperation agreement.

Topics of general interest were discussed in this meeting, with particular emphasis on the coordination of a joint session to be held in November (2021) at the University of Korça, together with the Albanian Institute of Sociology (Tirana) and other partner institutions.

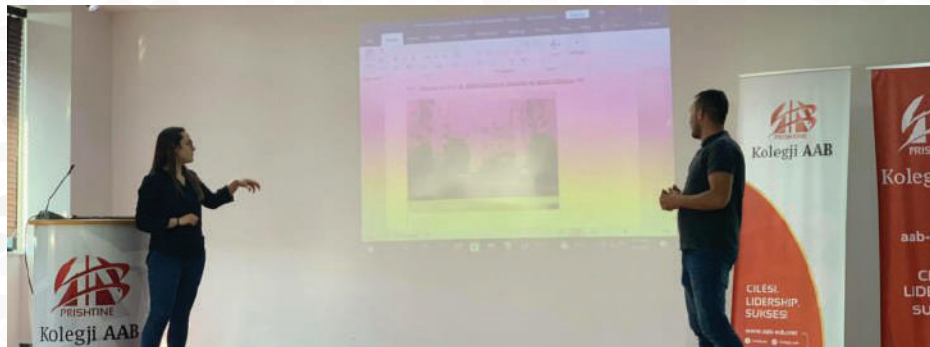
In addition, the meeting discussed further steps regarding the organization of scientific conferences and special lectures for students.

The meeting was also attended by Vice Rector for Cooperation and International Relations Prof. Ass. Dr. Venera Lljunji, Vice Rector for Science and Research Dr. Sc. Urandela Demaj, ERASMUS + Project Development Director, from AAB College and Ilirjana Geci.

## **Students of the Faculty of Economics present their ideas for creating new businesses**

**4 June 2021**

*Students of the Faculty of Economics presented their innovative ideas on various business, organizational, investment, technological, awareness-raising activities through their projects.*



Students divided into teams presented their projects which they work on independently in various fields such as marketing, business, information technology, and education, demonstrating knowledge of identifying and planning the necessary activities of each phase of the project, determining the necessary resources for the project, determining the duration of each activity, determining the cost and risks of the project.

During this process, students also demonstrated skills in applying methods, tools, and techniques to manage the scope, time, human resources, cost, and risk of projects.

The organizers of this activity, Prof. Florije Miftari and Prof. Erblina Pira, expressed their satisfaction with the presentation of projects, saying that students proved how theoretical knowledge can be applied in practice through this presentation.



The representatives of the groups were: Kaltrina Muqaj, Leuarta Rama, Besjana Martini, Donika Beqiri, Tringa Fushtica, Liridon Konjushevci, Erind Govori, Luljeta Gashi, Artë Hoxha, Agnesa Tullari, Shkodran Derguti, Vegim Begolli, Nazmie Morina.

## **AAB launches research project “Impact of information technology and media on mental health”**

**7 June 2021**

“AAB Summer Project” is a project that AAB has launched for its students, which will be implemented during the summer holidays 2021.

This initiative will bring together students from the Faculties of Psychology, Mass Communication and Computer Science in a major research project, in which students, in collaboration with the teaching staff, will research topics related to the Impact of information technology and media on mental health.



The main goal of this project is to develop students' research capacities, but also to offer them a wide range of information and recreational activities. The students will remain involved in this project even during the summer holidays.

The research which will take place during the summer is intended to be concluded with a scientific conference which will be organized at AAB College in October 2021.

In addition to the research activity, every week, other activities will be organized, such as lectures with professionals in the field and watching movies.

## **AAB College signs the continuation of cooperation agreement with the University Alexander Moisiu from Durrës, Albania**

**7 June 2021**

AAB College and Aleksandër Moisiu University from Durrës, Albania, represented by the respective Rectors, Dr. Sc. Bujar Demjaha and Prof. Dr. Kseanela Sotirofski, today signed the extension of their cooperation agreement in order to deepen the cooperation between the two institutions.



In the signing ceremony, held at the premises of the University Aleksandër Moisiu in Durrës, the Rectors highlighted the mutual benefits gained by the two institutions of Higher Education from the establishment and development of relations with one-another.





The signed agreement foresees the exchange of academic staff for teaching in subjects and modules of common interest, joint study programs, and qualification of academic staff through the organization of seminars, workshops, scientific conferences, scientific directorship, organization and drafting of joint programs, transfer of studies and programs according to common needs and interests, cooperation for joint academic and periodical publications, use of libraries by the academic staff and students of both institutions, etc.

Aleksandër Moisiu University in Durrës was established in 2006. Within this institution operate 6 faculties, in which 20 thousand students are currently going through their studies.

## **AAB College Strengthens Cooperation With The Embassy Of The Republic Of Croatia In Kosovo**

**9 June 2021**

*A meeting was held at AAB College between Dr. Sc. Nedjeljko Spilek, First Secretary at the Embassy of the Republic of Croatia and Vice-Rectors of AAB College, Prof. Ass. Dr. Venera Llunji and Dr.Sc. Uranela Demaj, and Project Development Director, Ilirjana Geci.*



The meeting focused on the friendly relations that AAB College has with the Embassy of Croatia, their ambassador, Madam Danijela Barisic, and also with officials of the Croatian Embassy.

The purpose of the meeting was to establish a cooperative network for AAB College with universities in Croatia in order to promote values in the field of higher education.





This meeting paid special attention to the need for collaborations which would result in joint organization of various academic, scientific and cultural events, application in various scientific projects, organizing various activities with students, especially with the Students' Union and with graduate students from both countries, and the promotion of books and various cultural activities which from the Republic of Croatia.

## **AAB College Partner In The Implementation Of The "Discover Stem For Her Kosovo" Project**

**9 June 2021**

*Two professors of AAB College, Prof.ass.dr.Arianit Maraj and Prof.ass.dr.Albulenë Kastrati, both Fulbright Alumni, have won the "Discover STEM for Her Kosovo" project, within the call of KUSA (Kosovo United States Alumni) in the Small Grants Program.*



This project, funded by the US Embassy in Prishtina and administered by KUSA, was developed in partnership with AAB College, and aims to raise awareness among girls about their involvement in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) profiles.



The project leaders show that within this project, so far awareness trainings have been held in six high schools in two municipalities, Rahovec in three schools and in Kamenica as well in three high schools.

In addition, one of the high schools in the Municipality of Kamenica involved in these trainings belongs to the Serb minority.

The project is towards completion, and at the end of it, there will be organized a workshop which will take place at AAB College, where in addition to project funders and administrators, it will be attended by representatives of institutions of the Republic of Kosovo, but also women representatives of the respective industry.

## **Criminalistics Students Of Aab College, Part Of ISRD4 Research Project**

**10 June 2021**

In the framework of the international research project on juvenile delinquency, ISRD4 (The International Self-Report Delinquency Study), students of the Criminalistics program of the Faculty of Law of AAB College are carrying out the survey in various schools in Kosovo municipalities.



This international project is being developed in cooperation with the Association of Criminologists, and Criminologists and Victimologists of Kosovo (ASKK), together with the international partners, University of Applied Sciences Zurich / Institute for Delinquency and Crime Prevention, Switzerland, Northeastern University College of Social Sciences and Humanities from the United States, and HETS-FR School for Social Work.

The ISRD4 project, which is a continuation of the previous three editions of this research, aims to provide early warning about deviant behaviors of juvenile delinquents.





This research is being done on the age group of children from 13 to 17 years old (students from grade 7 to 12th). The students of AAB College who are conducting the field research are being led by Prof. Mensut Ademi.

## **AAB Summer Project workshop held at AAB College**

**14 June 2021**

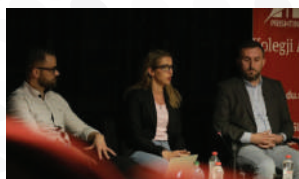
As part of the AAB Summer Project, the Faculty of Psychology continued its weekly activities with a lecture which talked about the psychological services offered in the Department of Gynecology at UCCK and the Kosovo Correctional Service.



Guests at this event were Brikena Krasniqi-Hoti, psychotherapist and specialist in clinical psychology, and Arbër Zeka, psychotherapist specializing in group psychotherapy and positive psychotherapy, employed in the Kosovo Correctional Service.

The two psychologists shared their very valuable experiences they had during their internships, which garnered a lot of interest from the students who asked numerous questions about the topics discussed.

Psychologist Brikena Krasniqi-Hoti stressed that the need for a psychologist in the gynecological ward is extremely important given the fragile nature of women, which is constantly in a kind of psychological transition from pregnancy to the post-natal phase, and receiving psychological help in these cases is more than necessary for their psychological well-being.



Meanwhile, psychologist Arbër Zeka, also shared a lot of interesting information, explaining once again the importance of the psychologist in the Kosovo Correctional Service, saying that the psychological assistance provided by psychologists in this institution has only just started preventing suicides in 2020, where, approximately, 40 suicide attempts by prisoners have been recorded thus far.

Zeka pointed out that these statistics are constantly updated, and are also published online on the website of the relevant institution, which students can freely use for research in the field of psychology.

On the other hand, in the framework of the project "AAB Summer Project", students, together with their mentors, discussed their next research steps. Dean Naim Telaku emphasized the importance of the project, whereas additional clarifications of the methodology were given by Prof. Shpend Voca. Currently, research groups are in the phase of selecting relevant topics and variables.

At the end of today's activity, Dean Telaku told the students and those present that the international psychologist Dr. Mariel Leclère will be invited to the next meeting and will speak about EEG Electroencephalography and Neurofeedback.



## **Former student of AAB College, now winner of the award “Innovation of the year” as developer of the IBAS platform in PBC**

14 June 2021

*In the 9th edition of the largest Albanian competition in the field of Information and Communication Technology “ICT Awards”, which was held in Tirana on June 11, the IBAS platform won the main prize of “Innovation of the Year”.*

The development of this platform was done by the former student, now lecturer at AAB College, Yll Qarkaxhija. In addition to his contribution to the new generations of students at AAB College, Ylli is currently also a manager at PBC.

The development of the IBAS platform aims at the digitalization of the financial system in Kosovo, enabling payments, transfers, loans and other products to be made online.



## **AAB College signs cooperation agreement with “Fehmi Agani” University**

15 June 2021

A cooperation agreement with the University of Gjakova “Fehmi Agani” was signed today at the Rectorate of AAB College.

This agreement, which aims to deepen cooperation in the professional, educational and scientific field, was signed by the Vice Rector for International Cooperation at AAB College, Prof. Ass. Dr. Venera Llunji and the Rector of the University “Fehmi Agani”, Prof. Ass. Dr. Artan Nimani.



On this occasion, Vice Rector Lljunji expressed satisfaction with the opportunity to cooperate with the University "Fehmi Agani" in Gjakova.

"We expect great results from the cooperation between our institutions, whose capacities will be at the service of our academic staff and students," she said.

On the other hand, Rector Nimani expressed his conviction that this cooperation will be fruitful and will produce tangible results in the field of higher education, research and development, student activities and programs relevant to the community.

A partnership between the parties in the professional, educational and scientific field is expected to be forged through the agreement signed today.

The agreement foresees professional cooperation between the academic and administrative staff, the cooperation of students of different study cycles for semester study periods or for periods of internships, joint activities and publications in scientific research, etc..

## **Professor from France, Dr. Mariel Leclere holds lecture for AAB College students on electroencephalography and neuro-feedback**

**18 June 2021**

*The activities of the AAB Summer Project have continued this week as well. Today the students of the Faculty of Psychology, the Faculty of Computer Science and the Faculty of Mass Communication, had the opportunity to attend a very interesting lecture and demonstration by French Professor Dr. Mariel Leclere on electroencephalography and neuro-feedback.*



During this lecture, students were introduced to this advanced technique of reflecting electromagnetic waves of the brain known as (EEG).

Dr. Leclere introduced the numerous applications of this technique to the students, such as the reflection of brain waves in people, which finds use in clinical cases of sleep disorders. By the end of the lecture, the students also had the opportunity to operate the EEG apparatus.



The presentation closed with the application of the neuro-feedback method through which one can intervene in the regulation of brain waves in cases of mental disorders. When the lecture was at its end, students had the opportunity to ask questions on imaging brain work through EEG and research methods within Neuroscience.

The activity ended with a workshop on research projects and a discussion of the program for the coming weeks.

## **AAB College and Polyclinic/ Laboratory "Avicena" sign cooperation agreement**

**18 June 2021**

*The students of the Faculty of Nursing of AAB College continue to be highly sought after in workplaces in the country and beyond.*

*In order to provide even more opportunities for internships and employment for the Nursing graduates, today, AAB College signed a cooperation agreement with the Laboratory and Polyclinic "Avicena".*



Vice Rector Venera Llunji, who was the signatory party on behalf of AAB College, described this union as essential for the students, saying: "Our cooperation marks a new step in the field of medicine. Through this agreement, we can provide our exemplary students with professional work conditions."

She explained that with this agreement, students will also benefit from professional trainings and seminars.

Whereas, Adelina Shuki, general director of the Laboratory "Avienca", said that the agreement with AAB College is of special importance to them: "Our laboratory is a leader in its field, and we are expanding by the day. We greatly value our professional staff, therefore the agreement with AAB College is very important to us."

Many of the graduate students at the Faculty of Nursing of AAB College have already become part of important health institutions abroad, and greater yet is the number of those who are employed in our country.

## **AAB College students climb the top of mount Luboten to mark the International Olympics day**

**23 June 2021**

The Faculty of Physical Education and Sports of AAB College has marked June 23, International Olympic Day, by climbing to the top of Luboten.

The top of Luboten is considered to be one of the highest peaks in our country standing at an impressive 2,498 meters above sea level.





This annual expedition was attended by both professors and students of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports. However, unlike the previous years, this year's expedition was supported by the Kosovo Olympics Committee.

This celebration of the International Olympics Day by climbing the peak of Luboten was also a preparation for the next challenge and expedition; because in July of this year, the students of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports will attempt to climb the highest peak in the Albanian Alps, the peak of Gjeravica with an altitude of 2,656 meters.



## **Nurses Shkurta and Mirlinda, AAB College graduates, immediately find employment in Germany**

**24 June 2021**

*Shkurta Haliti and Mirlinda Uka, two graduate students from the Faculty of Nursing of AAB College who in addition to their studies have also been part of the Career and Employment Program, today begin their work as Nurses in Germany.*



They and their colleagues, who have been working in Germany for three months now, are the best example of a fruitful collaboration between AAB College, LINGUA, and the German partners.



Shkurta and Mirlinda are extremely satisfied with the hospitality of the staff in their workplace, and the help that has been offered to them, both in the work process and in the integration process in Germany.

What makes us even more proud is how well our students are being received by German employers, thanks to the professional preparation by AAB College, and the teaching of German and other languages by the Lingua staff.

The number of our students who are starting work in partnered German clinics is increasing by the day, and stands as testament that AAB College and the Career and Employment Program is the best option for success for nurses who aim to be a part of the German work-force!

## AAB College Holds Ceremony On The 85th Birthday Of Academic Rexhep Qosja

24 June 2021

*AAB College, in cooperation with the Albanological Institute of Prishtina, organized a ceremony on the occasion of the 85th birthday of academic Rexhep Qosja.*



In this ceremony, attended by important figures of Kosovo institutions, intellectuals, scholars, professors, students and many guests from Kosovo and the region, academician Rexhep Qosja was highly praised for his contribution to literature.

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Albin Kurti, said that Qosja's work is vast and far-reaching.





"We wish a happy birthday to the academician, the writer, researcher and public intellectual, Rexhep Qosja, whose monumental work has enriched the lives of many Albanians around the world." said Kurti.



Kurti stressed that Rexhep Qosja's work is timeless, remaining as current today as it has been in past decades. His work is a source of inspiration for young people today, as it was for young people in the '60s,' 70s, '80s,' and 90s, who, in his works, found the motivation to feel proud of the Albanian identity and to resist both physically and mentally the oppressive Yugoslav and Serbian regimes.



The Chairman of the Steering Council of AAB College, Lulzim Tafa affirmed that Qosja has been a figure without equal over the years.

"Rexhep Qosja has always known how to unfold the uniform thoughts and stances that our society has built based on the principles of a democratic society " said Tafa.

The intellectual from Albania, Pëllumb Xhufi, the director of the Albanological Institute of Prishtina, Prof. Dr. Hysen Matoshi, as well as Professor Agim Vinca, also touched on the intellectual and academic works of Rexhep Qosja of the past 5 decades.

Academic Qosja himself expressed gratitude for this event.

"I feel great honor and joy to be amongst you today. It is a great honor because I stand amongst you in the largest and most important College in the Republic of Kosovo, which is also an institution of higher education, and the grounds for great theatrical and cultural activities, and modern media; while also being recognized by one of the most important and most valuable of Albanian institutes, the Albanological Institute of Prishtina."



Rexhep Qosja, born in 1936 in Vuthaj, Montenegro, is the author of over 30 works of various genres. For some time, he was also involved in active politics and was part of the Kosovar delegation at the Rambouillet conference.





## Training on Project Development Planning held for academic staff of AAB College

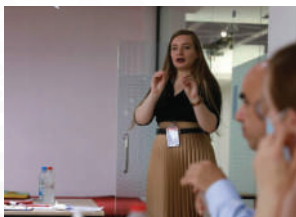
24 June 2021

*The Project Development Office has organized a two-day training on Project Development Planning for the academic staff of AAB College.*



This training aimed to increase the capacities of participants to plan and implement development projects, which aim to improve the quality of education within AAB College.

The first group of participants consisted of 18 professors and assistants of different Faculties within the College.



The active involvement of the participants in this training was finalized with the conception of concrete ideas for future projects which AAB College intends to implement. Advanced trainings in this field will be organized consistently in order to build high institutional capacities for planning and implementation of development projects.

## International Prize For Literature "Ali Podrimja" Of Aab College For 2021 Awarded To The Bosnian Writer Abdullah Sidran

25 June 2021

In a magnificent ceremony organized at the AAB Theater "Faruk Begolli", at AAB College, attended by well-known personalities from public institutions, writers, artists, professors and students and the family members of the late poet Ali Podrimja, the International Prize for Literature "Ali Podrimja" of AAB College for 2021 was awarded to the Bosnian writer, academician Abdullah Sidran.



In this ceremony, the President of the Steering Committee of AAB College, Lulzim Tafa, said that it is a great pleasure that this prize is being awarded to a well-known writer not only in Bosnia but also in the Balkans and beyond.

Mr. Sidran, we have invited you to award you the prize that bears the name of your friend and my friend "Ali Podrimja".

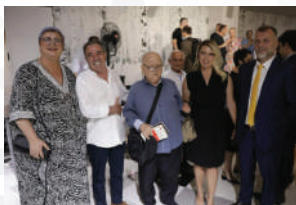
If he is seeing us now, I am very sure he will be very happy. We also invited you for another purpose to thank you for your poetic brilliance and for the great art that you have given to humanity ", said Tafa.

In his speech, Prime Minister Kurti said that he feels honored to participate in the ceremony that honors the artistic creativity of a poet, with an award that bears the name of an equally great poet. Prime Minister Kurti said that through verses, Mr. Sidran united us with the pain, wounds and mess that his people survived, which a few years later would become the reality and the truth of our people, as well.



He said that the traces left by Mr. Sidran in Bosnian and Balkan literature are indelible. They will strongly serve the collective memory of the nations to whom history has repeatedly shown to be ruthless.

The decision for the International Prize for Literature "Ali Podrimja", for the Bosnian writer Abdullah Sidran, was by a jury composed of: Halil Matoshi, Naime Beqiraj, Lulzim Tafa, Rrahman Paçarizi and Vlora Konushevci.



The reason of the jury, which was given by Halil Matoshi, was that this Prize is awarded to the writer Abdullah Sidran, for his great art given the highest evaluations and considerations for him. While the prize was awarded to the winner of 2021 by the Rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha.

At the solemn ceremony of the "Ali Podrimja" Award, the laureate of 2021, gave an emotional speech in front of the audience.

"People usually think that every shell taken from the bottom of the sea holds a pearl in it. But not every shell has a pearl. Only those shells that have experienced an external shock have pearls, those that have suffered severe wounds in their body, and to heal that wound, they secrete such fluid that later turns into pearls.



Our talents have been born from a tear, our pearls have been born from our wounds and I want everyone here to understand this as a truth that relates to the individual and as a truth that relates to our nations, our collectivities.

What is most beautiful in them, is that they are born from the wounds of our nations and our people. And let us hope that the current scars that we have and that we are going through, in the future will yield wonderful and beautiful pearls that will be the pride of the people.

Thank you to everyone. I am really a happy man tonight," said Sidran.



We recall that the International Prize for Literature and Art "Ali Podrimja" awarded by AAB College, has so far been won by the great Albanian writer Ismail Kadare and the great Montenegrin writer Jevrem Berkovic.



## Faculty Of Physical Education Signed Cooperation Agreement With Kosovo Badminton Federation

28 June 2021

Another sports federation, that of Badminton, is already part of the list of partners of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports of AAB College.



With the agreement signed by the dean of this faculty and the Badminton Federation of Kosovo, it is intended that the students of AAB College are offered another opportunity for the realization of the theoretical and practical part and the development of new knowledge in practice, within the Badminton course expected to be incorporated into the next four-year project.

In addition, through this agreement, special short-term academic programs will be organized, including the joint organization of summer schools, different camps, different events, competitions of different levels.

On the other hand, students interested in being licensed as badminton coach, according to the levels, will be offered this opportunity through specified forms of cooperation.





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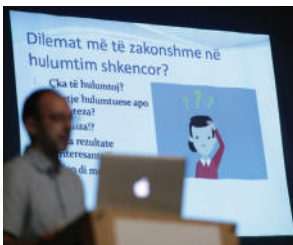
## **"From Dilemmas To The Results Of A Scientific Research. How To Answer Research Questions" Was The Topic Discussed In AAB Summer Project**

2 July 2021

The following activity within the AAB Summer Project, which has gathered students from the Faculties of Psychology, Computer Science and Mass Communication, brought a thematic lecture to the best professors in scientific research work such as: Fitim Uka, PhD, Shpend Voca, PhD and Arian Musliu, PhD cand.



Characteristics of cross-sectional studies suitable for descriptive analysis and simple linear analysis, was the topic for which Arian Musliu lectured. Among other things, he stressed the possibility of cross-sectional studies in Kosovo based on the fact that we are a developing country in the center of the Balkans (EU) with a very young average age.



While Shpend Voca addressed the topic of P-hacking, which according to him the total value of  $p$ , in the process of statistical analysis is manipulated in an unfair way. In terms of analysis, a parallel has been drawn between SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences) and Studios R and Mplus. These two softwares, like the latest trends used for statistical analysis have some advantages because they offer deeper analysis than can be provided with SPSS.

Whereas, prof. Fitim Uka has also shared his own experiences from research work to make more accurate measurements knowing that definitions in the field of psychology may vary among themselves and not all can be answered with a single scientific method.

This session was moderated by Vice Dean Mimoza Kamberi, who also led the discussion between students and panelists, and at the very end the next activity within this project was announced, which will be held on July 9, 2021.

## **Students of career and employment program take additional trainings to prepare for license exam in Germany**

4 July 2021

Nursing students of AAB College, who are part of the Career and Employment Program during this week are taking additional trainings in the laboratories of the college for the preparation of the License Exam, which can be subject to all students who start work in Germany for obtaining a German Nursing license.



The trainings are being held under the supervision of the Dean's Office of Nursing and are being conducted by Valdete Visoka, who has been invited by AAB College from Germany. The content and curriculum of this training have been drafted by the Dean of Nursing specifically for the students of the Program in order to reinforce the practical knowledge and maximum preparation of our students of the License Examination Program in Germany.

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Nurse Valdete Visoka will share with our students her many years of experience in the field of Nursing. This additional practice is all being conducted in German language.

On the other hand, the German language courses of Nursing, organized by Lingua, which will serve the students in preparing for the license exam and facilitating the process of their integration in the work in German clinics, are continuing with increased intensity.

The Career and Employment Program is a unique program offered at AAB College that aims to assist students in their employment and safe journey to Germany.



## Many students from Kosovo, Albania and Macedonia attend Summer School 2021

7 July 2021

The Summer School 2021 "Student Social Life" has solemnly started, organized by AAB College in cooperation with the University "Isa Boletini" from Mitrovica, the State University of Tetova and the Metropolitan University from Tirana.



In the opening ceremony of the first edition of this Summer School, to open this activity, a speech was delivered by the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at AAB College, prof.ass.dr. Hysen Kasumi. While the initiative of this organization was greeted and praised by the rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha, professor Sonila Daiu from the Metropolitan University of Tirana, and assistant Ridvan Aliti from the University of Tetova.



On the first day of the Summer School, in the Media Center at AAB College, the debate "Opportunities of higher education institutions in the development of students' social life" was held. Afterwards, the participating students of the School, accompanied by the academic staff and with the support of the Ministry of Culture, visited the National Museum of Kosovo and the ancient city "Ulpiana" in Gracanica.



While on the second day of the Summer School, the participants were welcomed in the premises of the University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini". On this occasion, a debate was held with students on the topic "The importance of student social life: Examples from the experiences of international institutions – Student social life at the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica.

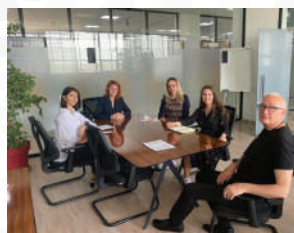
After the debate, students and staff visited the Museum of Crystals in Mitrovica.

At the end of this activity, certificates were awarded to the participants for their contribution to the Summer School 2021.

## **Summer School 2021 strengthens collaborations between student unions of participating universities**

8 July 2021

The success of the organization of the Summer School 2021 at AAB College, should also undoubtedly be attributed to the commitment of the Student Union of AAB College, in the development of this activity.



This initiative, which brought together students from AAB, Isa Boletini University, the University of Tetova from Northern Macedonia, and the Metropolitan University from Albania, further strengthened the cooperation of the student unions of the participating universities.

Thus, within the framework of the development of the Summer School 2021, the president of the Student Union of AAB College, Gentiana Uruqi, had a working meeting with the President of the Student Parliament of the Metropolitan University of Tirana, Reinder Broqaj. On this occasion, the form of cooperation of these student organizations and the start of organizing joint activities were discussed.

The President of AAB students, Gentiana Uruqi, emphasized that the Summer School 2021 is an additional proof that AAB never lacks the support and organizations that affect the professional development of each student.

Participants of the Summer School 2021, in addition to the academic agenda, had the opportunity to visit several places of cultural importance for the country, such as the ancient city of Ulpiana in Gračanica, the National Museum of Kosovo in Pristina and the Museum of Crystals in Mitrovica.



## Students of choreography bring excellent performance to the second-year final exam

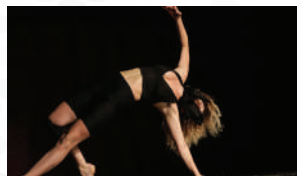
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With a public performance that was held at the AAB Theater "Faruk Begolli", the second year students of the Choreography program, within the Faculty of Arts at AAB, concluded the choreography exam.



The play was intertwined with monologues, duets and trios, where students displayed their creativity learned during these two years of study.

On this occasion, the teacher of this subject prof. Luljeta Braha, expressed her satisfaction with the commitment and dedication of the students throughout the academic year and also with their public performance.



We remind you that AAB College is the only institution in Kosovo that offers studies in the Choreography program, within the Faculty of Arts.

## **AAB College and the institute of sociology of Albania continue institutional agreement**

8 July 2021

The agreement for institutional cooperation between AAB College and the Institute of Sociology of Albania, signed in 2015, has been extended today for an indefinite period of time.



The excellent relations between the two institutions and the organization of conferences and other activities so far, as well as the planning of various activities that will take place in the future, have made the General Director of the Institute of Sociology of Albania, Prof. Dr. Lekë Sokoli and the Rector of AAB College, Dr.Sc. Bujar Demjaha, and with the support of the Dean of the Faculty of Education of the University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini", Prof. Dr. Besim Gollopeni to sign the continuation of this institutional cooperation.

The agreement includes cooperation in the field of organizing joint conferences, active participation in all planned activities: seminars, roundtables, scientific and cultural activities, exchange of academic and scientific staff, joint publications in the journal "THESIS" and the scientific journal of the Institute of Sociology of Albania.

The meeting was also attended by the Vice Rector Venera Lljunji and the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences of AAB College, Hysen Kasumi.



## **AAB College, the only participant from all Albanian universities at the international summer school in Graz, Austria**

9 July 2021

Two students of the Faculty of English Language at AAB College, Fatjona Kuçi and Edita Maraj, are the only participants from all Albanian universities who are attending the International Summer School GUSEGG 2021, organized by the University of Graz in Austria.



This summer school, which was founded in 2014, has been attended by thousands of students from universities around the world, while this year due to the pandemic situation, the school is organized in a hybrid format.

This year 's program of the GUSEGG 2021 Summer School, which is held at Seggau Castle in Graz, will last until July 10. The program includes lectures, individual seminars, discussions and networking opportunities with international lecturers and students, development of public speaking, academic and creative writing skills. Students will also have the opportunity to publish their work in Off Campus journal: Seggau School of Thought.

Fatjona and Edita, who are participating in this academic activity, are distinguished students at the Faculty of English Language, and attend studies in the Gjakova campus at AAB.

## **Award ceremony held for volunteer students of the "English from me to you" program in SOS Village**

9 July 2021

For two years now, third year students of the Faculty of English Language have been contributing voluntarily to teaching English to children who are part of SOS Village schemes. This year 25 students taught more than 100 children.



At the end of the second module, students were awarded certificates to appreciate their contribution. Present at this event were the Rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha, representatives from SOS Village, Arjeta Rexhaj, Head of the Support Center for Children and Families, and Hana Shala, social worker and English language program coordinator.

In his keynote address, the Rector congratulated the students for all their dedication and for the good example they are transmitting to the community. The Rector expressed the readiness of AAB College to continue supporting the children of SOS Village with other activities.



Jasmine Ejupi, one of the volunteers of the program "English from me to you" shared her experience in front of the audience and said that the experience and feeling she had with the children during the courses will be unforgettable. At the end the students continued the conversation about other similar projects.

## **AAB Summer Project discussed the experiences of trauma and torture and their psychological effects on the population who experienced war in Kosovo**

9 July 2021

The summer research project "AAB Summer Project", this week continued with a new topic, which discussed the experiences of trauma and torture and their psychological effects on the population that has experienced the war in Kosovo.



In addition to the students and academic staff involved in this research project, invited to today's discussion were also Ms. Selvie Izeti Çarkaxhiu from the Rehabilitation Center of Torture Survivors (KRCT) and Mr. Korab Krasniqi from the ZFD Forum.

Selvie Izeti Çarkaxhiu (KRCT) is involved in promoting human rights for all ethnic groups in Kosovo in response to the need for psycho-social support for survivors of torture and trauma during the Kosovo war (1998-1999).



In the meantime, Selvie Izeti Çarkaxhiu emphasized the individual stigmas that traumatized people attribute to themselves and social stigmas. Whereas, the findings from the research implemented by this center and in cooperation with countries such as Australia and Denmark have alluded to the phenomenon of transmitting trauma to others based on cortisol levels.

The guest of today's activity was also Mr. Krasniqi from ZFD Forum. This organization supports people to face violent conflicts in response to the Balkan crisis. They deal in more detail with the design, development and implementation of projects in order to deal with the past.

On this occasion, students were given the opportunity to reveal the summarized stories of survivors of the recent war in Kosovo entitled: "I want to be heard" and "Beyond pain towards courage". The latter also touches on the topic of interaction with the family, the community and the policy-making of the country.



Whereas, Professor Mimoza Shahini from AAB College, has reflected on the services provided by Kosovo for survivors of trauma and violence and has shared experiences from practical work. On the other hand, from the experience of research work has been pointed out that the wives of war veterans compared to the veteran himself and the child, are likely to have difficulties with their mental health. Therefore, they called for trauma to be addressed as a dimension and not necessarily as a categorization.

KRCT and forum ZFD on the occasion of this event, have donated several copies of two books published by these organizations "Beyond pain, towards courage" and "I want to be heard" for the rector, library and students of AAB College.

The activity is closed by leaving it to the next activity that will follow after a week.





## **The latest issue of Scientific Review THESIS with authors from prestigious universities now available**

13 July 2021

The new issue of the international scientific journal Thesis, published by AAB College, has been released.



This issue includes 10 scientific articles written by authors from prestigious universities, such as:

University of Bielefeld, University College London, University Rome Tre, Vrije University of Brussels, Osaka University, Hellenic Open University, Kaplan Higher Education Singapore, AAB College and South East European University.

The first article written by Greek, German and Singaporean authors deals with the use of face masks in education as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The second article, written by English scholar Hoyte-West, deals with multilingualism in the Western Balkans, with a particular focus on translation and interpretation.

Another article deals with a similar topic, which elaborates the mistakes of Albanian students in Northern Macedonia when translating from Albanian to English. The scholar from Bielefeld treats the German concept of "bildung" according to Adorno's critique. Another article, whose author is by Vrije University in Brussels, deals with the harmonization of Albanian legislation with that of the EU regarding defamation in the media.

Other articles also belong to the fields of social sciences and humanities, including some articles focused on the Balkans.

Thesis is an international scientific journal which is published twice a year, online and in paper, indexed on dozens of international platforms.

The latest issue can also be read online, as AAB College adheres to and supports the European principle of open access to research.

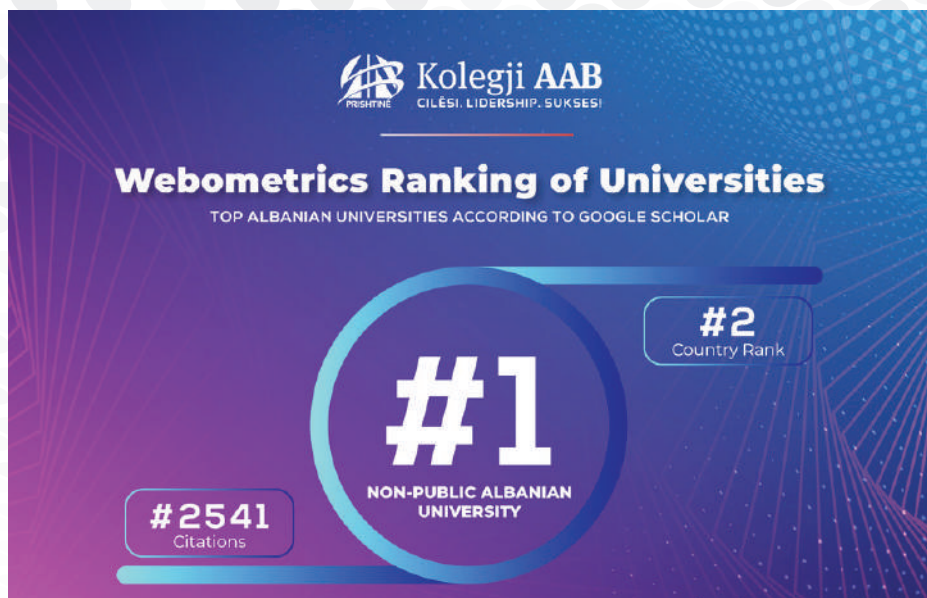
## **AAB College remains the first and only Albanian non-public institution for citations in google scholar**

14 July 2021

Out of about 5 thousand universities in the world, included in the #TransparentRanking, which is based on Google Scholar data, AAB College is ranked first non-public institution out of all Albanian institutions in Kosovo, Albania and Northern Macedonia.

AAB College remains yet again the only non-public institution from Kosovo that is included in this list, while from our country in this ranking only the University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina" is included.

Out of over 30 thousand world universities that are evaluated by this ranking, only the first 4 thousand are included in this ranking, as one of the top universities based on the publications of scholars and professors and their citation by other authors.



AAB College continues to be committed to the further development of the scientific research component, supporting and aiding the projects and research of the academic staff and students. This is evidenced by the International Scientific Journal "Thesis", which is published by AAB, and which is already indexed on about 50 scientific platforms, including: DOAJ, Hrcak, Base Bielefeld, MIAR, Worldcat, etc..

Transparent Ranking, as the list of top universities from Google Scholar citations is called, is published by the Spanish High Council for Scientific Research, part of which is also the research group Cybermetrix LAB.

## 13 students of AAB College attended the trainings and were certified for playdagogy byplay4international

15 July 2021

In cooperation with Play4 International, 13 students from the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports of AAB College, have been trained and certified and have acquired the skills to implement and lead PLAYDAGOGY sessions, from the handbook "Changing the mentality around disabilities". Students have implemented in practice 16 activities with over 100 children from the "British School of Kosova".



The PLAY'in Together project aims to work with European societies towards greater inclusion of all persons with disabilities, through the promotion of Paralympic and European Olympic (OPE) values in sporting games.



This project is implemented in 8 partner countries in Europe and is supported by the Erasmus + Sport Program, funded by the European Commission.



## **The runway of fashion design students was held with Victorian period costumes and the upcycle concept**

15 July 2021

The second-year students from the Department of Fashion Design at AAB College, today for the first time presented the clothes they made within the course History of Costumes and Fashion.



Throughout this year, students researched 19th century and 20th century clothing, silhouettes, and materials that culminated in the making of periodic, historical clothing from exactly these two centuries.

The costumes of the 19th century, including the Victorian period, were presented on the stage of the "Faruk Begolli" Theater, in collaboration with the students of the Department of Choreography, who brought these costumes to life through their movements.





A special initiative from the Department of Fashion Design was the making of 20th century clothing, from the period of the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s, in the Upcycle concept.

The Upcycle concept motivates the use of existing clothing and their modification into new designs. This concept comes in support of the global call for environmental protection by reducing textile waste.

## **AAB brings three international publications within the last three weeks**

16 July 2021

In the last three weeks alone, AAB College has issued three important scientific publications.

We're talking about the study book entitled "Role and legal position of the President of the Republic of Kosovo – 111 questions and answers", authors Besim Kajtazi and Florent Muçaj; The book with the works from the International Scientific Conference organized by AAB and in partnership with several other universities, as well as the international scientific journal "Thesis".



In the book for the role of the president, the authors provide answers to 111 questions related to the role and legal position of the president of Kosovo: how is the chairman of the CEC appointed and dismissed by the president of Kosovo?; what is the role of the president in foreign policy ?; how does the president represent the unity of the people ?; how does the president guarantee the democratic and constitutional functioning of Kosovo institutions, etc ..

The book of the Conference includes 7 studies with 12 authors which were presented at the international scientific conference entitled "Perspectives of EU integration of the Western Balkans", which was held at AAB College in April, in cooperation with the University of Osijek, Sarajevo , South East European University, Durrës, FON-Skopje and Korça.

In this book the studies of the participants coming from the universities of Croatia, Turkey, Northern Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania, etc are published.

The third publication of AAB College that came out of print these days, is the international scientific journal "Thesis". The 280 pages of this volume include scholarly articles by scholars from prestigious universities around the world, such as: University College London, University of Rome Three, Vrije University of Brussels, Japanese University of Osaka, Hellenic Open University, Kaplan Higher Education Singapore, AAB College, German University Bielefeld, etc ..

All three publications can be found in the Library of AAB College.

## **AAB College rises further on the ranks of Webometrics and continues to be the best Albanian non-public institution of higher education in the region**

28 July 2021

447 positions higher than in the January 2021 edition of the prestigious ranking list of Webometrics, AAB College has again emerged as the best Albanian non-public institution in the region.



In the published results of Webometrics for the second edition of 2021, among over 30 thousand universities evaluated globally, the University of Prishtina and AAB College are ranked highest in our country.

The two leaders of the list of university institutions of Kosovo have had a remarkable increase in their position in the rank list, where the University of Prishtina rose by 247 positions, and AAB College rose 447 positions.

Based on these results, the highest ranked Albanian public universities are: University of Prishtina, University of Tirana, Agricultural University of Tirana, University of Tetova.

Webometrics, a ranking list conducted by the Cybermetrics Lab, which is part of the largest public research institution in Spain, the High Council for Scientific Research, recently released the list of 5 thousand best universities according to citations of scientific papers in Google Scholar, in which the only Institutions from our country that were included were the University of Prishtina and AAB College.

The ranking of Webometrics is based on the recognition of the published scientific works, as well as the content and dissemination of information from electronic sources by the relevant institutions.

The top rankings of World Universities are claimed by American universities, led by Harvard University, whereas the highest ranked university in Europe is that of Oxford.



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**AUGUST 2021**

## AAB College's Faculty of Mass Communication takes part in two international scientific conferences in Greece

5 August 2021

The Faculty of Mass Communication of AAB College took part in two international scientific conferences run by the Institute for Communications in Greece together with Aristotle University, Saint-Quentin University of Versailles, King Graduate School at Monroe College from the USA



These events are the Sixth International Conference on Communications and Management (ICCM2021) and the Second Hellenic International Conference on Political Science: Communication in Politics, which were held online from August 1 to August 3.

AAB College's Faculty of Mass Communication, besides being a partner in these conferences, also had its representative staff in the Organizing Council and the Scientific Committee of these conferences.

Dozens of presenters from Europe, the US and Asia attended these online scientific conferences.



**SEPTEMBER 2021**

## Faculty of Foreign Languages of AAB College and TranKOS sign cooperation agreement

7 September 2021

The Faculty of Foreign Languages of AAB College continues to expand the opportunities for cooperation and employment with companies and institutions for its students. This cooperation agreement was signed with the prestigious company TranKOS, which specializes in written and oral translation services as well as being a leader in the use and provision of the most advanced software for the performance of these services.



Through this agreement, signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Aida Alla and the General Director of TranKOS, Mr. Afrim Hyseni, students of the English Language Master program will have the opportunity to perform their professional internship and other activities of interest discussed in the agreement.

Both institutions pledge to engage with all capacities in order for this agreement to be implemented as successfully as possible.

## **International Webinar on “Sports diplomacy and its role in promoting Kosovo stateship” held at AAB College**

**8 September 2021**

Organized by the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, in cooperation with the Kosovo Institute for Sports, the second round of the international webinar “Sports diplomacy and its role in promoting Kosovo stateship” was held at AAB College.

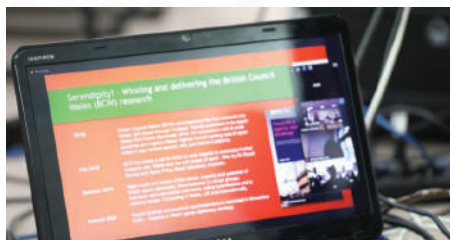
The management team of AAB College, vice-rectors Shemsedin Vehapi, Urandela Demaj and the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education, Fatmir Pireva, were joined in this conference by Mr. Lorik Cana, Attaché for Youth, Culture and Sports at the Albanian Embassy in Rome, and former captain of the Albanian Football National Team; Mrs. Silvija Mitevska, Sports Advisor to the Prime Minister of Northern Macedonia; Mr. Gavin Price, Bond University Australia, SOAS University of London and co-author of Towards a Welsh Sports Diplomacy Strategy; Mr. Grant Jarvie, University of Edinburgh and Toronto, former Adviser to the Scottish Government; Mrs. Albana Murra, AAB College alumni, marketing specialist; Mr. Loïc Tregoures, Catholic Institute of Paris, France, author of the book in French “Football in Yugoslav Chaos” and Mr. Juan Manuel Montoro, Kosovo Research and Analysis, PhD candidate at the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain.





On this occasion, Vice Rector Shemsedin Vehapi said that this webinar is particularly important one, because it is taking place two or three days before the World Cup qualifying match of Kosovo Vs Spain. "We are taking small steps that will affect policy-makers in Kosovo and also in Spain. We as AAB College are ready to give all we can in our support of the sport.", said Vehapi.

Adnan Ahmeti from the Kosovo Institute for Sports said that although our country is only 13 years old, so far it has participated in two Olympics, and has won three medals, courtesy of our women athletes. "It is time for Kosovo to have its own strategy of sports diplomacy. This is a signal for Kosovo policymakers that they should do more for sports diplomacy and sports in general," said Ahmeti.



Lorik Cana, former captain of the Albanian National Football Team, currently attaché for youth, culture and sports at the Albanian Embassy in Rome, also spoke about the importance of sports in diplomacy. He said that football was his "voice" to promote national identity and lobby for our rights as a nation. "Diplomacy is a power of the people. When you have people with you who share your values, you have the power of diplomacy as an ambassador and representative of your country. We have to look no further than the case of Majlinda Kelmendi in Russia who became a judo champion representing Kosovo and the flag, which would be an impossible feat without sports ", said Cana.

In this webinar, it was concluded that sport remains a powerful tool to promote our country, our culture, and our values when we want to achieve the objectives of foreign policy as a state.

## AAB College signs cooperation agreement with Kosovo Olympic Committee (KOC)

13 September 2021

AAB College's Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, represented by Dean Fatmir Pireva and the Kosovo Olympic Committee (KOC), represented by its President, Ismet Krasniqi, signed a memorandum of cooperation.



President Ismet Krasniqi, said that with the signing of this memorandum, a new chapter is being opened for KOC which brings it even closer to educational and sports institutions, while also adding that the cooperation agreement with AAB College was realized months ago, and is now being formalized with the signing of the memorandum.

During his speech, Dean Pireva mentioned the joint activities that had already taken place such as marking the 2021 Olympic Day and the joint tables, whereas the now-formalized agreement will include staff exchange, exchange of joint experiences, organization of activities such as summer schools, symposia, and conferences, culminating in the eventual establishment of the Olympic Academy.

The Secretary General of KOC, Besim Aliti, spoke about the importance of signing this memorandum and advancing KOC in the field of education, emphasizing that the Olympic Academy will soon open, which will function as a department within KOC, and that cooperation agreements will soon reach other universities such as the University of Prishtina.

The signing of this memorandum was highly praised by the Vice President of KOC, Mimoza Shkodra Bislimi and the member of the Executive Board, Musa Selimi, as well as other representatives of AAB College, who were present.

## **Five students of AAB College continue their studies in Norway as part of the Erasmus + exchange program**

16 September 2021

Erza Idrizaj, Medline Geci, Yllza Morina, Ardijane Dobratiqi and Albulena Mavraj, are five students of AAB College who are continuing their master studies in Norway within the Erasmus + student exchange program.

For one academic semester they have already become part of the NLA-NLA College Mediehøgskolen Gimlekollen, in the department of Global Journalism.



All our students expressed their enthusiasm and excitement for their journey abroad for master studies. The emotion is impenetrable considering it will be a special experience. We thank AAB College for the opportunity, they said.

In addition to the lectures and exercises they are attending at NLA College, where they had the opportunity to meet well-known students and journalists from around the globe who are part of the program, AAB students also met Kosovo's Ambassador to Norway, Mr. Uliks Emra, who congratulated them for their success and commitment, because as he said, with their work, they not only benefit in personal terms and professional development, but also contribute to the dignified representation and strengthening of the image of Kosovo.

Erza, Medlina, Yllza, Ardijsana and Albulena have also given a message to all those who have not yet decided where to study, to choose AAB College and to take advantage of the many opportunities that AAB offers to students in relevant fields, among of which is also the opportunity of exchange in well-known European universities.





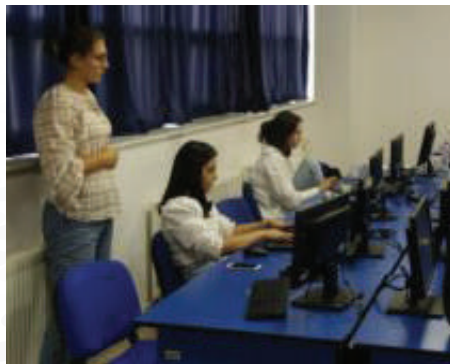
## AAB College's Journalism students take part in election campaign monitoring

16 September 2021

A group of AAB College journalism students were involved in monitoring the local election campaign in Kosovo. These students, who have already started their training by foreign experts, will monitor the communications of politicians on social networks for a month leading to the October 17 local election campaign.



This was achieved thanks to a cooperation agreement signed today between the Faculty of Mass Communication of AAB College and the Democracy for Development (D4D) institute.



The director of D4D, Rezarta Delibashzade Krasniqi, stated that this cooperation is guided by the principles of mutual understanding and respect, and by the need to develop and strengthen professional and academic cooperation in the field of communication, media, and democracy.



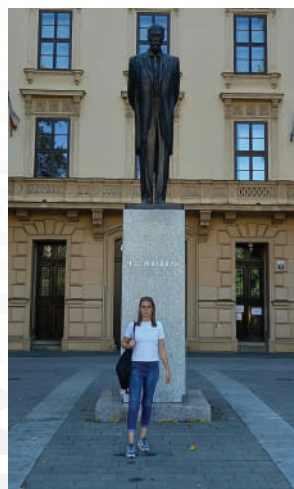
Journalism students, according to the Dean of FMK, Hasan Saliu, are taking part in this project as interns. However, the agreement also provides for other useful collaborations for students related to media and democracy in the future.

The engagement of journalism students in this project comes after the signing of the Code of Conduct of social networks, by D4D, civil society, media, and the CEC.

## **Three more students of AAB College are attending studies at Masaryk university in Czech Republic, through Erasmus +**

17 September 2021

Despite the pandemic situation all over the globe, AAB College students have managed to become part of various international universities through the Erasmus + student exchange program.



Recently, students Melisa Osmani, Betim Hyseini and Leutrim Ukaj, have started the academic year at Masaryk University in the Czech Republic. While Melisa and Betim are continuing their studies at the Faculty of Physical Education, one at the bachelor level and the other at the master level, Leutrim will attend the Faculty of Law.

They have already started the first week of studies and orientation days where they will get acquainted with the program, modules, teachers and study colleagues.

AAB College remains committed to deepening international cooperation with prestigious universities through which students will have the opportunity to study with full academic scholarships.

## **AAB College's Faculty of English Language signs cooperation agreement with the Foreign Language Center – Britannica ELT – Edmond Ramadani**

21 September 2021

The Center for Foreign Languages – Britannica ELT – Edmond Ramadani was added to the list of institutions that have cooperation agreements with the Faculty of English Language of AAB College.



Through this agreement, many doors have been opened to the students of the Faculty of English Language for employment and training opportunities.

Vice Rector for International Cooperation of AAB College Venera Lljunji said during the meeting that our students are ready to give their contribution in any field where English is a prerequisite for employment.

Both sides pledged to implement the activities foreseen in the agreement.

## **German nursing license, a possibility for those who study at AAB College**

21 September 2021

Elona Musliu and Flaka Prebreza are two graduates of the Faculty of Nursing at AAB College who have already found employment and have been rewarded with a German nursing license.





Elona and Flaka, besides their professional training, and being part of the Career and Employment Program, have also gained the opportunity to partake in the German nursing license exam, an opportunity which is given to all AAB College students of the Faculty of Nursing.

The opportunity to achieve a B2 level of German besides quality university studies for a career that is in high demand in Germany is unique in Kosovo, and is only offered at AAB College through the Lingua Institute, which is part of the CEP (Career and Employment Program).



Following their studies at AAB College and the Career and Employment Program, dozens of young individuals have found employment in well-known German clinics where they are contributing professionally, and even being distinguished as outstanding employees and valued for their high professionalism.

To become part of the Career and Employment Program, apply at [pkp-aab.com](http://pkp-aab.com)

## **Bjondina Graicevci, student of the Faculty of English language, employed at "Alexander Chapman"**

**22 September 2021**

Bjondina Graicevci, a third year student at the Faculty of English at AAB College, is employed by the Alexander Chapman Company, Pristina branch, through a call announced by this company, who are looking to increase their human capacity.



Alexander Chapman is an international company headquartered in London, which deals exclusively with staff recruitment for financial institutions in the United States.

Bjondina is a recruitment consultant.

She appreciates the commitment of AAB College that in addition to academic preparation, helps students in the most professional preparation for the labor market. The Faculty of English Language, AAB College and Alexander Chapman Company will soon expand their collaboration with informative activities and roundtables aimed at informing current students to be more successful in the job market, where English is a prerequisite.



## **Student Albion Merovci finds employment in international IT company**

22 September 2021

The continuous commitment to create an educational institution that holds its own when compared to international ones has made AAB College rank at the top of the list of institutions in Albanian lands and beyond.



The results of this commitment have already born fruit not only in the domestic market but also in the international one, where our students and graduates are being sought after by foreign companies.

Among these students is Albion Merovci, a graduate of the Faculty of Computer Science at AAB College, who has now become part of the German-Swiss company Axians Software Consulting and Development Kosovo L.L.C.

Albion, an exemplary graduate, says he has been part of Axians Kosovo since July. "I became part of this project thanks to the knowledge gained from studies at AAB College.

I want to emphasize that all those who enroll in Computer Science at AAB College will have a unique experience all of their own. Here you learn through practice, and the commitment of the professors is extraordinary," said Albion. The Faculty of Computer Science at AAB, of which Albion Merovci was a part, offers three study programs at the bachelor level: Software Engineering, Programming, Cyber Security, and the Computer Science master program.

## **AAB College's Faculty of Mass Communication and AJK sign cooperation agreement to increase professionalism in Kosovo journalism**

23 September 2021

The Faculty of Mass Communication (FMK) and the Association of Journalists of Kosovo – AJK signed a cooperation agreement in order to increase the professionalism of journalists and further training of journalism students through joint activities.



Vice Dean of FMK, Prof. Asst. Dr. Gazmend Abrashi and the executive director of AJK, Mrs. Getoarë Mulliqi Bojaj, expressed their readiness for joint activities to further and enhance the professionalism of journalism in Kosovo.

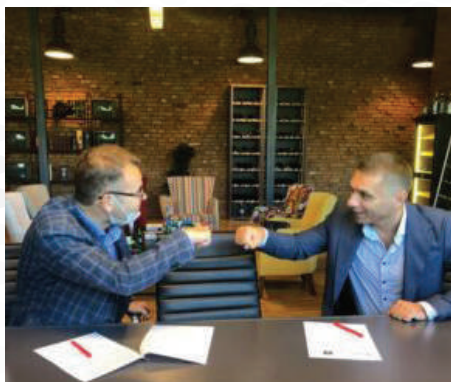
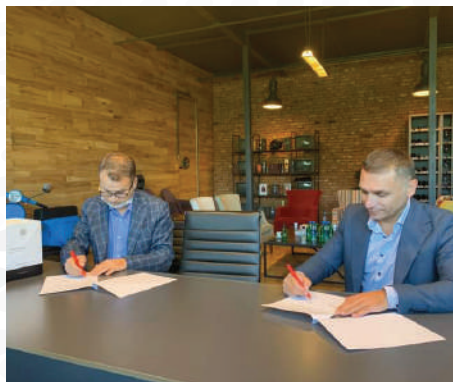
The parties agreed to cooperate in the exchange of experiences, trainings by AAB College experts for specific needs of AJK, lectures by journalists invited by AJK for foreign students or scholars, partnerships in organizing conferences, symposia, tribunals, as well as other forms of mutual interest, which affect the advancement of professional journalism and media studies in Kosovo.

## **AAB College and KLAN Kosova organize joint activities for the benefit of the media in Kosovo**

23 September 2021

The Faculty of Mass Communication of AAB College and Klan Kosova Television (Klan Kosova), will coordinate several activities which aim to contribute to furthering the professionalism of journalism and media studies in Kosovo.

These activities will be realized thanks to a cooperation agreement which was signed today by the Dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication of AAB College, Prof. Ass. Dr. Hasan Saliu and the director of Klan Kosova Television, MA. Adriatik Kelmendi.



During the signing of this agreement, it was said that the cooperation between journalism professionals on the one hand and media and communication scholars on the other is in the interest of both parties and in the interest of the Kosovar media.

Under this agreement, the parties agree to coordinate activities that further raise the standards of professional journalism, train students, and positively impact objective information in Kosovo.

These activities will be implemented through the organization of symposia, conferences, training and professionalisation of journalists, providing opportunities for professional practice for journalism students, lectures of mutual interest and other joint activities for the benefit of the media, and media studies in Kosovo.

The agreement also includes the cooperation between the professional journalism of Klan Kosova with the media researchers of AAB College, as well as the professional internship of AAB College students in Klan Kosova.

## **AAB College established the Industry Advisory Board**

27 September 2021





**The constitutive meeting of the Industry Advisory Board was held on the premises of AAB College.**

*This body aims to create a platform where the private sector representatives can dialogue with the heads of higher education institutions, in this case of AAB College, as the largest private provider of higher education in Kosovo: in order to identify the needs of the private sector, to generate recommendations for the leaders of this educational institution and consequently to reduce the gap of skills in the labor market.*



In this meeting, which was attended by representatives of well-known companies in the Kosovo labor market, the Rules of Procedure of the Board was approved and the Chairman of the Board was elected.

Arian Zeka, Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Kosovo, was elected Chairman of the Industry Advisory Board of AAB College.



## AAB College establishes center for Vocational Training and Innovation

30 September 2021

In an effort to further development and commitment to the increase of quality and services, AAB College has established the Center for Vocational Training and Innovation (CVTI).



This center aims to provide certified training and professional support services for academic and administrative staff.

Besides AAB College's staff, these services will also be provided to other educational institutions that aim towards building academic capacity and raising the quality of teaching, research, and management.





**OCTOBER 2021**

## AAB COLLEGE CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF GJERGJ FISHTA

6 October 2021

Organized by AAB College in cooperation with the Albanian Institute of Sociology, the Publishing House "Gjergj Fishta" and the Publishing House "Drita", the Scientific Promotional Forum "Gjergj Fishta – life and writing" was held at AAB College.



This forum, among other activities was organized to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of the national poet Gjergj Fishta, and aimed to present the polyhedral figure, contribution and multidimensional work of Gjergj Fishta, the presentation of the complete work with 10 volumes, as well as the promotion of the last two publications of the fishtologji fund.

At the opening of the forum, the Chairman of the Steering Council of AAB College, Lulzim Tafa, said that AAB not only as one of the largest universities in the region but also as one of the main cultural centers has considered it very important to mark this anniversary, although limited due to pandemic conditions.

Tafa said that Gjergj Fishta is one of the most emblematic figures of the Albanian nation. "In the creative field, Gjergj Fishta was undoubtedly a great writer.

His work became the inspiration for our battle and struggle for existence and freedom. In the field of action, Fishta was a great national activist, participant in many events that gave life to the processes of emancipation and national development. " He also emphasized the role of Fishta as a humanist and cleric, stressing that Fishta was a patriotic cleric and that religion was never divided from the homeland and the nation.



"Gjergj Fishta was a great patriot and above all he was one of the greatest inspiring Albanians. His verses inspired whole generations on the path to gaining freedom and independence. Fishta's "Lahuta" became a reference of the ideals for the fair struggle for the integrity and sovereignty of the Albanians...", said Tafa. "However, said Tafa, Fishta and his work did not always have a path paved with flowers, because he was condemned by the regime of monist Albania. Two dictatorships came together against him: the dictatorship of Albania and Yugoslavia.

"He was convicted and his writing was banned," Tafa said.

While, the director of the Albanian Institute of Sociology, at the same time professor at the University "Aleksandër Moisiu" in Durrës, spoke about the role of Fishta as a representative of social sciences and humanities.





He began his speech by describing the 1985 Albanian Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Gjergj Fishta, according to whom Fishta was, among other things, "the leading representative of the Clerical reactionary literature who took an active part in cultural and political life to strengthen the positions of the Catholic clergy. . He fought furiously against progressive ideas, hailed the occupation of Albania by fascist Italy and "Lahuta e Malcisë" is a poetic panorama of historical events from the Albanian League of Prizren to independence reflected by the positions of the Catholic clergy. Gjergj Fishta anthemized backwardness, patriarchy, ignorance. Raised mercenarism, etc. "

Sokoli said that this description of Fishta was intended to transfer the regime crime to science, in order to deny his role. "Fishta was the most cursed of the convicts," said Sokoli, "because he was required to be considered non-existent."

Even today there are rumors that take the assessment of Fishta even further than the position of the Dictionary of the Albanian Academy of Sciences of 1985, saying that Fishta was a collaborator of fascism, said Sokoli, underlining that this was the reason why the Albanian Institute of Sociology has declared 2021 as the year of Gjergj Fishta, as a moral and intellectual obligation.

Returning to the role and contribution of Gjergj Fishta, Sokoli said that Fishta is a universal intellectual, a prophetic personality of Albanian culture, writer, even as foreigners have called him the founder of an Albanian philosophical school. His creativity regardless of form is burdened by a philosophical weight. But his philosophy is a social philosophy, he observed the events of his time, reflected them in his creativity, but also reacted by holding an intellectual attitude. He was a man of action not just of creation, Sokoli emphasized.

The scientific promotional forum marking the 150th anniversary of the birth of Gjergj Fishta, continued with references of other participants, such as Prof. Dr. Xhavit Beqiri, who spoke about the language and style of Gjergj Fishta in his writing.

This activity also promoted the set of works of Gjergj Fishta, by the Publishing House "Gjergj Fishta" and two new titles "Father Gjergj Fishta: places-years-works" and "Gjergj Fishta Theater" by authors Tonin Çobani and Ndue Ballabani.

## **International Graphic Novel Festival Gran Fest begins its works at AAB College**

7 October 2021

At the AAB Chamber Theater, was held the International Graphic Novel Festival "GRAN Fest"

organized by The French Alliance (Alliance Française de Pristina, Kosovo) in cooperation with the Embassy of France in Kosovo (Ambassade de France au Kosovo – French Embassy in Kosovo) and AAB College.

The "GRAN Fest" starts with a debate on "Women and creative artistic fields" where have attended well-known artists from Belgium, France, Switzerland and Kosovo.



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## AAB College's Faculty of Social Sciences branch in Gjakova signs cooperation agreement with preschool Institute Andrra

8 October 2021

Preschool Institution Andrra in Gjakova will be partnered with the Faculty of Social Sciences of AAB College through its branch in Gjakova, on the Child Care and Welfare study program through the latest cooperation agreement signing.

This cooperation agreement was signed by the director of the branch of AAB College in Gjakova, Mr. Rifat Haxhija, and the director of the preschool Institute Andrra, Mrs. Shpresa Frrokaj.



The agreement, which was reached in coordination with the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences, aims to prepare students for the workforce through internships.

It is worth mentioning that three students from AAB College's Faculty of Social Sciences have already found full-time employment in the Andrra institute in Gjakova while also accepting internships by dozens of AAB College students.

## **Unique collections and designs of fashion design students displayed at AAB College**

8 October 2021

The 5th graduated generation of Fashion Design at AAB College, comes with unique designs and collections of students who for 3 years entrusted their professional development to AAB College.

This study program has already proven to be the best program offered in our country, where students get to learn from the best local and foreign professionals in this field such as Krenare Rugova, Flutura Dedinja, Hana Zeqa, Damjana Celcar from Slovenia, etc..





Unlike other generations, where graduates have brought us their work and creations through runways organized for the audience, this year through the selection of the most complete collections of our graduates, we bring you the runway video in the premises of AAB College.

These inspiring environments add even more value to the creations of Kosovo's future designers.

## **AAB College's Faculty of Social Sciences signs cooperation agreement with preschool institution "Foleja"**

12 October 2021

The Ferizaj branch of the Faculty of Social Sciences of AAB College, and the Preschool Institution Foleja of Ferizaj, are now cooperation partners.





This partnership, which is dedicated to the students of the study program Care and Welfare of Children, was concluded through a cooperation agreement which was signed by the director of the branch of AAB College in Ferizaj, Prof. Dr. Shaip Bytyçi, and the director of Foleja, Mrs. Hyrmete Hyseni.

The agreement aims to better prepare students through internships in this esteemed institution.

## **Cultural gathering "October of Besim Sahatçiu" begins at AAB College**

12 October 2021

The cultural gathering "October of Besim Sahatçiu" begins at AAB College in honor of the work of director Besim Sahatçiu.

Family members of Besim Sahatçiu, well-known personalities of art and cinema in Kosovo, and also students took part in the first-day activities of this event. The event opened with a photo exhibition called "Besim Sahatçiu—life and its works", the inauguration of the Student Club of the Faculty of Mass Communication, and the screening of the documentary "117", directed by Sahatçiu in 1976.



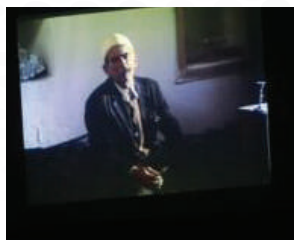
During the opening of this event, the chairman of the Steering Council of AAB College, Lulzim Tafa, said that Besim Sahatçiu remains an extraordinary personality of Albanian culture. "Director Besim Sahatçiu remains one of the greatest directors in Kosovar cinematography, and AAB College, which has become the largest center for not only education but also art and culture, will always have a place to honor such outstanding personalities."



"We have christened this gathering "October of Besim Sahatçiu ", because both the date of birth and the date of passing of the brilliant director belong to October, therefore this month will be the month of Besim in AAB College", added Tafa.

During the inauguration ceremony of the Student Cinema Club of the Faculty of Mass Communication "Besim Sahatçiu", the rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha, said that we have the honor of renaming our cinema club after Besim Sahatçiu. "I am convinced that with the renewal of this movie club with the great director's name, the new generations, students of AAB College, will also be motivated and reinvigorated to reach for new heights keeping his legacy alive," said Demjaha.

The unveiling of the Kinkolubi plaque was done by the rector Bujar Demjaha together with the wife of the director, Besim Sahatçiu, Mrs. Besa, who was very emotional when thanking AAB College for honoring her husband's name.



In the framework of today's activities of the Cinema Club "Besim Sahatçiu", the documentary film "117" was screened. On this occasion, the director Burbuqe Berisha, vice dean at the Faculty of Mass Communication, said that Besim Sahatçiu is one of the most cult-followed directors of Kosovo, he is the first educated director from Kosovo who, through his films, has spoken loudly and proudly when others did not dare to speak. "The idea behind 117 is a brilliant one, which has yet to be surpassed by any of its peers. The reason for its genius is that it has depicted, uniquely, the 24 hours of an Albanian family that has functioned akin to a state, with all its departments," said Berisha.

Let us also remember that, through this film, director Sahatçiu had won the "Grand Prix" Award as one of the first cinematographic awards in Kosovo in the 70s.

## AAB College in Ferizaj establishes partnership with "Engjujt" preschool institution

14 October 2021

Students of the Child Care and Welfare program in the Ferizaj campus of AAB College, from now on will have an additional opportunity for practical work.

This program that prepares the staff for preschool education of children, through the agreement with the Preschool Institution "Engjujt" in Ferizaj, will enable the internship of students in order to better prepare them.

The agreement was signed by the director of the Ferizaj campus of AAB College, prof.dr. Shaip Bytyçi, and the director of "Engjujt" pre-school institution, Mrs. Fatime Nuhju Reçica.



Vlen të theksohet se vet udhëheqësja e Kopshtit "Engjujt", ka mbaruar studimet në Kolegjin AAB në Ferizaj, ndërsa sot me sukses drejton këtë institucion të suksesshëm parashkollor në komunën e Ferizajt.





## The academic year 2021/22 begins at AAB College

18 October 2021

The academic year 2021/22 officially started today at AAB College today with a solemn ceremony organized for the reception of new students.

The reception of new students was attended by the Rector of AAB College, Prof. Dr. Bujar Demjaha with the Vice-Rectors and Deans of the faculties operating within AAB College.



On this occasion, the Rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha, welcoming the new students, wished them success in their studies. "It is a crucial moment in life, when a person decides where he wants to orient his study career and in principle determines where he will go and what he will deal with in his life.

Therefore, it is a pleasure that we are sharing these moments together today, and knowing that AAB is the starting point of success for the future", said Rector Demjaha.





He reminded the students to continue to beware of the Covid-19 pandemic and urged them to respect the measures in force for protection against infection, while saying that all AAB College staff will be at the service of students whenever they need.

On the other hand, the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, prof. dr. Shemsedin Vehapi, in his welcome speech for the new students, told them that they have made the right choice by deciding to become part of AAB College for their academic journey. "



You have been wise in your selection, because at AAB College the best part is not only what looks best.



"Apart from a modern infrastructure, we have selected the best professors for you and created the ideal conditions, which means respecting the schedule, the opportunities for using the libraries, laboratories and the social and cultural life that AAB College offers to everyone", said Vehapi.



Vice-Rector Vehapi asked the new students to be as active as possible, as demanding as possible, not to be silent and to bring new ideas. "Your power is great. "With your voice you help yourself but also the development of the institution, so be as proactive as possible", he requested.



In this solemn ceremony, the new students were addressed by the President of the Student Union of AAB College, Gentiana Uruçi, who told them that the SU will always be by their side and asked them to be as cooperative as possible.

The academic year 2021/22 for Bachelor studies today started in the two branches of AAB College in Ferizaj and Gjakova, while the innovation of this year is the new study programs that are accredited in these branches.

## A cooperation partner joins the campus of AAB College in Gjakova

20 October 2021

The Faculty of Social Sciences, Child Care and Welfare program in Gjakova campus, is going to cooperate with the NGO "Bethany Christian Services".



The joint partnership was confirmed by signing the cooperation agreement between the director of the campus of AAB College in Gjakova, Mr. Rifat Haxhija and the director of the NGO "Bethany Christian Services", Mr. Berat Thaqi.

The purpose of the agreement is for AAB College students to benefit through the internship program at this NGO.

On the occasion of signing the agreement, it was noted that with the participation of students, the implementation of NGO projects is going to be easier.



## **Faculty of Architecture of AAB College, now part of the "Urban Data Kosovo" an American project of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

21 October 2021

The Faculty of Architecture of AAB College is going to be part of the "Urban Data Kosovo" project, which is funded by the US Embassy in Prishtina and administered by KUSA, which is organized by KAF (Kosovo Foundation for Architecture).



On the occasion of the start of the project, Rector Bujar Demjaha and representatives of the Faculty of Architecture of AAB College, in a meeting, received the representative of the Center for Advanced Urbanism from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Professor Sarah Williams, and Mr. Bekim Ramku, director of the NGO KAF (Kosovo Foundation for Architecture).

The main objective of "Urban Data Kosovo" is the exchange of advanced urbanism expertise by researchers and academic staff of MIT with the academic staff of the faculties of architecture in Kosovo. The purpose of this program is to bring new knowledge on urban data collection, training and information exchange in Kosovo universities.



The project has now started, and the first phase sets off with the meeting of the project leaders with the institutions that will be involved in this project. The following phase of the project is the visit of the Kosovar academic staff to the USA, to the center for advanced urbanism, MIT; continuing with several weekly workshops in Kosovo, while the entire project is scheduled to be completed in July 2022.

The main result of this project is the reflection in the existing curricula in the faculties of architecture in Kosovo, in particular the subjects of urbanism, with a focus on the integration of contemporary spatial analytical tools and methodologies.

## **The second virtual scientific conference organized by AAB College concludes successfully**

25 October 2021

Over 100 participants from the country, region and the world presented about 80 scientific papers in the second international scientific conference, which was held virtually at AAB College.



The conference "Westernization, Europeanization and identity formation in the Western Balkan countries" was considered very important as Kosovo is learning the journey of countries that are already members of the European Union.



At the opening of the conference, the Rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha said that such events prove the commitment and one of the major priorities of AAB College for the development of science.

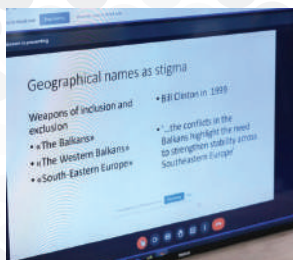
"I believe that this conference will give a great contribution outside the borders of Kosovo because the topic is complex and somehow covers the territory of Southeast Europe," said Demjaha.



The Vice-Rector for Scientific Research, Uranela Demaj, also spoke about the importance of the conference, saying that this conference becomes even more important because it brings together some very prominent partners from abroad, mainly from the European Union, while for the first time in the history of AAB College, we also have the University of Bologna as a partner.

The conference is important because it conveys the message of unity and internationalization, Demaj said.

While the Vice Rector for International Cooperation, Venera Lljunji, speaking about the organization of this conference, emphasized her expected results.



"It is very important for us to see what are the approaches that influence and help strengthen the identity of a country, taking into account that Kosovo is a new country. It needs to create its identity, which means we need to see what paths Kosovo takes to be a strong country in all its aspects," said Lljunji.

It should be noted that in the plenary session of the conference, which aroused the interest of the participants, well-known names of science from prestigious universities in the world were referred to, such as: Prof. dr. Raymond Detrez, Ghent University from Belgium, Prof. dr. Pal Kolsto, University of Oslo from Norway, Prof. dr. Ines Aquile Junyent, Catalonia University from Spain, and Prof. assoc. dr. Besnik Pula, Virginia Tech, from the United States.



The conference "Westernization, Europeanization and identity formation in the Western Balkan countries" was held in 11 separate panels, which addressed, in scientific terms, issues related to politics, economics, culture, identity, art, etc.

## Debate by AJK at AAB College: Fake news and verification of facts during the Covid-19 pandemic

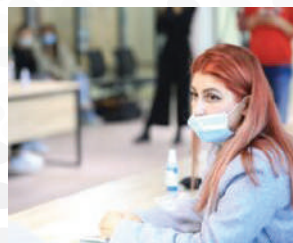
26 October 2021

Fake news and verification of facts in the reports of journalists in Kosovo during the pandemic, was the topic of discussion at the roundtable which was held at AAB College by the Association of Journalists of Kosovo (AJK), in cooperation with the United Nation Mission in Kosovo.



This debate was attended by journalists from the media of Kosovo, who revealed to students the cases from their personal experiences during their reporting on the Covid-19 pandemic.

The panel was chaired by the President of AJK, Xhemajl Rexha, while the panelists were journalists like Jehona Zhitia from RTK, Bujar Vitija from Gazeta Shneta, Arbreshë Uka from Klan Kosova, Gentiana Hasani from RTK and Anđelka Ćup from Euronews.





The Dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication, Hasan Saliu, said that this was a good opportunity for the journalism students of AAB College who listened to the professional experiences of journalists in the era of fake news. "The Faculty of Mass Communication unhesitatingly supported the idea of AJK on this topic due to the relevance and importance of the topic, as well as because half of the panelists are AAB alumni, who have studied journalism at AAB, have made a name for themselves in the Kosovo media and now come and share their experiences with the students of the institution where they studied".

The students then asked some questions to the panelists which were mainly related to the verification of facts, the possibility of providing facts at a time when the country's institutions were not very transparent during the pandemic as well as ethical issues during the reporting of the journalist.

This activity was a continuation of the cooperation that AAB College has with the Association of Journalists of Kosovo (AJK).



## **Burbuqe Berisha, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication of AAB College, passes away**

27 October 2021

AAB College is shocked by the news of the death of the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication, Professor Burbuqe Buqe Berisha.

For more than a decade, Burbuqe Berisha has been part of AAB College, contributing to its growth and development through her work at the Faculty of Mass Communication and many other cultural activities.



Besides being a part of the FMC, Buqja was the director of the AAB Theater "Faruk Begolli", and the artistic director of the International Theater Festival "Prishtina International Theater Festival". She contributed greatly to the education and motivation of the younger generations, and was always at their side.

Burbuqe Berisha gave a lot to art in Kosovo and left behind many works of art in the theater, television and cinematography.

The passing of Professor Burbuqe Berisha is a great loss for AAB College.

Our condolences go to the family, students, staff and the friends of Buqja!

Rest easy, Burbuqe Berisha!



## AAB College holds commemorative meeting for professor Burbuqe Berisha

28 October 2021

Professors, students, colleagues, artists and many friends gathered today at AAB College to commemorate the professor and vice dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication, Burbuqe Berisha, who suddenly passed away on Wednesday.

On this occasion, Rector Bujar Demjaha said that AAB College lost a great teacher, which is a significant loss for the artistic community. "Buqja left us yesterday, joining the angels in heaven, but she will continue to communicate with us and with the students she loved so much," said Demjaha.

The speech of Burbuqe Berisha's friend, and founder of AAB College, Ilir Tafa, was heartfelt. Buqja passed away yesterday, leaving us utterly ill-unprepared to face the pain inflicted upon us by her departure, said Ilir Tafa. This event at AAB College, being held in Buqe's name, is the first to find us absent her, Ilir Tafa continued.



"We will keep a picture of Buqja at AAB College as a source of strength in trying times." said Tafa.

Finally, he said that the International Theater Festival organized by AAB College, from now on will bear the name of Burbuqe Berisha.

"Education and culture were lifetime partners to her. She contributed highly to both education and culture. She gave generously through her work to film, to students, to the Faculty of Mass Communication. Today we applaud and celebrate Buqe's work," said Hasan Saliu, Dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication.

Saliu spoke of Buqes work ethic fondly, saying: "At work, she was a hurricane, she worked tirelessly with passion and unbridled energy"



At the commemorative meeting organized by AAB College, Buqe's sister Trëndelina Berisha also spoke, who on behalf of the family thanked AAB College for everything it has done to support Buqe, who in recent years suffered from a serious illness.

"Buqja was a pillar of support to us because we grew up without parents. I cannot imagine that Buqja is not amongst us anymore, but we are very proud and happy that we had such a sister, and for everything she has done for the family and society ", said Trëndelina.



Burbuqe Berisha left behind a sensational artistic career and works that will always be remembered in Albanian art and cinema.



**NOVEMBER 2021**

## Overwhelming interest shown in master studies at AAB College

1 November 2021

Great interest is being shown by master's candidates for enrollment in the academic year at AAB College.

A written entrance exam was held at AAB College today in order to select the worthiest candidates for the Mental Health program, which has been newly accredited this year.



From hundreds of interested applicants, the Teaching Council of the Faculty of Psychology has handpicked a select few who have successfully completed the written exam. The most successful candidates are expected to become first-generation students of this program.





The master's Mental Health program aims to prepare students for their professional training as clinical psychologists through the engagement of applied methods in psychology. Our country is lacking in programs such as this one, and as such the interest of candidates was great.



In addition to the master's program for Mental Health, AAB College in its academic offer of 2021/22, brings about 20 study programs of the master's level, and this includes new programs accredited by the Kosovo Accreditation Agency, such as Accounting and Auditing, and Fitness and Nutrition.

## AAB College in Gjakova establishes partnership with Amelia

5 November 2021

New internship opportunities have been created for the AAB College students of the Child Care and Welfare program in the Gjakova branch.

From now on, the students in the Gjakova branch will have even more opportunities to achieve their professional development, in addition to their studies through internship hours at Amelia in Gjakova.



This was made possible through the cooperation agreement, signed on November 4, 2021, at the premises of AAB College, Gjakova branch.

The agreement was signed by the director of the branch of AAB College in Gjakova, Rifat Haxhija, and the director of Amelia, Mrs. Lindita Xhepa.



## AAB College admitted in the Association of European Universities (EUA)

6 November 2021

**AAB College has accepted the confirmation of admission to the European University Association.**

*Through a letter which was sent by EUA Secretary General Amand Crowfoot, it is announced that the EUA Council, as the highest governing body of the Association decided to grant AAB College the status of a member of the association.*



The Association of European Universities (EUA) was founded in 2001, as a result of the merger of the former Association of European Universities (CRE, founded in 1959) and the Confederation of Conferences of Rectors of the European Union.

Today, as we are speaking, EUA represents more than 800 universities and national conferences of rectors in 48 European countries. The EUA plays a crucial role in the Bologna Process and in influencing EU policies on higher education, research and innovation. Through ongoing interaction with a number of other European and international organizations, the EUA ensures that the independent voice of European universities is heard.

## AAB College organizes activities for the Global Entrepreneurship Week 2021

8 November 2021

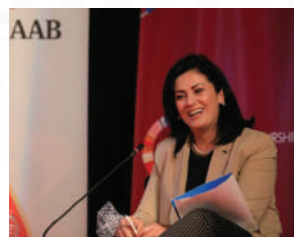
Global Entrepreneurship Week is the largest festive entrepreneurship event in the world, and aims to bring together entrepreneurs, innovators, employers and other actors in order to develop new ideas, create new jobs, and increase welfare and development. This year, AAB College will mark this special week with various activities.





This year is Kosovo's 9th edition of GEW (#GEW2021), for which the three branches of AAB College will bring 11 different events, some of which will be organized with partners of AAB College, such as UN Women, American Chamber of Commerce, and ICK.

In the opening activity organized by AAB College in cooperation with UN Women, a forum titled "The Importance of Global Entrepreneurship Week", participated many prominent names from different spheres in Kosovo, such as the former President Atifete Jahjaga, Deputy. Minister of Education Dukagjin Pupovci, Development Coordinator at the UN Office, Ulrika Richardson, Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Kosovo, Mrs. Kurimoto Kay, Member of the Assembly of Kosovo, Jeta Statovci and Head of the UN Women Office in Kosovo, Mrs. Vlora Tuzi Nushi.



These important public figures discussed and exchanged experiences and solutions for the empowerment of women entrepreneurs in Kosovo.

In his welcoming speech, Vice Rector Shemsedin Vehapi said that events such as this come naturally to AAB College as an integral part of study programs and as a necessary component which supports the building of competencies of students and align them with the needs of the labor market.

"A study conducted by the Kosovo Agency of Statistics on the inclusion of women in the academy shows that AAB College has the largest number of women involved in management of the teaching process. This serves as an example for higher education institutions in Kosovo on how to implement gender equality ", said Vehapi.



In these two decades, we have made significant progress in terms of strengthening the role of women in entrepreneurship and doing business, said President Jahjaga, but according to her, if the statistical data are compared, it is necessary to take the necessary measures to make even more changes to the current situation so that more women would be encouraged to get involved in the field of entrepreneurship.



In this discussion forum, it was said that engaging in entrepreneurship through academia and innovation is one of the most urgent and effective tools to promote progress in gender equality, poverty eradication and inclusive economic growth.

## **Discussion table “Economic empowerment of women of the non-albanian community (roma, ashkali, serbian, bosnian, turkish, gorani, etc.)” was held in the framework of #GEW2021**

8 November 2021

AAB College organized a roundtable discussion with women from non-Albanian communities in order to promote women's integration and contribution to the economy of Kosovo through entrepreneurship and promotion of activities, in the framework of the Global Entrepreneurship Week (# GEW2021).



Sanija Murati, director of the NGO Lady shared with the audience the story of the creation of an NGO that aims to help women and young people find themselves in the labor market, to be trained, socialized and receive psychological advice, especially after the pandemic.

Mrs. Murati pointed out that many of the small businesses in the city, such as confectioneries, have been created thanks to the training and preparation of women by the NGO “Lady”.

She stressed that her organization is inclusive and not based on ethnic grounds. She has always been treated well by Albanians, thanks to her friendly and proactive approach to society.



Mrs. Hava Abdullahu, a successful entrepreneur and an active citizen who has helped many women integrate into society also shared an interesting and inspiring experience with the students of the Faculty of Economics.

Despite the lack of education, isolation, poor financial conditions, family and social prejudices and lack of connections, she has found a way to take advantage of the opportunities for training and assistance provided by foreign NGOs and organizations and started her own business.

Kosovo RTK public television journalist Aleksandra Jovanovic, from the Serb community, also took part in the roundtable discussion, emphasizing that she sees diversity as a value and work between communities as a natural environment and that she feels integrated and accepted in society.

At the end of the speech of the panelists, the students had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss further.





## Entrepreneurs from Gjakova discuss challenges in doing business during the covid-19 pandemic

9 November 2021

As part of the Global Entrepreneurship Week (#GEW2021 #gewkosovo2021), the roundtable "Challenges of women entrepreneurs during the pandemic" was organized at AAB College in Gjakova.

The purpose of this roundtable was to identify the challenges of women entrepreneurs and the solutions that have been found to overcome these challenges.



Guests at the table were Mrs. Erëza Gjikołli, development supervisor of the Women in Business program from TEB Bank, entrepreneur Mrs. Enisa Dibrani from INOX Kosova and Mrs. Kaltrina Hoda, founder of Zoe's Art.

Given how the global pandemic has affected our country, and made it difficult for many businesses to function, Ms. Erza Gjikołli from TEB Bank emphasized the policies they have undertaken through the Women in Business program to help not only women who have encountered difficulties but also those who plan to start new businesses (startups).

She talked about the most favorable interest rate loans offered through the program in question, and about applying grace periods for existing and new loans, so that these women entrepreneurs can more easily manage their business.



Enisa Dibrani from INOX Kosova said that the pandemic was not easy for their company, but technological opportunities have made it possible to continue working from home.

Whereas the other guest, Kaltrina Hoda, said that her business Zoe's Art, which created sculptures during the pandemic, in addition to the financial difficulties and lack of work with clients, also has difficulties in securing raw work material for her creations.

At this roundtable discussion, which was appreciated by students and participants, it was said that despite the challenges, women entrepreneurs have managed to overcome the difficulties and succeed. The guests on the panel encouraged the students to work hard and realize the ideas they have for the future.





## Entrepreneur Armend Malazogu discussed the success of Frutomania with AAB students

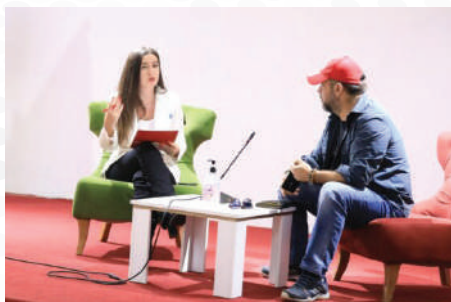
10 November 2021

As part of the Global Entrepreneurship Week (#GEW # gewkosovo2021), an open discussion with students called "Success stories with an entrepreneur" took place at the AAB College Media Center.

Invited to this activity was Mr. Armend Malazogu, entrepreneur from the company Frutomania, who revealed his success story to students.



Mr. Malazogu said that through hard work everything can be achieved; being a market leader is a privilege but also a responsibility. He instructed the students that it is enough to have a clear vision and work hard at its realization.



Frutomania is a company with a special product: juices that contain only squeezed fruit, and is very well known in Kosovo and beyond for their quality.

## **AAB activities marking #GEW2021 continue with study visits of Economics students**

10 November 2021

Numerous activities were organized by the Faculty of Economics of AAB College on the occasion of Global Entrepreneurship Week # GEW2021

#gewkosovo2021 continues today with student study visits to two successful and innovative companies in our country.

The first visit was made to Digital School and Starlabs in Prishtina co-founder of which is Hana Qerimi.



During the visit, the students had the opportunity to not only hear the history of the development of the company but to also see the company which grew from 3 employees to over a hundred in a span of seven years.

Some of the messages that the founders of the company shared with the students were that you should not be afraid to think about accomplishing great things, as long as you make sure that you have good people close to you, because the people around you are the ones who will help you actualize your opportunities.

The hosts also shared information on how they work outside of Kosovo in order to make the company a success and a leader in providing services within the country, all the while giving credit to their employees for making it all possible.



The students continued their journey of study visit in Suhareka, where they met Gresa Kuqi, a young entrepreneur with a lot of potential and enthusiasm, who shared her extraordinary family experiences related to the production company Solid, which is one of the very few shoe production companies in Kosovo. We have worked hard to make our Kosovo known to foreign companies like #Geox #Valentino, with whom we collaborate and also produce their brands, she said.

Students, in addition to hearing the success story of Mrs. Kuci, had the opportunity to see an extraordinary factory where more than 70 people work, a considerable number of which were women.



## Students of AAB College were trained on doing business by well-known experts as part of #GEW21

11 November 2021

Within Global Entrepreneurship Week #gewkosovo2021, at AAB College, for the students of the Faculty of Economics, a one-day workshop was held, which aimed to increase and develop the skills of students in order to draft business plans, to be aware of the budget process in the Republic of Kosovo, as well as to know specifically the legal basis of business-doing in Kosovo.



In this training, students also learned about the conditions of Kosovo's international trade relations with other countries in Europe and the globe.

Through this workshop, students had the opportunity to learn from well-known experts of the field, such as Shkëndije Himaj, Salvador Elmazi and Sytrime Dervisholli.



The experts who were invited to this training for students, also shared their concrete experiences related to the topics, as well as practical examples of business registration, drafting business plans, for which students had the opportunity to implement specific exercises and tasks regarding the topics.

Such training and workshops will continue in the future, for the purpose of increasing the capacity of students and providing important information, so that they have much easier access to materialization of knowledge gained during the study.

## **Roundtable held on the transformation of Kosovo's traditional economy into a digital one**

12 November 2021

In order to address as comprehensively and structurally as possible a topic so current, especially in the last decade, AAB College in the framework of the traditional activity of Global Entrepreneurship Week #GEW2021 #gewkosovo2021, hosted a roundtable discussion where panelists and students debated on the topic "Transformation of the economy in Kosovo from the traditional to the digital. Is the entrepreneurial approach in Kosovo changing?!".





Opening the discussion, Dean Medain Hashani said that digital transformation refers to the application of information technology and digital resources to turn these resources into new business models.

Arian ZEKA, Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce, stressed that digitalization, among other things, means a new world of opportunities.

Permanent technological innovations and business globalization enable the creation of a new business infrastructure, which, with the intensive application of Information and Communication Technologies, directly affects the creation of new business models.



Traditional businesses also need financial and human resources to transform them by applying innovative business models that are based on internet technologies, said Zeka.

Ilir Rexhepi, professor at the Faculty of Economics, said that in terms of digital transformation, Kosovo's economy has significant differences depending on the nature of the field of activity, business size and the sector in which it operates.

Rexhepi stressed that the management of Kosovar companies, on which the burden of digitalization falls, invests more in digital solutions than in the sustainability and functional security of their selected digital platforms. He concluded by emphasizing that Kosovo's economy is being transformed into a digital one, born out of a necessity to survive the current business climate, rather than as an innovative and objective business process strategically planned and well-supported institutionally.

Albulenë Kastrati, professor at AAB College, highlighted the challenges in Kosovo in the context of economic digitalization, such as the unfavorable climate for start-ups, both in terms of access to finance (non-financing by banks), and in terms of lack of technological skills for launching a business. As such, we get the digitalization of the economy based mainly on private initiatives such as ICK, Digital School, StarLabs. Kastrati also stressed the lack of a comprehensive state strategy for the digitalization of the entire economy and the lack of a strategy for orienting young people towards the skills required in the market and areas that bring employment prospects, such as studying in STEM fields.

Professor Lulzim Shabani addressed the process of digitalization of businesses from several perspectives. "New digital technologies inspire and promote the emergence of start-up companies, which with new business models create new industries and change existing ones. It is estimated that in the next ten years, 40% of companies will disappear from the market as a result of not changing or adapting to new digital trends."

Melita Ymeraga, founder of "Melita & Partners" highlighted a very important aspect in the digitalization process, or more precisely the main barrier which hinders the process of digitalization of businesses in Kosovo – the lack of digital skills of the workforce – human resources.

At the end of the discussion, the panelists answered the questions of the participating students, which mainly had to do with the challenges of the digitalization process that Kosovar enterprises are going through.

## **Roundtable “Entrepreneurship through accounting” held at AAB College**

12 November 2021

AAB College, in cooperation with the AAB Institute for Certified Accountants and Auditors, organized a roundtable discussion with students of the Faculty of Economics on the topic “Entrepreneurship through accounting”.



This roundtable, which took place in the framework of the activities for marking the Global Entrepreneurship Week (#GEW2021 #gewkosovo2021), provided important information for students on how they can, through their accounting skills and qualifications, develop their businesses.

Professor Medain Hashani, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Professor of Accounting, showed the importance of accounting and the information that accounting experts provide on the performance of enterprises.



He said that in our country, mainly accountants work in tax accounting, but when it comes to the performance of companies, managerial, project and financial accounting are much more important.

According to Mrs. Fiknete Balaj, the second most demanded profession in the world is that of accounting, after IT professionals.

To create an accounting business, you need to be a professional, have experience, competence, determination, courage and professional networking.



Teuta Doli, founder of AEP accounting services company, spoke about the challenges in setting up businesses that provide accounting services. She also mentioned the lack of experience, the difficulties in convincing the clients to receive the services, the lack of practical knowledge, etc.



## **Former AAB College student, entrepreneur Drin Berisha, discusses his successful business journey with students**

12 November 2021

Entrepreneur Drin Berisha of Kema Pak company from Ferizaj was the next guest in the discussion with the students of AAB College in the Ferizaj branch.

In this discussion held in the framework of the activities of the Global Entrepreneurship Week, the entrepreneur Drin Berisha talked about the beginnings of his idea for the creation of such a packaging enterprise.



He explained the founding of this company by saying that there is no such packaging company in Kosovo, and product packaging services are always imported from countries in the region, at a much higher cost.



What inspired Drin the most to initiate this business was the idea of creating new jobs and giving young people the opportunity to put into practice the knowledge they gained during their studies.

Berisha also spoke about the challenges he has faced as a manufacturing company, where he mentioned the pandemic, Covid-19, which complicated customs procedures, and in turn affected the performance of the company.



However, according to him, they are working hard so they can utilize recycled paper in order to reduce the need for importing the raw materials for packaging from other countries.

Drin, as a former student of AAB College, showed once again that from AAB College come students prepared for the labor market who have all the skills to become very successful. Drin also had a motivational message for the students, saying: "Never give up despite what difficulties you face. Work hard to realize your dreams".



## Motivational discussion “Facetime with a Manager” was held with Proex leader, Ylber Kuraja

13 November 2021

Owing to the cooperation with the American Chamber of Commerce, a motivational discussion took place at the Media Center of AAB College, where the guest speaker was Mr. Ylber Kuraja, CEO of ProEx.

Mr. Kuraja, as one of the most successful managers in Kosovo, talked about the challenges and personal experiences in his business journey.



One thing that Mr. Kuraja talked about during his discussion was the “Law of Sacrifice”, which according to him, thanks to this law, he has become a successful trader, but also stressed that in order to achieve success, you must work smart and hard.

Mr. Kuraja also advised students who in the future aim to become managers, saying: aim to become part of the 10% not the 80%, think different.



This can be achieved through three key points: defining the long-term goal, using the calendar, and keeping track of it, and lastly checking whether we are achieving our goals based on the calendar. This way we will perform as well and efficiently as possible, as managers, said Kuraja.

Mr. Kuraja said to the students that a manager is not born but you become through dedication and willpower, and that there is no ideal manager. A successful manager is one who produces other managers. He also added that to get a job as a manager, work experience is not as important as doing the job much better than you were told to.

This meeting with Mr. Kuraja was concluded with a questions and answers session by the students, who asked the three characteristics of a successful manager in terms of character are. Mr. Kuraja gave a definite and clear answer: sincerity, discipline and curiosity.

## **English Debate Club debates whether citizen vaccination should be obligatory**

13 November 2021

The Debate Club of the Faculty of English held its first debate session for this academic year, an activity which has now become a tradition within this faculty. The topic that the students addressed was "Should the vaccination of citizens be required by law?"





The debate was moderated by the coordinator of the club, Artiola Kajtazi, who stressed that this debate has fulfilled some of the main goals of the club, namely, the inclusion of students from all academic years of the faculty, which helps in increasing the number of interested parties and in honing the skill of debating and cultivating the culture of debate.

In the capacity of the jury in this session were professors Aida Alla, Marika Butskhrikidze, Mirvan Xhemajli and Gresa Shaqiri.



The issues discussed in this debate were: Is public safety being undermined by people who do not want to be vaccinated? Is vaccination required by law a violation of human rights? Is endangering the safety of citizens from individual elections a violation of law and human rights? Does compulsory vaccination have a positive or negative effect on society? Why do some people refuse to be vaccinated? The debate lasted 90 minutes and was carefully monitored by the professors.

The jury declared the team who argued for the vaccination the winner and gave the students tips on how to improve their debating skills.

## **The French Embassy and French Alliance in Prishtina open the French representative office at AAB College**

15 November 2021

With a solemn ceremony organized by AAB College in cooperation with the French Embassy in Kosovo and the French Alliance in Prishtina, the representative office of France and the French Alliance was opened at AAB College.

The opening of this office was preceded by the signing of a cooperation agreement between AAB College and the French Embassy in Kosovo, more precisely by the Service for Cooperation and Cultural Activities department of this embassy. The agreement was signed by the Rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha and the Ambassador of France to our country, Her Excellency, Marie-Christine Butel.



On this occasion, the Rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha said that this agreement should be considered as another challenge for all of us; a challenge which will not find us wanting in front of our institutions and communities.



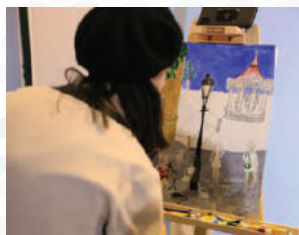
"The philosophy of Francophonie is based on three pillars: equality, complementarity and solidarity. Therefore, this French office in AAB College should be seen as a gateway which promotes love, tolerance and sincerity because the Balkan region needs tolerance and the world needs love ", said Demjaha.



Whereas, the French Ambassador, Marie-Christine Butel, called the opening of the office at AAB College a historic date for the friendship between our two countries. "This office will be the visible space of a wide and very cordial cooperation between AAB College, the Service for cooperation and cultural activities of the French Embassy and the French Alliance in Pristina.

This French presence is the fruit of long and patient work, but also the genesis of numerous programs of cultural and university activities that will be opened now", said the French diplomat."

Various activities will be held at this office by the French Embassy in Kosovo, the French Alliance in Prishtina and Campus France that will provide information for students who want to study in France.



In addition to the signing of the cooperation agreement and the opening of the office at AAB College, the 20th edition of the Francophone Film Festival in Kosovo is being held from 15 until 21 November 2021, in Prishtina, Prizren and Peja.



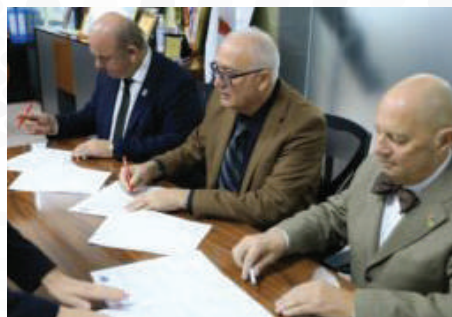
The solemnity organized on this occasion was complemented by other activities such as “French Taste” where guests had the opportunity to taste French food and wines cooked by French chefs, accompanied by the musical repertoire of the French group Flonflons.



## **AAB College and the Institute for Cooperation and Development from France sign cooperation agreement**

16 November 2021

AAB College and the Institute for Cooperation and Development from France signed a cooperation agreement aimed at promoting academia, education and culture between the two institutions.



The agreement was signed by the Rector of AAB College, Dr. Sc. Bujar Demjaha, President of the Institute for Cooperation and Development, Mr. Tahir Shabani, the deputy of the Parliament of the Republic and the Canton of Geneva and the Vice President of the institute, Mr. Eric Leyvraz.

This cooperation agreement entails the creation of opportunities for networking and mutual exchange of teachers, academic staff in the field of research, exchange of students and other staff for lectures, for visits and exchange of experiences with universities in France, Switzerland and Europe, as well as eventual meetings with the European Commission.

In addition to the signing of the agreement, a ceremony was held for the certification of personalities by the World Peace Committee. On this occasion, the Rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha was awarded the certificate "Ambassador of World Peace", which was attended by Dr. Rabit Sadiku, Vice President in the capacity of representative from the World Peace Committee.



After signing the agreement and awarding the certificates, Mr. Eric Leyvraz gave an informative lecture for the students of AAB College on parliamentary diplomacy, introducing them to the Swiss legislative system, the short history of the development of the Swiss state, the cultural and historical features of this country and then finally interacted with the students, answering their questions and comments.



## **AAB College's Faculty of Psychology and CPSMR sign cooperation agreement**

18 November 2021

At the premises of AAB College, the directors of the Faculty of Psychology and the Center for Psycho-social and Medical Research-CPSMR signed a cooperation agreement.



On the basis of this memorandum, both institutions pledge to cooperate in the organization of the International Scientific Conference on Health, Welfare, Education and the Rights of the Child, which will be held on 01 and 02 June 2022 at AAB College.

In this conference, scientific findings from local and international researchers on Health, Welfare, Education and Children's Rights will be presented. The call for abstracts for the conference will open soon.

Both partners of this agreement expressed mutual interest in continuing to strengthen cooperation in other research and intervention activities and projects which are important to the community.



## **Career Center and GIZ DIMAK organize training for students**

19 November 2021

AAB College Career Center in cooperation with GIZ DIMAK organized a training for third-year students of the Faculty of Public Administration on topics such as writing a CV, motivation letter, and how to prepare for a successful interview with the employer.

The students expressed a great interest in this training as they had the opportunity to attain knowledge about important papers which they will need for their professional future.

Student Burim Krasniqi emphasized that this training is very effective for them as they are understanding more about the writing process of the CV and motivation letter and are being introduced to concrete examples for interviews.





Whereas, the coach Arnisa Aliqkaj said that this training was organized well and stressed that "AAB College students are very attentive, interested, informed and very cooperative".



During the training, various examples of how to create a CV and motivation letter were presented, as they are important factors in job applications, while, at the same time, students got the chance to do job interview simulations.

At the end of the training, a presentation for the Virtual Career Fair took place, focusing on the steps that should be followed by students who want to participate in the Fair, which will be held on the 25th of November.

It is worth mentioning that such trainings for students will be continuously organized by the AAB Career Center and GIZ DIMAK.

## AAB College honors Romanian poet Ion Deaconescu with the Honorary Professor Award

20 November 2021

With a solemn ceremony attended by students, professors and all those who love writing, AAB College gave the Honorary Professor Award to renowned Romanian writer Ion Deaconescu.



In his keynote address, the President of AAB College, Lulzim Tafa, said that Ion Deaconescu is one of the main personalities of cultural life of Romania.

"An undisputed literary authority. Deaconescu is a great friend of Kosovo and a promoter of Albanian literature in Romania. He has played and still plays an important role in the friendship between Kosovo and Romania," said Tafa.

Meanwhile, the Rector of AAB College, Bujar Demjaha said that this award is given to the Romanian poet and writer Ion Deaconescu for his contribution to the education of entire generations, for the great art he has given to readers around the world and for the promotion of the friendship between Kosovo and Romania.



Romanian writer and poet Ion Deaconescu was honored by the award and promotion of his novel. "It is a special pleasure to be here today in one of the best universities in the Balkans and maybe even beyond.

By accepting this award, I do not know how to feel other than great. You have honored my work in strengthening friendship between peoples, and this is fantastic." said Deaconescu.

The poet's novel "The bird is me" was promoted during this ceremony. This novel was published in Albanian by the Publishing House "Bogdani".





On this occasion, the publisher Jeton Kelmendi and the vice-rector of AAB College, Venera Lljunji, spoke about the book, who highly appreciated this literary work. Divided into 29 subheadings, the novel "The bird is me", is about the life and work of the Romanian sculptor, Constantin Brancusi.



## **AAB College continues to invest heavily in the practical learning of students**

22 November 2021

From now on, the students of AAB College, Department of Psychology in Ferizaj, can do their practical work in the Ri-Jeta Center.

Ri-Jeta Center offers psychological services such as group therapy, art therapy, treatment of stress, anxiety, and depression for drug users and their families.



This was made possible thanks to the cooperation agreement signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Psychology, Dr. Sc. Naim Telaku and the head of the Ri-Jeta Center, Mrs. Arjeta Musliu, an agreement that also enables cooperation in other projects of mutual interest.

Thanking the Ri-Jeta Center for the opportunity given to our students, we invite our students that are interested in practical work to visit the student support staff of the Psychology branch of AAB College, Ferizaj campus.

## **President of Albania, Ilir Meta to AAB College students: if I did not know that I am in AAB College, Kosovo, I would have thought I am at a University in Norway or Finland**

24 November 2021

On the eve of November 28, National Flag Day, the President of the Republic of Albania, Mr. Ilir Meta, visited AAB College, where he was received by the management, academic staff and students of AAB College.







He expressed doubts about the Open Balkan initiative, calling it a diminutive initiative to the Berlin Process and worries about Serbia's approach.

The focus of his lecture was also the economic-trade obstacles between Kosovo and Albania, where he mentioned that Albanians in both Albania and Kosovo should reject any path that steers away from the Euro-Atlantic integration.

President Meta also paid special attention to the concern about the departure of young people from Kosovo and Albania, noting that Albania is late on its way to membership in the European Union. Today's lecture by Albanian President Ilir Meta was followed by a session of questions and answers, where Mr. Meta met with and answered questions the students might have had.



## AAB College opens call for student exchange at Lodz University in Poland

25 November 2021

As part of the Erasmus + program KA107, a call for student mobility has been opened at the partner university in Poland "Lodz University", for the summer semester 2021/22.



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The deadline for submissions is open until December 3, 2021 at the latest. Students who are part of the faculties found below and are not in their last year of studies are all eligible to apply for this program.

- Economic (Management)
- Social science
- Computer science
- Public Administration (Political Science)
- Law
- English language

The number of students that will be admitted is 10.

Application criteria:

Be a distinguished student.

Have excellent knowledge of English (evidenced by official document or interview by Lodz University commission).

The students who apply for this program will be selected by a commission of AAB College, and the list of the best candidates will be forwarded to the host university (Lodz University) for further processing!

More details about the courses and study programs can be found in this link:

<https://iso.uni.lodz.pl/erasmus/programmes/>

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## **AAB students are participating in the international festival of Florence, Italy**

26 November 2021





As part of the Life Beyond Tourism Project, AAB College is participating in the Florence International Festival in Italy.

Participating in this festival are more than 80 universities from around the world. AAB College is being represented by students of the Faculty of Mass Communication in this event, who will present a cultural story about Kosovo.

This cultural story includes photos taken by students and will present the most special elements of the culture of our country.

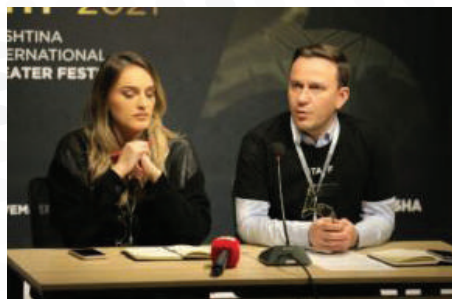
The AAB student project was initially mentored by the now deceased professor Burbuqe Berisha, and is now continuing under the supervision of Professor Luan Tashi.

The festival started on November 25, 2021.

## **Prishtina International Theater Festival continues its journey with its fifth edition this year**

30 November 2021

The only international theater festival in Kosovo, "Prishtina International Theater Festival – PITF", organized by AAB College and AAB Theater "Faruk Begolli", has launched its fifth edition.





This edition will be dedicated to the work and life of one of the founders of this festival, director Burbuqe Berisha, who passed away recently.

In the press conference, the Director of the Public Relations and Media Department, Zija Rexhepi, announced that within the competitive program of this edition, theatrical troupes from Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Northern Macedonia, Albania, and Kosovo will be performing in both theaters of AAB College.



"We have 5 competitive and two guest performances planned in this year's program of #PITF2021.", said Rexhepi.

Rexhepi also stated that, this year, there will be three juries that will evaluate the participating performances: the professional jury, which will consist of Enver Petrovci, Gresa Pallaska and Tome Stanovski, the media jury, which will consist of Ilire Zajmi, Getoarbë Mulliqi Bojaj and Drin Ejupi, as well as the student jury consisting of students of AAB College.



Meanwhile, the coordinator of PITF2021, Doruntina Alshiqi, said that the number of applicants for participation in this edition was much higher than in other years, but many countries could not confirm participation due to the deteriorating situation with the Covid-19 pandemic.



PITF2021 will run from November 29 to December 4, 2021.

**DECEMBER 2021**

## **AAB students now have the opportunity to train for Quickbooks by Melita&Partners**

2 December 2021

Following the establishment of collaborations with various partners from the industry, the Faculty of Economics of AAB College and the Company Melita&Partners have signed a cooperation agreement.



The purpose of this cooperation agreement is to professionally prepare the students of AAB College so that they can have an easier time entering the labor market.

The agreement with Melita&Partners, provides for the training of students of the Faculty of Economics in the most used software in the world, #QuickBooks, via its professional trainers.

This software is utilized by many corporations in Kosovo, which means that the demand for qualified personnel is massive.

The agreement was signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Prof. Medain Hashani and Mrs. Melita Ymeraga from Melita&Partners.

## December 3, Disability Day marked at AAB College

3 December 2021

AAB College, in cooperation with the Kosovo Disability Forum has organized the event "AAB Talks: Motivational stories about disability", to mark December 3, International Day of Disability.



In this event, the Rector of AAB College, Mr. Bujar Demjaha and the President of the Kosovo Disability Forum, Mr. Bujar Kadriu signed the Cooperation Agreement between these two institutions. This agreement aims to advance the position of students with disabilities in higher education in Kosovo.

As part of the event, three motivational stories were unveiled by three select speakers.

Mrs. Sebahate Beqiri recounted her perspective as a mother and her efforts to turn the challenge of disability into a mission and cause.



Mr. Rinor Gashi, drawing from his personal experiences, talked about disability as a lifestyle, not a tragedy.



Mr. Labeat Fejza, from his perspective as a colleague, shared with the public how his worldview on people with disabilities has changed, from the usual doubts and prejudices, to where "disability" doesn't affect his view of a person.



This event conveyed the important message that disability is multifaceted and does not determine what you can aim for or achieve in life.



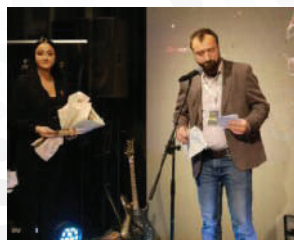
## Main PITF2021 award goes to Turkey

5 December 2021

The fifth edition of the only international theater festival in the country, Prishtina International Theater Festival – PITF2021, closed with a festive awards ceremony.



In this edition that ran from November 29, 2021 to December 4, 2021, 5 out of the 7 performances were in official competition for the festival awards.





Serbia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Albania and Northern Macedonia performed in this edition of PITF.

The professional jury composed of Enver Petrovci, Gresa Pallaska and Tome Stanovski, awarded the following participants:

- The award for best supporting role went to actress Lemana Binjoš, from the Regional Theater of Novi Pazar;
- The award for best director went to Fatos Berisha, who directed the Black Box show with the Migjeni Theater troupe from Albania;
- The award for best play went to "when you gaze long into the abyss", from Serbia;
- The main prize of the festival, the one for the best actor, was shared by two Turkish actresses Burcu Görek and Dilara Gül, for the play "I woke up with no voice".
- In addition to the festival's main jury awards, two awards were given for best performance by the media jury and the student jury.

According to the media jury, the award for best play went to the play "Black Box" by the Migjeni Theater from Shkodra, Albania, whereas the students praised the play "Helver's night" by the Temple Theater in Northern Macedonia.



The fifth edition of PITF was dedicated to the life and work of the now deceased director, Burbuqe Berisha, who was the artistic director of the Prishtina International Theater Festival.



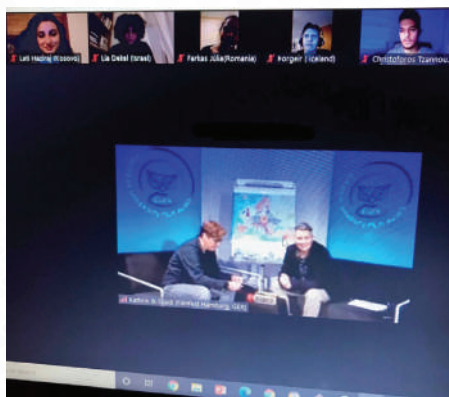
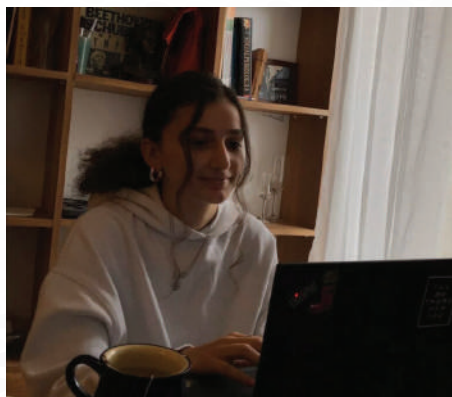


## For the second year in a row, AAB College participates in the great jury of European Universities for selecting the best film in the European University Film Award category (EUFA)

7 December 2021

The jury of AAB College students this year was composed of Shyhrete Haziraj, Altin Gashi, Ylli Berisha, Albinota Blakçori and Ardit Ajvazi, who were mentored by professor Fatos Berisha, who is also a member of the European Film Academy.

Student Shyhrete Haziraj, the representative of the student jury from AAB College, forwarded Kosovo's vote during the 3-day online event (December 5-7) where, in addition to voting, a rich program organized by the European Film Academy (EFA) took place.



The EUFA Award was established in 2016 and is voted on by European students. The aim is to engage young audiences, and to spread the "European idea" and the spirit of European cinema to students, while also promoting and developing debate on European film.

This category has become an official award from 2019, whereas AAB College is a member of the network since 2020.

## **RTK journalist Venhar Isufi, first guest of #aabalumnitalk, organized by the AAB Career Center**

7 December 2021

The AAB Career Center started a series of discussions "AAB Alumni Talk" with successful former students, which focuses on sharing the experiences of graduate students during their professional journey.

The first guest of #AABAlumniTalk, was Venhar Isufi, a former student of the Faculty of Mass Communication. Although young, alumni Venhar Isufi shared his experience from the period of studies, attending trainings, internships and until now as a journalist employee at RTK – Radio Television of Kosovo.



Venhari emphasized that the studies he conducted at AAB College were a great helper in transforming the theoretical part into the practical part. "Studies, trainings and opportunities provided by AAB, have enabled us today to do the work of a field journalist on public television, where I consider it a great achievement," said Venhari.

The meeting with the students of the Faculty of Mass Communication was even more valuable thanks to the interactivity that took place and the questions that were asked to the guest, to the journalist Venhar Isufi.

## **Discussion table on “Opportunities for involvement of students of the faculty of economics in study activities and employment in the international work force” held at AAB College**

8 December 2021

The Club of Young Economists has organized a roundtable discussion with the aim of involving students in international projects and activities.



Dean of the Faculty of Economics, prof. Medain Hashani pointed out the importance of students' participation in international projects as they will expand their communication network and employment opportunities.



Meanwhile, the Vice Rector for Cooperation and International Relations of AAB College, Venera Lljunji, emphasized the commitment made to reach cooperation agreements with higher education institutions of EU countries through the ERASMUS + program, exchanging students and staff to provide opportunities.

Discussions at this roundtable continued with other participants such as Agron Kamberi, director of 'Discover America Kosova', students, and graduates.

At the end of the discussion, the floor was given to the students for questions, where some of them talked about the experiences gained, thanking AAB College for providing these opportunities.

## **Cooperation agreement signed with the Albanian Academy of Arts and Sciences**

**8 December 2021**

Rector of AAB College, Dr. Sc. Bujar Demjaha and the President of the Albanian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Prof. Dr. Xenophon Krisafi accompanied by the Vice Rector of AAB College, Venera Lljunji and academic Gëzim Hoxha from this Academy, signed the cooperation agreement between the two institutions.





This agreement aims to promote and implement scientific projects and activities in matters of culture, art, science.

Coverage of each other's activities and mutual cooperation will be among the priorities of these two institutions, including ongoing official communication, joint publications and book promotions.

## **The Faculty of Social Sciences reaches cooperation agreement with the Preschool Institute Gjeniu**

8 December 2021

A new agreement has been added to the list of partners of the Faculty of Social Sciences of AAB College.



This agreement provides cooperation for the implementation of the practical part of Social Sciences students at this institution, affecting the training and professional development in the field of preschool education.

The agreement was signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, prof. Hysen Kasumi and the director of the Preschool Institution "The Genius", Arbresha Beka.

## 'Religion for rights" roundtable held on the occasion of international Human Rights Day

8 December 2021

On the occasion of December 10th, International Human Rights Day, a roundtable on "Religion for rights" was held organized by the Faculty of Law of AAB College and the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, which was attended by representatives of religious communities in Kosovo as: Mr. Ilmi Rexhepi, representative of the Islamic Community in Kosovo, Mr. Don Mikel Sopi, representative of the Catholic Church, Mr. Artur Krasniqi, representative of the Protestant Evangelical Church.



The roundtable was opened by dr. sc. Uranela Demaj, Vice Rector for Science of AAB College.

At this roundtable, the religious representatives, each from their point of view, declared that religious diversity is undoubtedly one of the greatest assets that human society has inherited from its birth until today.

The dean of the Faculty of Law of AAB College prof. Veton Vula, stated that the autonomous existence of religious communities is necessary for pluralism in a democratic society.



"The problem lies in the preservation of pluralism and the proper functioning of democracy, where, one of its main characteristics, is the opportunity to offer the solution of a country's problems through dialogue, even when the circumstances are irritating," said Mr. Vula.

This roundtable was also attended by a number of students from this faculty, who were active and asked questions to the representatives of religious communities.



## Graduate Flamur Beqiraj, part of AAB Alumni talk activity

9 December 2021

AAB Alumni Talk is continuing with the promotion of successful students in the labor market, an activity that is being realized in conjunction with the Career Center at AAB College.

Former student of the Faculty of Computer Science at AAB College, Flamur Beqiraj, is now employed as a programmer in the corporation Axians.

The purpose of 'Alumni Talk' is to share the experiences of successful graduate students with current students.



Flamuri talked about his time as a student at AAB College, his professional achievements, and challenges while also expressing his gratitude to AAB College for the opportunities it provided him.

"AAB College meets all the conditions for the development of students through internships," he said.

The students were very active with their questions and comments throughout the discussion.



## Giz Dimak holds training for AAB College students

9 December 2021

The AAB Career Center, in cooperation with GIZ DIMAK, on behalf of the German government, held a training for the students of AAB College.



During this training, students learned about the ways of writing a CV, and the steps for successfully preparing for a job interview.

The training was held by trainer Arnisa Aliqaj, and Maria Kostomay, leader of the DIMAK project in GIZ, who expressed satisfaction with the interest of students to learn some of these techniques shown in their presentation for the labor market.

During this training, students also conducted interview simulations.

## **Lecture held on the campus of AAB College in Gjakova on the topic "The mechanism against domestic violence with special emphasis in the prevention of violence and consequences"**

9 December 2021

A lecture for the students of AAB College was organized by the director of the Gjakova campus, Rifat Haxhiaj and vice-rector Venera Lljunji.



The topic of this lecture was "The mechanism against domestic violence with special emphasis on the prevention of violence and its consequences."

The factors that influenced the incitement of domestic violence in our society were clarified during this lecture where students had the chance to take part in via questions and comments.

Part of this lecture was also the director of the Safe House in Gjakova, Mrs. Erblina Dinarama and Mrs. Fatmire Bajrami-Qufaj, defense counsel for victims at the Basic Prosecution in Gjakova.

## Training for internal quality assurance by international expert Anca Prisacariu held at AAB College

9 December 2021

The Quality Assurance Office organized a training for 12 quality assurance officers at the faculty level of AAB College.



The training aimed to provide information based on European practices regarding internal quality management systems, quality assurance mechanisms for teaching, learning and assessment, as well as assessment instruments such as questionnaires and the use of data for strategic planning and informed decision making.

The training was conducted by Anca Prisacariu, an international quality assurance expert who has extensive experience working with international organizations in higher education. Anca Prisacariu acts as an expert for various national quality assurance agencies throughout Europe and abroad.

## **The Faculty of Law of AAB College has reached a cooperation agreement with the University of St. "Klement Ohridski" from Monastery**

9 December 2021

The dean of the Faculty of Law Prof. Ass. Dr. Veton Vula and Prof. Ass. Dr. Bashkim Rrahmani, have signed cooperation agreements with the Faculty of Law of the University of St. "Klement Ohridski" from Bitola.



This cooperation will take place in several areas that will contribute to the academic staff and students of both faculties.

## **AAB College students, part of one day training on "Climate Awareness-Climate Fresk"**

9 December 2021

This training held with the students of AAB College was organized as part of the continuation of activities with the Embassy of France in Kosovo based on the cooperation agreement signed between the two parties.







Led by the founders of the Climate Awareness Association (CAA), whose goal is to raise awareness of climate change issues, trainers Marie and Ben informed 22 of our college students on the contemporary climate change issues and, in turn, received their creativity in various different tasks and activities.

The students expressed great interest and were satisfied with the whole activity held, appreciating the importance of protecting the environment and bettering the climatic situation around the world.

## AAB College and Cactus Education reach cooperation agreement

10 December 2021

AAB College's Faculty of Computer Science and Cactus Education have reached a cooperation agreement, which includes coordination and mutual recognition of programs, mobility of lecturers and students, joint projects and activities of educational and scientific interest.



This collaboration was signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science of AAB College, Prof. Jusuf Qarkaxhija and the Executive Director of Cactus Education, Mr. Besim Ilazi.

A lecture was also held at the end of this cooperation agreement by Rrezarta Pllana and Naim Sulejmani of Cactus Education, on the topic of MICROservices and DATABASEs: the challenges, new concepts of DATA-science, engineering, analytics.

## **AAB College in collaboration with the Embassy of France and the Francophone Alliance organize French University Fair**

10 December 2021



14 universities from France on December 8 held 20-minute webinars, each presenting their own curriculum.

This meeting was initially greeted by the Rector of AAB College, Dr. Sc. Bujar Demjaha who stressed that an open approach and a close cooperation between AAB College and the universities of France is a necessity.

He also talked about the commitment of AAB College to start a special cooperation relationship with the Embassy of France in order to expand our cooperation with universities in France, which lead in academics and science, in technological development, and scientific research.

Whereas, the representative of the French Embassy, Mr. Donato Giuliani also spoke about various activities which are supported by the Embassy of France and the Francophone Alliance for the benefit of the students and staff of AAB College, as a result of the cooperation agreement that, so far, has been showing very good results between the parties involved.



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Among other things, he spoke about the opportunities for AAB College students to be an active part of not only study events but also various cultural and artistic events through visits and various projects that have been made and are planned to take place throughout the coming months.

Part of this meeting was also Mrs. Elona Toro, director of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (University Agency of the Francophonie), who talked more in-depth about the programs, different courses, trainings, and vocational schools that they offer. She also spoke about the different levels of study offered in all available fields.

Zana Latifi, representative of Campus France, also gave a very interesting presentation about studies in France, their cost and opportunities for various scholarships.

The Vice-Rector for International Relations and Cooperation at AAB College, Venera Lljunji spoke about the importance that studies outside Kosovo have in their intellectual development and their development as honest citizens of our country.

She also compared Kosovo to a Ghetto which the younger generations should get out of, at least for a certain period of time, saying that studies abroad give them the opportunity to experience individual independence, and the opportunity to use their newfound lessons, experiences, and intellectual development upon their return to Kosovo and make changes for the better.

This will allow them to grow as individuals and to improve the lives of others around them, making them honest citizens, which Kosovo direly needs.



## AAB Alumni Talk promotes student graduate of AAB College

10 December 2021

The Career Center continues its works in promoting graduate students. The following guest of the AAB Alumni Talk is Paris Guri, a graduate of the Faculty of Public Administration.



Alumni Paris talked about the student life at AAB and his professional achievements. According to Paris, "the most important thing that AAB College has, that other competitors do not, is how they seamlessly interweave theory and practice in their classes."

Paris advised students to dedicate themselves to their studies and to cultivate as much knowledge as possible from the AAB academic and professional staff.

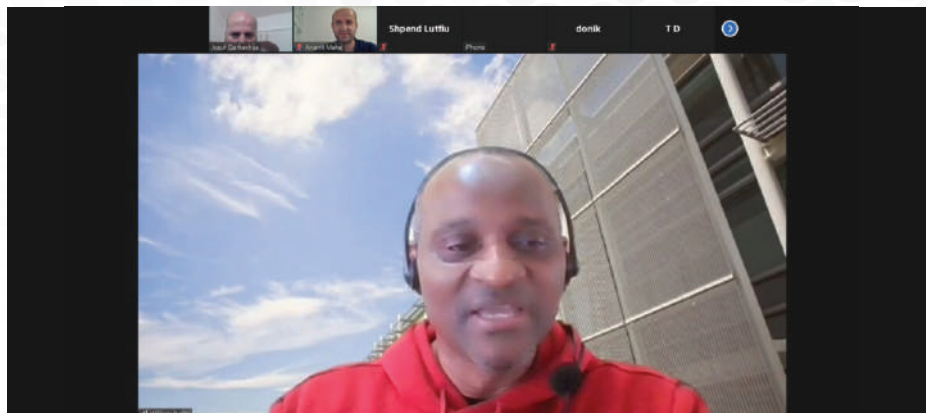
Paris Guri, a former student of AAB College, has contributed to several non-governmental organizations. First, he became a project manager at Sbunker, later an executive director at truAktiv, and currently is engaged as a human rights activist.



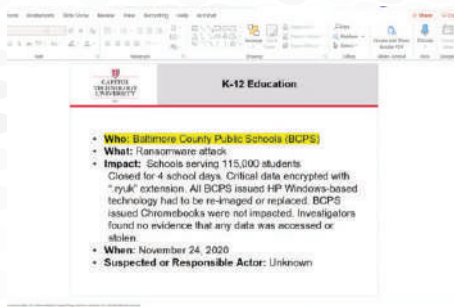
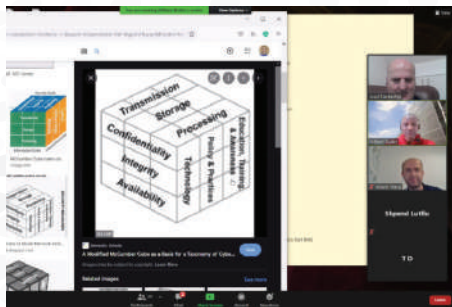
## Cyber security expert holds online lecture for AAB College students

11 December 2021

As part of the collaboration between AAB College and Capitol Technology University from the USA, the Cyber Security Center of the Faculty of Computer Science organized a virtual lecture with the cyber security and database administration expert Dr. William Butler.



The lecture on cyber education and events that occurred during the pandemic was held for the second-year students of the Cyber Security program. At the end of the lecture, Dr. William engaged with the students with a questions and answers activity.



## AAB College holds International Sports Conference

11 December 2021

AAB College, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, and the Kosovo Olympic Committee, has organized the International Conference on Sports Science. The International Sports Conference kicked off on Friday, December 10, within the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports at AAB College, with lecturers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Spain, Northern Macedonia, Croatia and Turkey.



This conference is a collaboration of AAB College with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports and the Kosovo Olympic Committee which aims to create a platform that brings together academics, researchers, physical training instructors, sports scientists, nutritionists, psychologists, physiotherapists, coaches, yoga experts, and policy makers who can share their research and experiences in relevant fields. The Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports at AAB College, Fatmir Pireva, opened the conference which was attended by the Deputy Minister of Sports, Daulina Osmani and the President of the Kosovo Olympic Committee, Ismet Krasniqi, among many other prominent figures.

Deputy Minister of Sports, Mrs. Osmani spoke about the importance of this conference and how much of a role sports play in our country from an academic perspective.



The President of the Kosovo Olympic Committee, Ismet Krasniqi, congratulated AAB College for organizing this conference, which he said reflects the research work in sports activities, not only in our country but also beyond.

"KOC aims to contribute to the advancement of education and scientific research in sports by cooperating with various educational and sports institutions in the country. Such a cooperation agreement was signed with AAB College just a few months ago, allowing us to begin our work in advancing sports in our country through various joint activities," said Krasniqi.





Due to the large number of lecturers from different countries of the region, the conference is being held in English and is covering a wide range of topics, from sports, sports medicine, sports pedagogy, physical and sports education, and even sports marketing.

The International Conference on Sports Science will be held for two days, on December 10 and 11, in the premises of AAB College.

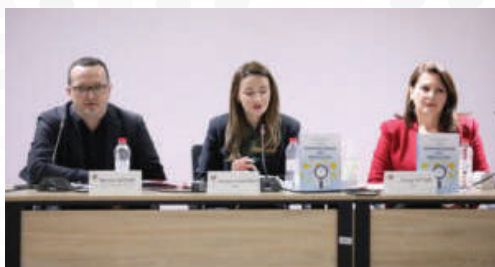
## **The book "Banking Management and Regulations", by professor Albulena Kastrati, was promoted at AAB College**

11 December 2021

The book "Banking Management and Regulations" by the author and professor of AAB College, Albulenë Kastrati, was promoted at AAB College. This book addresses the needs of traditional banking and changes required in the banking sector after crises and digitalization, while also talking about the business models of banks and the setting of interest rates on loans, financial statements and the relationship with regulatory requirements.



In his speech, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics of AAB College Medain Hashani, praised the work of the author and her continuous contribution to the professional advancement of the younger generations.



## **AAB College student, Kastriot Fetahaj, takes first place in "The day when hacking is legal" Competition**

13 December 2021



Master level student at the Faculty of Computer Science of AAB College, Kastriot Fetahaj has taken first place in the 6th edition of the competition THE DAY WHEN HACKING IS LEGAL, organized as part of the conference: "Hack to learn and protect" in cooperation with the US Embassy in Prishtina, Kosovo and Albanian Cyber Association.

This competition aims to test the security on Kosovo news portals.

## **"The unfinished trial of Slobodan Milosevic" by author Nevenka Tromp promoted at AAB College**

13 December 2021

Following the activities at the premises of AAB College, the book "The unfinished trial of Slobodan Milosevic" by Dr. Nevenka Tromp was promoted, whose translation into Albanian was made possible by the professor of AAB College, Kastriot Myftiu. Also present at the book promotion ceremony was AAB College Rector Bujar Demjaha, who said that a book like this takes us back to the time of Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic.

"I think this book is fantastic baggage for those who want to delve into political developments and learn about the crimes of the past so we are not doomed to repeat them", said Demjaha.



The author of this book, Nevenka Tromp, has talked about her efforts and the challenges she has gone through until she finished the book. "This book is a work of about six years. I would wake up and go to the office to look for and review all the material from Milosevic's trial. In the beginning, I had no idea what I was doing and was not sure about the concept or the time period I wanted to include in the book.



I was told that Slobodan Milosevic was dead, however to me, this was no reason to stop but, rather continue to understand the truth. "This book is your story," she said.

Guests Furtuna Sheremeti and Robert Muharremi spoke about the importance and connection of the country's policies with the book.





"If not challenged from alternative perspectives, Serbia's control over the post-conflict narrative could leave Serbia with a cleaner history than it deserves, allowing post-conflict elites to pursue the ideology of uniting all Serbs. Dr. Tromp has managed to expose the political dimensions of international criminal justice as reflected in Croatia, Bosnia, and Kosovo. The train has not stopped yet," said Mr. Muharram.

Whereas, Furtuna Sheremeti spoke more about the consequences of the past, saying that the past still haunts her.

"It is an expression in the Albanian language that I keep in my heart: "Never Forget". This approach is one of the reasons why people in Kosovo still remember and cling to the past, but it also risks becoming exactly the reason why people leave the country because a worse fate could eventually befall them—thus making them forget the real reason the war was fought in the first place. And this is a scenario that no country should allow to happen," she said.

At the end of the promotion, Tromp answered questions from students and other participants.

## **AAB Alumni Talk continues promotes the success of Lirie Hoti**

13 December 2021

AAB Alumni Talk, an activity conceived by the Career Center, is continuing its series of discussions with successful graduate students with today's guest Lirie Hoti.

A graduate of the Faculty of English Language and only 22 years old; she has managed to get a job as a teacher at The British School of Kosovo.

Alumni Lirie is proud of her achievement of completing both the faculty of English language and that of Law simultaneously with a very high GPA.



She also added that it has not been easy at all, but she has learned a lot and has always tried to keep up with the times in terms of professional achievement. The former student of AAB College emphasized that the greatest merits go to AAB College because during her journey, she has found much support in this institution.



"During my studies, the support of my family will definitely not be discussed because it goes without saying, but the support of AAB College, and the professors, has never been found lacking, and it is what has pushed me to get to where I am."

Lirie Hoti is currently the manager of the EduGrua project funded by the Swedish institute and a graduate of the academy for young professionals at Lund University.

## **AAB College and the Diplomatic Academy of the Republic of Kosovo sign cooperation agreement**

14 December 2021

A cooperation agreement has been reached between AAB College and the Diplomatic Academy of the Republic of Kosovo, through which they pledge to concretize the various forms of cooperation that will be of common interest to these two institutions.



The purpose of the agreement reached is to cooperate and exchange experiences in the field of diplomacy and international relations, international law, and other academic disciplines.

Also, the two institutions will cooperate with each other and offer each other the necessary assistance in organizing events of common interest.

The agreement was signed on the premises of AAB College by the Rector of AAB College, Dr. Sc. Bujar Demjaha and the General Director of the Diplomatic Academy, Ambassador Sabri Kicmari.

## Politician and businessman, Mr. Gazmend Abrashi holds special lecture for students of AAB

14 December 2021

In a lecture organized by the Faculty of Economics, Gazmend Abrashi spoke with AAB College students about doing business by adapting to the latest innovations, especially technological ones. He told the students about the importance of teamwork in achieving the desired results in any company.



"For over 30 years of managerial experience, I have understood the importance of the team I am a part of in order to achieve the planned results. Achieving success is harder, but it is even harder to manage success and remain consistent. In addition, as the business develops and grows, so should the management in the company be developed and advanced," he said.

Businessman Abrashi further praised AAB College for the quality and infrastructural superiority they provide to the field of education.

"I applaud AAB College for undertaking such initiatives. It is not by chance that AAB College has made a qualitative and infrastructural difference in higher education in the country, " said Mr. Abrashi.



Whereas, the professor of AAB College Agron Mustafa, spoke more about the purpose and importance of organizing such a lecture.

"The stories of successful people of our country deserve attention because they offer encouragement and motivation for the younger generations – future managers and leaders, whether in business or politics," added prof. Mustafa.

AAB College is proving every day that it is more than a coincidence that it is ranked highest as the most credible private institution of higher education in Kosovo and the region.

## **Doctor of communication sciences holds online lecture for AAB College students of journalism**

15 December 2021

In the framework of special lectures organized by AAB College, Prof. Ass. Dr. Ramadan Çipuri held an online lecture for students of the Faculty of Mass Communication – Journalism on "Hate speech as part of the ethical debate in the media."



During the lecture, he spoke about the importance of respecting the ethics of journalism and the importance of applying ethical rules and norms for those who are practicing the profession. According to him, the sensitivity of reporting requires the adherence of these rules because we are dealing with the human factor, which can suffer from negligence or omissions that we can make.

At the end of the lecture, Dr. Ramadan Çipuri answered the students' questions.

## **The president of the European University of Tirana Prof. Asoc. Dr. Selami Gjepa: AAB College is an example to be followed by other Universities**

15 December 2021

The Faculty of Public Administration organized a lecture with the special guest, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Selami Xhepa, on the topic "Kosovo and Albania in the processes of regionalization".



In front of the students and the academic staff, Xhepa highlighted important issues of cooperation between the countries of the region, and in particular of Kosovo and Albania, and also pointed out the unnecessary bureaucratic obstacles between the two countries.

"Although the customs tariff in joint initiatives has become zero, there are other bureaucracies which, if costed, exceed it or are the same as if it were a 10% customs tariff," said Mr. Xhepa during the lecture.



During his lecture, Mr. Xhepa also described AAB College as a monument of hard work and commitment.

"I am happy to be in Kosovo for the second time at the invitation of AAB College. I am in awe of the vision that this college has for the future of its students, an example that should be followed by other universities as well," he said.

At the end of the lecture, Dr. Selami Xhepa answered the students' questions.

## The first foreign language career expo is organized at AAB College

16 December 2021

"Meet your potential employer" was the name of the career expo organized by the Faculty of English Language of AAB College. During this expo, students had the opportunity to establish direct contact with partner institutions of the faculty. The companies at the expo represented different profiles and offered a wide range of professions to students such as recruiters, language experts, editors, teachers, translators, interpreters, slogan writers.



Among the companies present at this event were Alexander Chapman, Oxford Studio, ILG School, Britannica ELT – Edmond Ramadani, TranKos, Sutherland, etc.

Representatives of the companies initially presented their profiles in a very friendly conversation with the students before proceeding with individual interviews with each of them.





Also present at this expo was the rector of AAB College, who expressed his satisfaction with the work done and the benefits that such events bring.



" The main goal of students, after their graduation, is to work, and today's expo will be a way which will help you find what you are looking for."

This expo will be an annual event and will include even more companies that the students can select from in the future.



## Career Center continues to promote student graduates of AAB College

16 December 2021

AAB Alumni Talk organized the next activity in order to reveal professional experiences and successes achieved by students who graduated from AAB College to current students.



The guest of this Alumni Talk was Liberta Uka, a graduate of the Faculty of Psychology at AAB College who is now employed as a licensed psychologist for social and family services, in the Organization for Children without Parental Care.

Speaking about the period of studies at AAB College, she said that the way of lecturing has always been effective, and the teachers are very supportive of their students. Liberta also advised students not to stop working towards their own goals until they achieve the desired professional development throughout their careers.

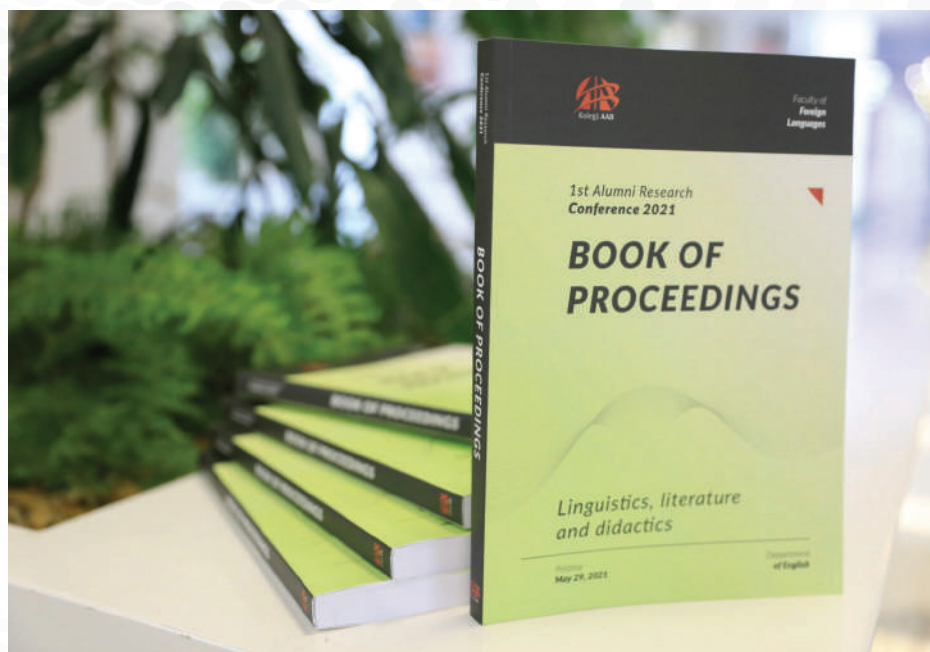
The students were very active with their questions and comments throughout the discussion.



## The book of the “First Alumni Scientific Conference” of the Faculty of Foreign Languages is published

17 December 2021

The first ALUMNI scientific conference held in June 2021 at AAB College brought together 35 ALUMNI who presented their research in the fields of linguistics, literature and didactics.



The conference aimed to strengthen connections between alumni, professors and students. The conference concluded with the publication of the conference book, which includes 15 articles, most of which are co-authored between participating former students and professors of the English Language department.

This scientific activity will be an annual event in order to give other graduates the opportunity to present their findings in the relevant fields.

## **Prof. Assoc. Dr. Petar Borisov holds lecture for students of the Faculty of Economics**

20 December 2021

The Faculty of Economics has organized a lecture with Professor Petar Borisov from Bulgaria on "How to create a competitive strategy". The main elements of the strategy and its goals were presented first during the lecture.



Other examples that were presented during the lecture include the importance of brand value and the challenges we face in strategic planning, value creation, and effectiveness of strategies.

After the presentation of Professor Borisov, the students gave their opinions on the topic, asking about the models that Kosovar businesses should follow to create competitive strategies.



## Italian ambassador to Kosovo, Antonello De Riu, holds lecture for AAB College students

20 December 2021

Another lecture held by an accredited ambassador in our country for the Master's level students of the Faculty of Public Administration, as part of the Foreign Policy Module.



The guest lecturer, Mr. Antonello de Riu, shared with our students the history of the Italian state, and also Italy's attitudes to foreign policy. The Ambassador of Italy in Kosovo, Antonello de Riu, was received warmly by the Rector of AAB College Bujar Demjaha and Vice Rector Venera Lljunji prior to his lecture with the students where they talked about the history, development and goals of AAB College.



## AAB Alumni Talk promotes success story on AAB College campus in Ferizaj

20 December 2021

The promotion of successful graduate students within AAB Alumni Talk is continuing, this time on the Ferizaj campus of AAB College.



Ardita Metushi, a graduate of the Faculty of Economics of AAB College, spoke to the students about the path to success and professional development she has achieved.

"During my Bachelor and Master studies at AAB College, I developed my communication skills, researched the labor market and the importance of economic development for employment. I advise all students to follow the constant announcements from the career office for training, volunteer work, internships and employment opportunities in order to find themselves in the labor market as soon as possible," she said.

Ardita Metushaj is currently a project officer at Business Development Group.

## **"EduGrua" starts its first session at AAB College**

21 December 2021

The first session of the "EduGrua" project was held at AAB College. "EduGrua" is a project that is organized by AAB College and supported by the Swedish Institute and Lund University in Sweden. Lirie Hoti, project leader, spoke about the purpose and importance of this project and what it is expected to offer.



The target group of this project are female victims of domestic violence in Kosovo and Albania, who through sessions and lectures organized by "EduGrua" will be motivated to talk about their stories and challenges that they went through.

Rector of AAB College, Dr. Sc. Bujar Demjaha while showing his full support of the project, said that he is proud that over 50% of the students in this college are women. The Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo in Sweden, Mrs. Shkëndije Geci Sherifi welcomed this initiative shown by AAB College and the student Lirie.



The project supervisor from the Swedish Institute, Aleksandra Adrich, also expressed her satisfaction with the work done so far and encouraged everyone to take part in future initiatives like this one. Professor Venera Lljunji, Vice Rector for Cooperation and International Relations, said that AAB College is always ready to cooperate and support such projects.

On this occasion, professor Veton Vula, Dean of the Faculty of Law at AAB College, presented his scientific findings on cases of domestic violence, especially during the pandemic in Kosovo. Whereas, the representative and advocate of victims of domestic violence, Bekim Dugolli presented other details on this topic while showing his appreciation on the undertaking of this project.

During the planned sessions of this project, there will be guests from different fields and women who will share success stories from their lives. Women who are part of this project and also have ideas about opening a business will be given a special platform to speak.

## **Lecture for AAB College students by Dr. Fadbi Osmani**

21 December 2021





The Faculty of Social Sciences has organized a virtual lecture with Professor Fabdi Osmani from the State University of Tetova on the topic "Educational aspects and learning in early childhood development."

Present at the lecture were the third-year students of this faculty, who gave their input on the discussed topics and asked questions during the Q&A session.

## **Faculty of Mass Communication organized virtual lecture with special guest Dr. Arben Muka**

22 December 2021

The Faculty of Mass Communication and Journalism organized a lecture with special guest Dr. Arben Muka from the FHF University of Tirana.

He is a program director at AMA and a former journalist of 20 years at Deutsch Welle. In his lecture, he addressed the topic "Reporting the news in the digital age" stating that he is happy that such an event was made possible by AAB College.



"As someone who has also visited AAB College in person, I am pleased to meet with you, albeit virtually, to discuss technological developments through the lens of news reporting. We can see big changes in terms of infrastructure, where everything is much easier now for journalists."

Numerous conversations and questions from the students regarding the topic addressed were had at the end of the lecture.

## **AAB Alumni Talk promotes another student graduated in the faculty of nursing**

23 December 2021

Sara Gjiododa was the next guest from the Career Center of AAB College, who graduated from the first generation of the Faculty of Nursing of AAB College and now works as a nurse.



As a 23-year-old, Sara has achieved remarkable success, as immediately after graduation she was employed at the Family Medicine Center in Klina, while at the same time working as an assistant professor at AAB College.

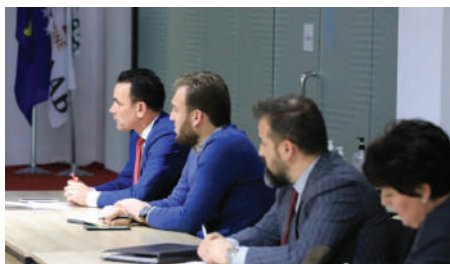
Alumni Sara shared her success story with AAB College students, explaining her challenges, motivation and great dedication throughout her studies.

AAB College Career Center continues to amplify the voices of students so that they can share their success stories.

## **Industrial board of AAB College holds discussion table**

23 December 2021

The meeting of the Industrial Board was held at the Media Center of AAB College, which was attended by representatives of well-known companies in the Kosovo market. The members of this board discussed the challenges that students may face after graduation in the labor market, and employers as task assigners.



The meeting was chaired by the President of the Industrial Board Arian Zeka, who considers the holding of these meetings very important for AAB College.

The needs of the labor market, practical work, training for students, career guidance and strengthening of computer skills were discussed at this meeting.

The purpose of these meetings is to prepare students and to assist them in their professional development.

## End-of-year holidays message from the Rector of AAB College, Dr. Sc. Bujar Demjaha

24 December 2021

Dear students and staff of AAB College,

We can freely say that the years 2020 and 2021 were quite difficult as the pandemic swept across the world.

We as a College have faced these challenges head on despite the difficulties, trying to meet the demands of our students, as it is expected of a distinguished institution in the country and beyond.

Now that the end-of-year holidays are approaching, I hope that in the New Year 2022 these challenges will be a thing of the past, and the future brings only health, kindness, success and great love for one-another.

Happy Holidays 2022!





## Virtual lecture held by international professor for students of the faculty of economics

24 December 2021

Ahmad Mlouk, a professor with a PhD in Accounting and Finance joins us for a lecture with the students of AAB College, following the activities of the Faculty of Economics which bring international professors to AAB College to share their experiences and best international practices related to economic phenomena. The topic covered in this lecture was "Company Valuation: Methods and Application".



Students had the opportunity to learn how the wealth of large companies like Tesla, Toyota, and Volkswagen, is valued in international markets and also about the most used methods of valuing companies and their applications.

Some of the methods that were also touched on during the lecture were the method of decreasing cash flow and the method of increasing dividends.

At the end of the lecture, there was a discussion between students and the professor about the issues in Kosovo, when compared with international practices.

## **The faculty of social sciences begins cooperation agreement with the coordinators of the project for education APPEAR**

28 December 2021

The staff of the Faculty of Social Sciences of AAB College, headed by the coordinator of the project APPEAR, Prof. Arif Shala, held their first virtual meeting, an introduction with the leaders of this project Prof. Filiz Keser Aschenberger and Prof. Monika Kil.



The AAB College project, in partnership with Danube University Krems Austria, has been selected for the APPEAR (Austrian Partnership Program in Higher Education and Research for Development) which is funded by the Austrian Development Agency.

The project aims to improve the quality of preschool education in Kosovo by making it more qualitative, cohesive, and inclusive.

During the project, a lifelong Learning Center will also be established, which will be a community center that will provide services to educators in Kosovo and will focus on empirical research to improve the preschool education system in the country.

## AAB Alumni Talk guest speaks about her professional journey

29 December 2021

In the promotion of successful graduate students within the activity #AABAlumniTalk, invited to reveal the experience of her professional journey to current students, was Shukrije Lecaj, a graduate of the Faculty of Social Sciences.



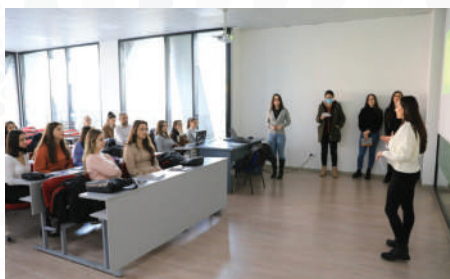
Alumni Shukrije, said that she is happy to be at AAB College once again, however, this time, in the capacity of a successful former student. "You are lucky to be part of AAB College, especially the department of Social Sciences, it is a road that leads to a bright future. Pedagogy, in my opinion, is not a profession but a mission."

She also stressed that AAB College has helped her a lot in publishing some of the publications she has made. In addition to the training and practical work she has completed, Shukrije Lecaj, a graduate of the Faculty of Social Sciences, is now employed as a pedagogical coordinator in the project HOPE Swiss Caritas in Kosovo.

## Volunteers of the project “English from me to you” complete training phase

29 December 2021

This is the third year in a row that the students of the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Department of English Language, do voluntary work teaching the children of SOS Village in Prishtina.



Before students start teaching these children, they receive one-month of vocational training, during which they are trained to complete curricula, and in teaching methods and assessment by the coordinator for teaching and practical work, Niman Dreshaj.



This activity has two specific goals: to promote volunteer work and to train students in practical work. 100 children from SOS Prishtina village benefit from this project. Cooperation events such as this one will continue in the coming years in order to achieve set objectives.



## Eminent professors held lectures for AAB College students for three consecutive days

30 December 2021

Following the lectures given by international professors for the students of the Faculty of Dentistry, online lectures were held with professors from Turkey, Croatia and Macedonia.



"Anatomical morphology during endodontic treatments" was one of the lectures by Prof. Dr. Tayfun Alaçam, who called to the students to take better care of their dental health.

The other guest, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Edvard Janev gave a lecture on "Treatment of mandibular atrophy with monophasic implants", whereas Prof. Stjepan Spalj from Croatia, a world-renowned oral surgeon, spoke about "Class II Malocclusion".

At the end of the lectures, the students addressed questions to the visiting professors.

## **Dr. Ismail Nizam from the International University of Malaya holds lecture for students of the Faculty of Economics**

30 December 2021

Following the activities of the Faculty of Economics to bring international professors who will share with our students the experiences and best international practices related to economic phenomena, recently there was a special lecture on "Digitalization and banks" with Dr. Ismail Nizam, Senior Lecturer, International University Malaya – Wales.



During this lecture, students majoring in Banking, Finance and Accounting, as well as Management and Informatics, had the opportunity to hear what impact digitalization has had and will have on banking services in the world. Among other things, Dr. Ismail Nizam highlighted the main benefits of digitalization, such as the ease of providing services by banks, better financial reports and better relationships with customers.

At the end of the discussion, prof. Nizam testified through empirical evidence that the digitalization of banking services in the time of the pandemic was the savior of a deeper financial crisis.

## Students of the Faculty of Dentistry of AAB College training for the field of orthodontics

30 December 2021

A lot of scientific research work is being done in the field of Orthodontics under the leadership of Prof. Ass. Mimoza Selmani.



Students are doing examinations of various orthodontic jaw anomalies in children of different age groups, while also giving advice on preventing the anomalies that are present.



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