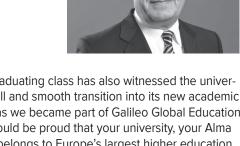


Class of 2019 Commencement Ceremony





Welcome from the President of the Council



On behalf of the University Council, management, faculty and staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our graduating class and their relatives and friends who have joined us for this occasion. The significance of this evening cannot be understated, both for you as individuals but also for the School of Medicine and European University Cyprus as a whole. We share this moment with you with a sense of deep pride. It is of course a moment that marks a conclusion as well as a new beginning; it is the rewarding conclusion of your university life and the start of that longer journey, the pursuit of your dreams.

You have now joined a distinguished and growing community of alumni of European University Cyprus. This should fill you with pride - but also a sense of responsibility – as you represent the university as one of our most important ambassadors many of you across the globe.

Along with your well-deserved degree tonight, every single one of you becomes the embodiment of what this university stands for: Excellence, Innovation and Impact on Society.

Notably our university was named by the annual Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings, among the 301+ universities in the world in terms of its social and economic impact. Times Higher Education Rankings, one of the most esteemed authorities in education, adopt United Nations established criteria for their assessment. What this means is that our work to achieve the standards of excellence, to invest in knowledge and improve society has not just been recognised but that it is having a strong impact.

The above achievement is another confirmation – just as your own hard work has paid off – that this university's dedication and hard work is also bearing fruit. Our significant investments in new technologies and state-of-the-art facilities in recent years; the success of our Medical School – with you as our first graduating class – the launch of the first Dentistry Program in Cyprus; our close cooperation with the business community as well as our academic and research achievements have made our university a regional hub of excellence.

Your graduating class has also witnessed the university's full and smooth transition into its new academic family as we became part of Galileo Global Education. You should be proud that your university, your Alma Mater, belongs to Europe's largest higher education group with a network of 37 institutions, present in over 80 campuses in 10 countries and over 100,000 enrolled students. We feel very honored and proud to belong to such a great family.

You know very well that your own individual success, as our success as a university requires commitment, hard work and a great deal of support from those around you.

On this occasion as you look around you and acknowledge those who have supported you on this journey allow me to do the same. Clearly, none of this would have been possible without the commitment and the collective work of our first class faculty, our researchers and our dedicated management and administrative staff.

I would like to thank everyone for their work and extend my gratitude also to you, our new graduates, for placing our university on the path of excellence. I also congratulate your parents and loved ones for their unfailing support during your academic journey. Education is a continuous journey. One never stops learning. For you as graduates of the School of Medicine the journey is not just one of learning and improving but one of commitment and dedication. What you are celebrating this evening is a significant milestone but I urge you to retain your thirst for knowledge the way you pursued and experienced it here. I encourage you to stay connected to the EUC community and your fellow graduates and above all to remain the force for good that you came here to become.

Congratulations!

Dr Christoforos Hadjikyprianou

CEO & President of the Council

Doctor of Medicine

Class of 2019





Commencement Program

Friday, June 21, 2019

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp & Circumstance, No.1, Sir Edward Elgar

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Dr Charis Xinari Assistant Professor, School of Humanities, Social & Education Sciences

WELCOME ADDRESSES

Dean's Address

Professor Elizabeth O. Johnson

Rector's Address

Professor Kostas Gouliamos

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Professor Achilleas Gravanis School of Medicine, University of Crete

VALEDICTORY SPEECH

Anastasia Neokleous, Summa Cum Laude

INVESTITURE OF HOODS

Faculty of School of Medicine

CONFERRAL OF MEDICAL DEGREES

Professor Elizabeth O. Johnson Dean

SIGNING OF BOOK OF GRADUATES & TURNING OF THE TASSEL

Dr. Efstathios Tsoukalos General Secretary, Athens Medical Association

RECITATION OF THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

Dr. Petros Agathangelou President, Cyprus Medical Association

CLOSING REMARKS

Professor Elizabeth O. Johnson *Dean*

RECESSIONAL

De Brevitate Vitae - Gaudeamus Igitur (So Let Us Rejoice) Christian Wilhelm Kindleben, 1781

RECEPTION

HIPPOCRATIC OATH

As a member of the medical profession:

I solemnly pledge to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

The health and well-being of my patient will be my first consideration;

I will respect the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life;

I will not permit considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender,

nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing, or any other factor

to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I will respect the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I will foster the honour and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I will give to my teachers, colleagues and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I will share my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I will attend to my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I will not use my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I make these promises solemnly, freely and upon my honor.