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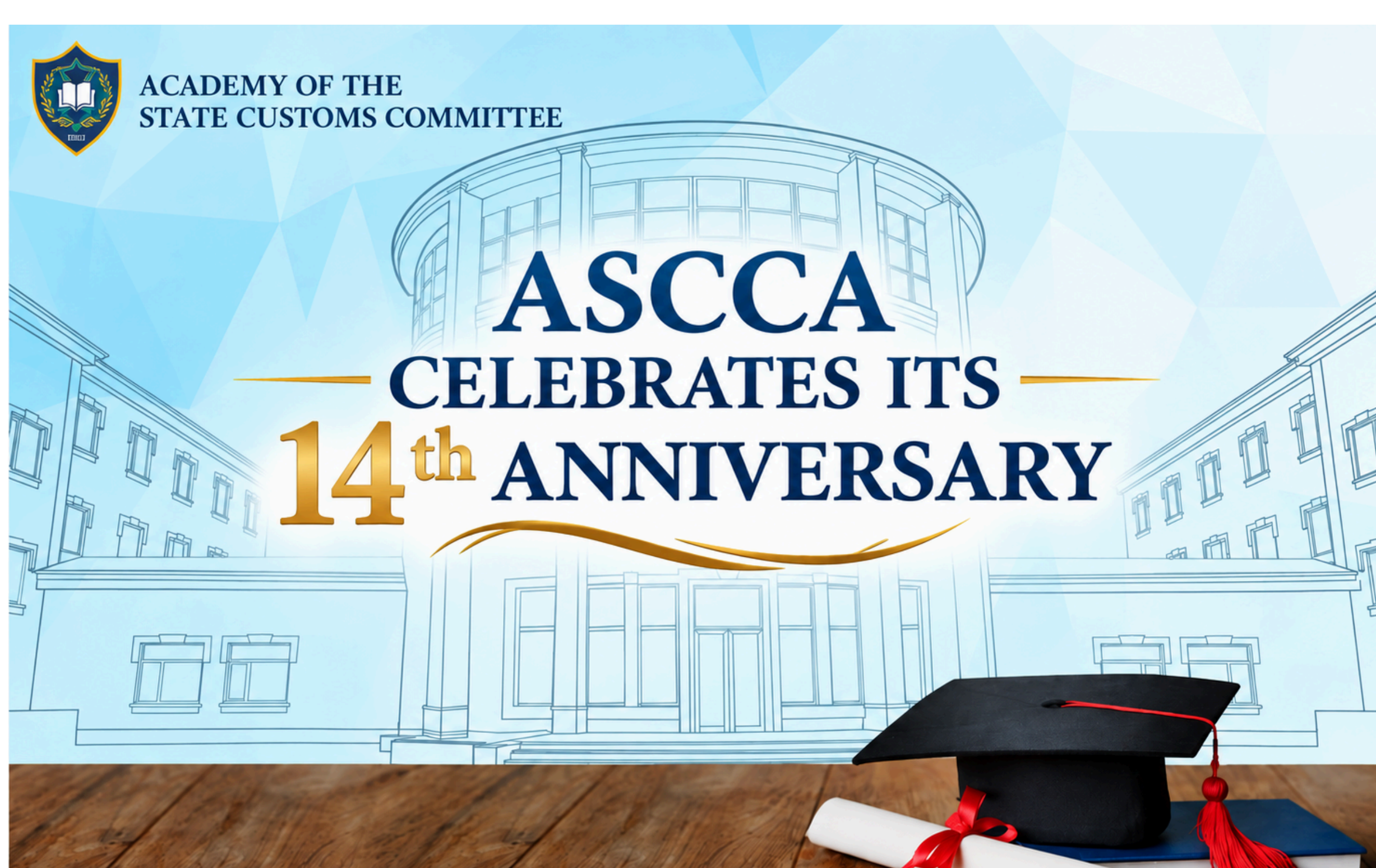
"The main task of the school and teachers is to prepare valuable citizens for our society, people and country: loyal to the state, loyal to the nation, loyal to the traditions, loyal to the people"- HEYDAR ALIYEV, National Leader.



"FROM ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE TO INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT"- RAMAZAN ASGARKHANOV



"TOP GRADUATING ASCCA STUDENT"
LAMAN ALIJANOVA



It has been 14 years since the Academy of the State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan (ASCCA) started its long journey full of accomplishments.

The Academy was established by Order No. 1972, signed by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, on 24 January 2012, on the basis of the Training Center of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan. ASCCA is a special-purpose state higher education institution that delivers higher and additional education programmes and conducts fundamental and applied scientific research.

Our academy currently offers five undergraduate degree programmes: Law, Economics, International Trade and Logistics (taught in Azerbaijani and English), Information Security, and Information Technologies (taught in English). At the master's level, the Academy offers programmes in Customs Affairs and International Economic Law and Information Systems in Management. In addition, second higher education programmes are available in Law and International Trade and Logistics.

Throughout the past years behind us, we have seen incredible growth and we never stop growing!

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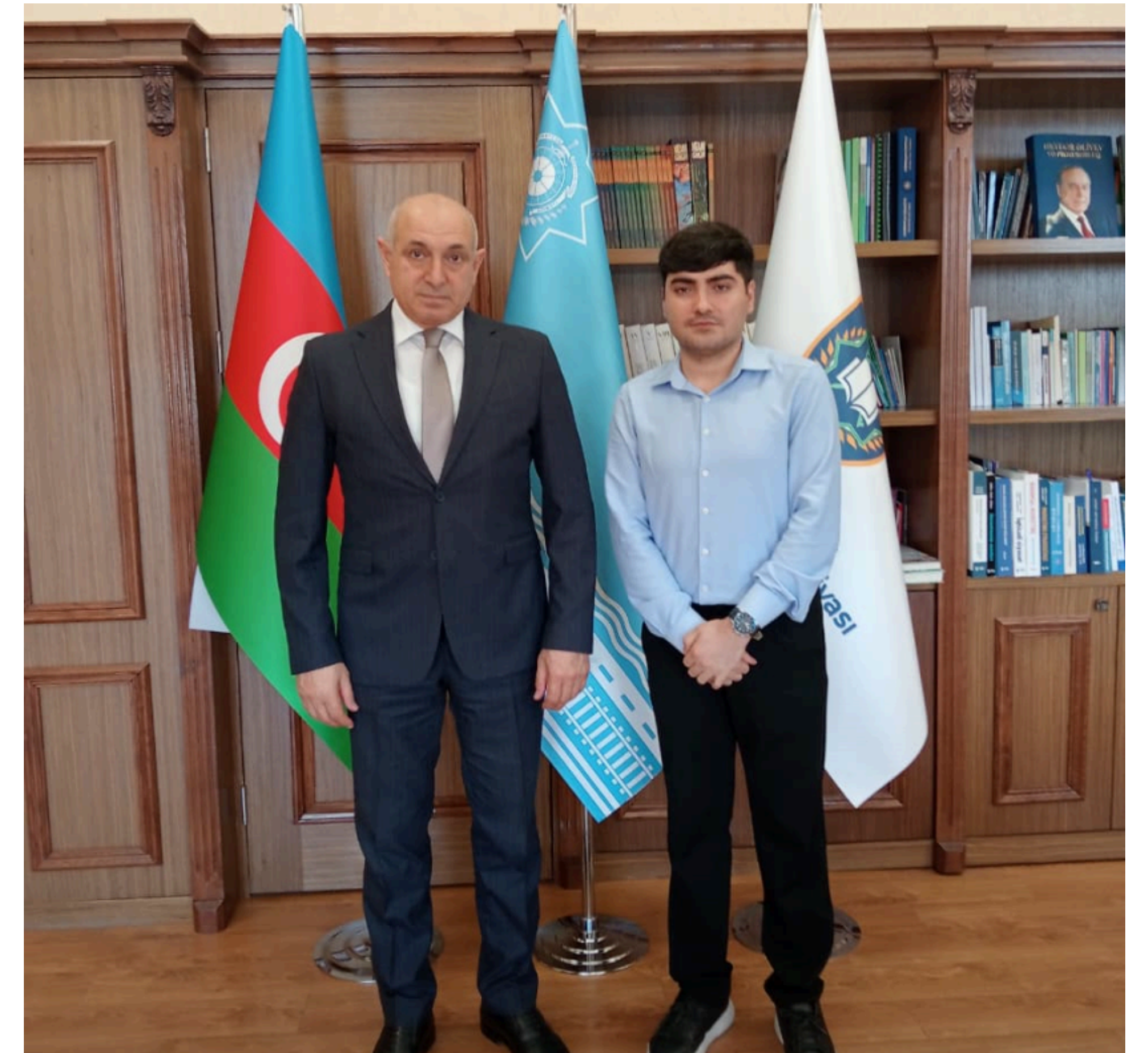
THE PATH TO SUCCESS: HARD WORK AND ENTHUSIASM

Ramazan Askerkhanov, the top graduating Law student of Academy of the State Customs Committee in 2024 has achieved a significant academic success in Turkiye. Ramazan Askerkhanov, who is studying at Ankara University under the “Turkiye Scholarships” program, graduated from the Faculty of Law as the top student of his class with a perfect 4.0 GPA. This achievement is not the first high point in our graduate's academic journey. Asgarkhanov was the Academy's the only “Heydar Aliyev” scholarship recipient, graduating from ASCCA with a diploma of distinction and first-place honors.

He has always demonstrated exceptional activism and achieved high accomplishments, not only in his studies but also in the Academy's socio-cultural life, intellectual competitions, and various events at the republican and international levels and after graduating, he successfully continued his academic path by taking advantage of international educational opportunities.

Ramazan is currently the author of 12 scientific articles and 15 conference materials. Continuing his success, Ramazan Askerkhanov will continue his doctoral studies in the Specialized Civil Law Program at Istanbul University's Faculty of Law for the 2026/2027 academic year, again under the “Turkiye Scholarships” program. The Head of the Academy, Major General of the Customs Service Gulu Novruzov, received Ramazan Askerkhanov to congratulate him on his remarkable achievements and invited him to join the Academy's academic staff, marking a new chapter in his professional journey at the institution.

May his dedication and determination lead to even greater accomplishments and enable him to proudly represent and honor the name of ASCCA on the international stage.



TOP GRADUATING ASCCA STUDENT

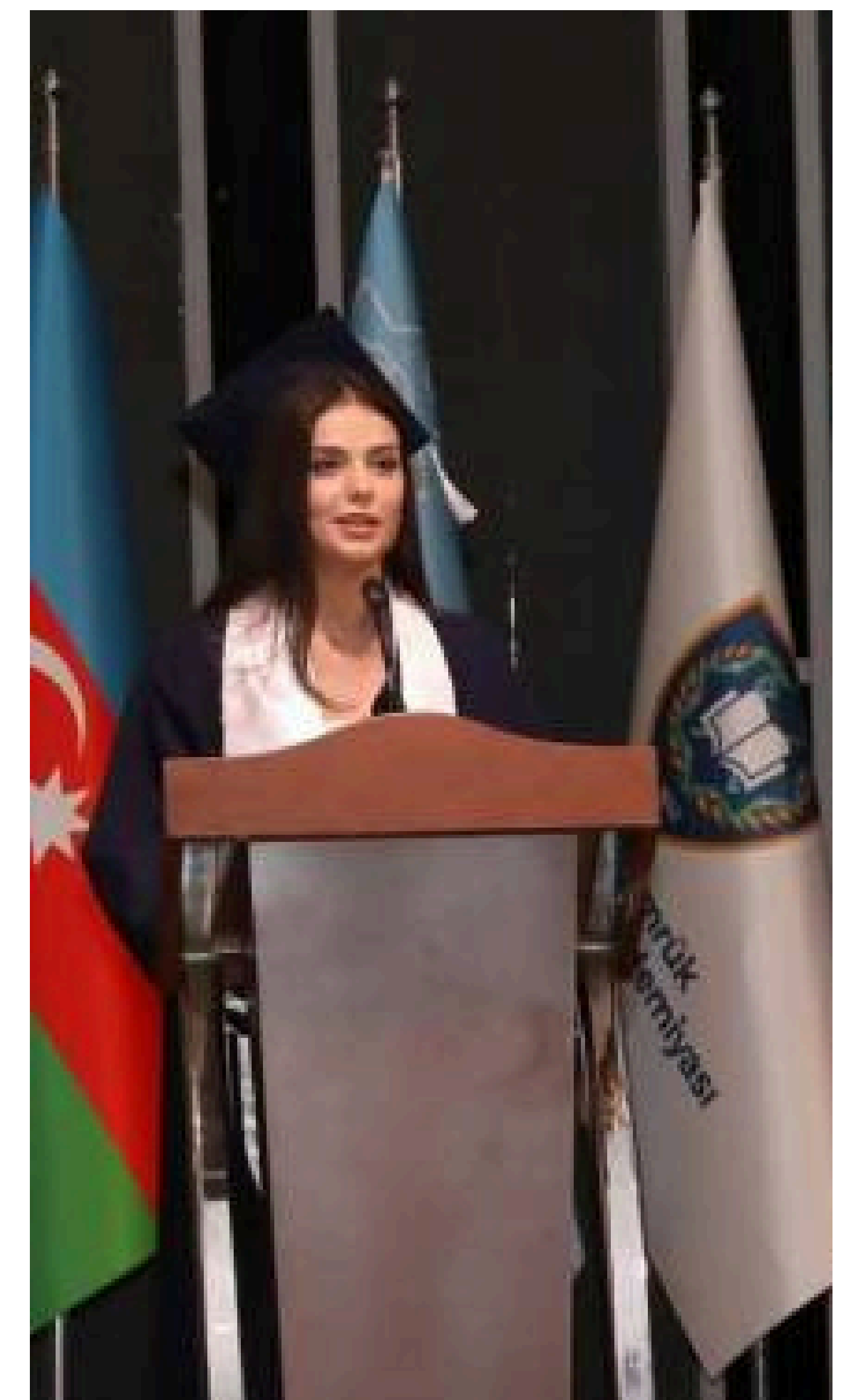
If I had to sum up my student years in a few sentences, I would say they taught me one thing: success is not achieved in a single day-it is the sum of small steps, taken without ever growing tired. Today, carrying the title of Best Graduate of the Academy is a great honor for me, but I have to admit that the road here was far from smooth.

It all began when I learned to close my textbooks and step outside the classroom. I joined the volunteer program run by the "Femida Volunteers" organization in courts, and worked at the Sabunchu District Court. This showed me the true face of law- not the one found in books, but the one found in real life. I successfully completed the program and received a first-degree certificate of distinction. I also volunteered as part of the "Workforce" team at the Formula 1 Qatar Airways Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2024. That same year, another important responsibility came on my way: I took part as an EXIT-POLL volunteer during the snap presidential and parliamentary elections. In parallel, I never stepped away from academic and scientific activity. I became a winner of the "100-year-∞" Student Scholarship Program. I took first place in an essay competition among cadets and students of special-purpose and higher education institutions, as well as in a writing competition organized at the Military Institute of the Internal Troops. Together with my team, after months of preparation, we were awarded first place in the "Topchubashov Moot Court Competition" organized by the BSU Student Scientific Society.

Scientific conferences were never just events for me-they were spaces that shaped my way of thinking. I took part in the 8th and 9th International Scientific Conferences of Young Researchers, as well as in three international scientific conferences held at the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences. My articles were published in the 7th issue of the ELSA Azerbaijan Law Journal, in the "Injuria" law journal, and on the platform of the same name. As a result of all this, I was honored with the title of "Brand Student" for the 2024-2025 academic year.

How did I manage all of this? The answer is simple: I did not choose comfort. I never confined myself to a single box. I worked on myself constantly, never backed down in the face of difficulty, and was never afraid of hard work. Every time I faced a challenge, instead of stepping back, I stepped forward- and I never hesitated to test myself not only in the lecture hall, but also in the courtroom, in volunteer work, and on the podium of scientific conferences.

Having completed my bachelor's degree, I decided to continue my development and was admitted to the Academy's master's program in "International Economic Law." This choice was not accidental for me in this field, where law intersects with international economic relations, will shape my scientific and professional path going forward.



Laman Alijanova(ASCCA graduate in Law)

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



June 18, is celebrated as National Human Rights Day in Azerbaijan. By a decree of President Ilham Aliyev of June 17, 2007, and taking into account that the national leader Heydar Aliyev in 1998 approved the first “State Program for the Protection of Human Rights” and defined human rights as one of the main directions of state policy, this day was declared National Human Rights Day in Azerbaijan. From the first years of the new century, the Azerbaijani state has been taking consistent measures to protect human rights, rights and freedoms. Having become a member of the Council of Europe, Azerbaijan joined the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights.

Human rights are very important for all people. They give us freedom, safety and equal opportunities. For example, every person has the right to go to school and get an education. Education is important because it helps people learn and have a better future. 18 June reminds us that we should respect each other. Protecting human rights is not only the job of the government. Students can also help by being kind, stopping bullying and treating everyone fairly. In my opinion, human rights make our lives better. If we respect the rights of others, we can build a better society for everyone.

Let us know your rights and protect yourself! Happy Human Rights Day!

Achievements in Law Competitions

As a freshman at the State Customs Committee Academy of Azerbaijan, being selected for the Academy's main team to represent our university in law competitions was a great honor for me. At first, I was not sure if I could do it and sometimes I even thought about giving up. However, my teammates always supported and encouraged me. Their motivation helped me believe in myself and discover my potential. Both competitions brought together law students from law faculties of universities across Azerbaijan. Our team won second place in the Phoenix Law Intellectual Olympiad held at the NAA (National Aviation Academy). A few months later, we took part in the 3rd Republican Law Olympiad. It was a very exciting competition. There was a moment when it seemed that we would not even reach the final. Thanks to the extra questions, we managed to pass two other teams and qualify for the final. In the end, we finished in second place just with one point. This experience taught me to stay calm, never give up and always do my best until the very end. In the next competition our team -the students from the Academy of the State Customs Committee has won second place in a knowledge competition held among students from four higher education institutions in Azerbaijan that provide legal education.



The knowledge competition was held as part of the “Simurgh Law Olympiad” project, with financial support from the Youth Foundation of the Republic of Azerbaijan and in partnership with the National Aviation Academy. Based on the final results of the competition among 6 teams, our team demonstrating perseverance and knowledge, was awarded second place. As law students of the Academy, we take great pride in representing our institution in legal competitions and demonstrating our knowledge, skills, and dedication to the field of law.

These competitions helped me improve my legal knowledge, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. I am proud of that I had the chance to represent my Academy from my first year of study. I hope to continue representing our Academy in similar competitions and help achieve even more success in the future.

Aysun Ahmadova (Law 351)

Republic Law Competition

I am proud to share that our team from the Academy of State Customs Committee has won the 2026 Topchubashov Moot Court Competition, one of the most prestigious legal competitions in Azerbaijan, open to law students from universities across the country.

Organized by the BSU Moot Court Society since 2016 in memory of the outstanding prominent state figure Alimardan bey Topchubashov, this year's edition marked the competition's 10th anniversary and, fittingly, its largest turnout yet, with 33 teams and more than 200 students competing. Since 2018, the competition has followed the format of constitutional proceedings, which makes it the only contest of its kind held in Azerbaijan, and part of what makes it so demanding.

This year's case was dedicated to competition law, which gave us the chance to dive into an area of law we hadn't explored as deeply before, and made the whole experience even more challenging and rewarding.

The competition unfolds in two main phases: written and oral. In the written phase, every team submits legal memorials, which are carefully reviewed and scored by the organizers. Only the teams that pass this stage move on to the oral rounds, where the real test begins. From there, teams advance through a selection round, then the quarterfinals and semifinals, before the very best reach the final. Each round meant standing before a new panel, defending our arguments live, and adapting on the spot. It was as much about composure as it was about legal knowledge.

Our team, Nilufar Mammadli, Laman Alijanova, Gulchin Samadova, Aydan Ismayilova, Khadija Huseynli, and I, worked for months preparing our arguments, refining our written memorials, and rehearsing our oral pleadings again and again. Every round we passed felt like a small victory in itself, but nothing compared to the moment we found out we had reached the final.

The final took place on April 20, 2026, at the Constitutional Court, before a panel chaired by legal expert Mehran Amirli, with jurists Ulviyya Zeinalova-Bochkin, Elvin Isayev, Fidan Rustamli, and Jamila Majidli. We represented the "Mahammad Amin Rasulzade" team as the applicant side, facing "Fatali khan Khoyski" as the respondent. Nilufar Mammadli and I had the honor of presenting our team's case in that final round, and after the judges' deliberation, it was announced that we had won.

This victory came at the very end of our academic year, which made it even more meaningful for us. It felt like the perfect way to close out a year of hard work, and it reflected the strong legal education we received at our academy. The knowledge and skills our professors gave us throughout the year were what truly carried us through every round of this competition.



Standing there afterward, holding the trophy and certificates, I felt an overwhelming sense of pride, not just for myself, but for every member of our team who put in countless hours of research, debate, and revision to get us there. This experience taught me that success in moot court isn't only about knowing the law, it's about teamwork, resilience, and the ability to stay calm and think clearly under pressure.

I'm deeply grateful to our academy for the opportunity, and to my teammates for making this journey unforgettable. I hope our achievement encourages more ASCCA students to take part in future competitions and discover just how much they're capable of.



Aybaniz Gozalova
(ASCCA graduate in Law)

ASCCA STUDENT WINS “NAZLI ANA” SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

I am a junior law student at the Academy of State Customs Committee. Since February 2026, I have had the great honor of being an awardee of the “Nazlı Ana” Scholarship Programme, an initiative established in the name of Nazlı xanım, a philanthropist who dedicated herself to supporting girls' education and contributing to the future of Azerbaijani society.

The “Nazlı Ana” Scholarship Programme, created by the Nazlı Ana Charity Public Union, provides educational support to students who face financial difficulties, particularly female students from low-income families studying at universities on a tuition-paying basis. The programme covers their tuition expenses while supporting young women who distinguish themselves through their academic achievements and personal development.

As a young woman who has always tried to grow personally through both strong academic performance and continuous self-development, I applied to the programme with great hope. I saw the scholarship not only as financial support for my education, but also as an opportunity to become part of a community that believes in the potential of young Azerbaijani women.

In early February, I was invited to an interview. The first stage was conducted online, followed by an in-person interview. What stayed with me most throughout the interview process was the genuine care and attention shown to me. The way the team approached us made me feel valued even before the results were announced. At that moment, I would still have been grateful for the opportunity to meet such kind people.

Finding out that I had actually been selected as a scholarship recipient was an unexpected experience. I had received an email about the result but had not seen it, and by then I had already started to lose hope. While I was preparing for my next steps, I received a phone call. As the representative spoke, I could hardly believe what I was hearing. It took me a moment to realize that I had become one of the scholarship awardee.

At our following meeting, we met the other scholarship recipients and the executive team, and our certificates were presented to us. The hospitality and attention we received demonstrated that it was not simply investing in our present, but genuinely caring about our future.

One of the most memorable parts of that day was seeing the pride in our families' eyes. My mother was among the parents who attended the ceremony, and I will never forget the words of Elnur Kalantarov, the Executive Director of the organization, when he told her: “You can already be proud of your daughter.” Those words have stayed with me ever since. They were not simply a compliment; they felt like a recognition of the effort, sacrifices, and dreams that had brought me to that moment.

Since becoming scholarship recipients, the organization has continued to stand beside us. Beyond the financial support, being part of the “Nazlı Ana” community has given me opportunities to connect with other ambitious young women and to participate in different competitions and activities together under the name of the “Nazlı Ana” team. One particularly meaningful symbol for us has been the kelaghayi bearing the “Nazlı Ana” emblem, which we have proudly carried on our shoulders during these activities. For me, it represents much more than an emblem. It represents belonging, responsibility, gratitude, and the belief that supporting one young woman can contribute to building a stronger future.



Being a “Nazlı Ana” scholar has given me not only support for my education, but also a sense of responsibility to make the most of the opportunities I have been given. I hope that in the future, I will be able to give back to society in my own way and become for others what the “Nazlı Ana” community has been for me: a source of hope, encouragement, and belief in a better future.

Gular Suleymanova,
(Law, 341)

FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE GLOBAL STAGE: REPRESENTING ASCCA AT THE 13TH WORLD URBAN FORUM

May 12- 23, 2026, Baku became the center of global attention by hosting the 13th World Urban Forum (WUF13), one of the most prestigious international events. As a student of the Academy of the State Customs Committee (ASCCA), I had the immense honor and pride of participating in this forum as a volunteer, representing our Academy on a global platform. Working in the Transport Department at Heydar Aliyev International Airport, this two-week journey became a significant milestone for my personal and professional growth.



Involvement in such a massive event allowed me to develop crucial skills that go far beyond textbook knowledge. My primary role was welcoming international delegates and coordinating their transportation needs. Being the first point of contact for guests arriving in Azerbaijan taught me the true meaning of hospitality, high-level logistics, and effective communication. It required a sharp sense of responsibility to ensure that hundreds of participants from various countries reached their destinations smoothly and on time.

Working in a high-intensity, fast-paced environment like an international airport during a global summit also sharpened my problem-solving and teamwork abilities. In logistics, situations can change in a matter of seconds, demanding quick thinking and immediate action. Alongside my teammates, I learned how to manage stress, communicate clearly under pressure, and work efficiently as a single unit. This hands-on experience proved me that successful operations rely entirely on strong team synergy and adaptability.

Furthermore, WUF13 was an incredible platform for global networking. I had the unique opportunity to interact with urban planners, policymakers, and professionals from diverse cultural backgrounds. Engaging in these meaningful conversations not only boosted my English communication skills but also broadened my worldview, helping me understand international dynamics much better.

Representing the Academy of the State Customs Committee at WUF13 made me realize how important it is to apply our academic foundation to real-world scenarios. To all my fellow students at ASCCA, I highly encourage you to step out of your comfort zones and seize these international volunteering opportunities. They are not just activities to fill your time; they are powerful catalysts that shape your character, build your network, and prepare you to become the future professionals our country needs.

Rayin Ahmadov (ITL, 441)

"SUPPORT FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG GIRLS" PROJECT

I am Ahmadova Amina. I was born on April 15, 2005 in the city of Neftchala. I received my secondary education in Neftchala. In 2022, based on the results of the final and entrance exams, I was admitted to the Law specialty of the Academy of the State Customs Committee with 610 points. During my studies at the Academy, I have always tried to be an active student and have achieved success in various Olympiads, competitions and scientific events. Thus, in 2025 and 2026, with the support of the Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the organization of the Faculty of Law of Baku State University, I was awarded 2nd place in the Republican Law Olympiads dedicated to the 102nd and 103rd anniversaries of the birth of the National Leader Heydar Aliyev, respectively.

I was awarded 2nd place in the team stage of the law quiz "Constitution and State Sovereignty of the Republic of Azerbaijan" held on the occasion of the declaration of 2025 as the "Year of Constitution and Sovereignty", as well as the professional holiday of the Prosecutor's Office employees and the 107th anniversary of the establishment of prosecutorial bodies.

I was awarded 2nd place in the writing competition "Geniuses Write History" organized by the Military Institute of the Internal Troops of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. In 2026, I completed my education with a diploma of honors and a badge of honor.

In the year I was admitted to the Academy, I was selected as the winner of the "Hanifa Malikova - Zardabi Support for Girls' Education" scholarship program organized within the framework of the "Support for Girls' Education" project, implemented by the joint initiative of the Ministry of Science and Education, the State Committee for Family, Women and Children's Issues, and the Education Development Fund. On June 24 of this year, at the project's II Graduation Day event, I spoke in front of Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva, Chairwoman of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children's Issues Bahar Muradova, Minister of Science and Education Emin Amrullayev, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Education Development Foundation Nijat Mammadli, rectors of higher education institutions, as well as representatives of the state and private sectors, which was a source of great pride for me and an unforgettable experience.

Sometimes there are moments in a person's life that at that moment he does not fully realize their importance. However, over the years, he realizes that it was precisely those seemingly simple moments that became a turning point in his fate. A phone call I received during my student years became one of such moments for me. That call was not just news, but the beginning of support that eliminated the financial difficulties I encountered on my educational path and allowed me to walk more confidently towards my dreams.

We are talking about the "Support for Girls' Education" program, designed for young girls who have been admitted to higher education institutions with high scores. This program is not only about providing financial support, but also motivates participants to believe in their potential and move forward with greater determination towards the goals they set for themselves.



This support did not give me only joy, but also gave me the message "you are not alone", "you are believed". It taught me to continue on my path despite the difficulties I encountered, to believe in my potential, and that hard work pays off sooner or later.

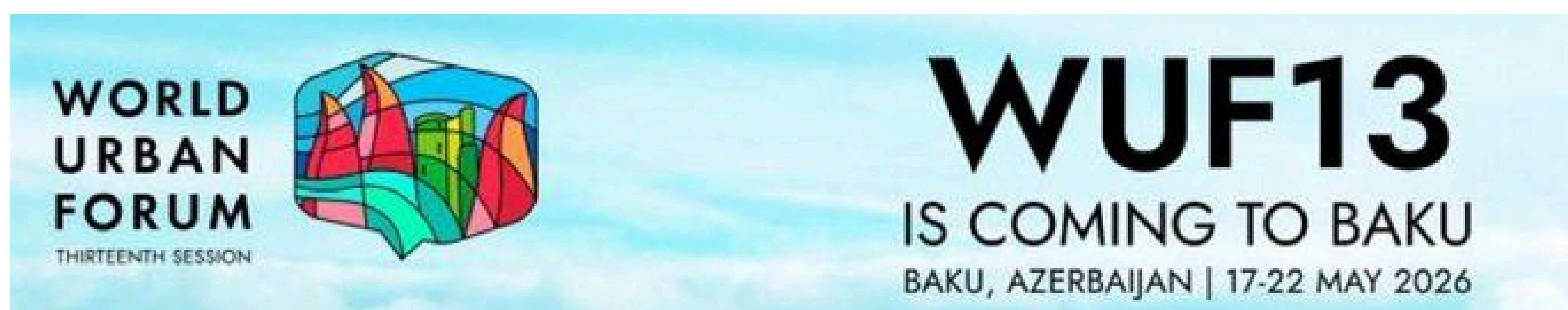
Today, girls' education in Azerbaijan is no longer a dream, but a reality. The attention and care shown by the state to education, as well as the projects implemented, create conditions for thousands of girls to confidently follow their dreams. The "Support for Girls' Education" program is one of the successful initiatives implemented in this direction.

I would like to express my gratitude to the State Committee for Family, Women and Children's Issues of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Science and Education, and the Education Development Foundation for their work in this direction. I am grateful to the Academy of the State Customs Committee for the great education it provided in these 4 years and the support in my participation in different competitions and projects.

I believe that every young girl who is educated today will use the knowledge and skills she has gained to contribute to the development of her country. Because an educated woman means a strong family, a strong society, and a strong state. And a girl's education means the enlightenment of not only her future, but also the future of an entire generation.

Amina Ahmadova (ASCCA graduate in Law)

VOLUNTEER IN WUF 13



As we all know, this year our country hosted one of the prestigious international events called the World Urban Forum. This event is held by the UN, and from 17-22 May 2026 the 13th edition of the event was held in Baku.

I had an opportunity to participate in this event as a volunteer. After numerous selections and trainings, I was eventually selected for the UN Habitat Department as part of the Clerk Assistant Team. During this time I had a chance to work with foreigners. All of the volunteers from our team were appointed to one room, for instance, the room of the Japan delegate, and we were in charge of helping them. To be honest, I enjoyed being a part of this team, because our environment was full of foreigners, and in my team there were 7 foreigners which is the half of the first shift. As a result, during my 5-hour shift, English was the only language we spoke. Even among my teammates we didn't prefer Azerbaijani, because there were foreigners present and we didn't want to make them feel like outsiders. After the end of each shift we became tour guides and tried to wander around the city and talk about our culture to the foreigners in our team. Not only did they learn something from us, but I also learned a lot about Japanese, Vietnamese, English, and African culture.

This was my first volunteering experience, but after this event I definitely understand why everyone recommends volunteering. Because the network, memories, and soft skills you gain from just one event are invaluable. Whenever you have a chance to volunteer, my advice is - don't skip it.



Khadija Huseynova
(Law, 341)

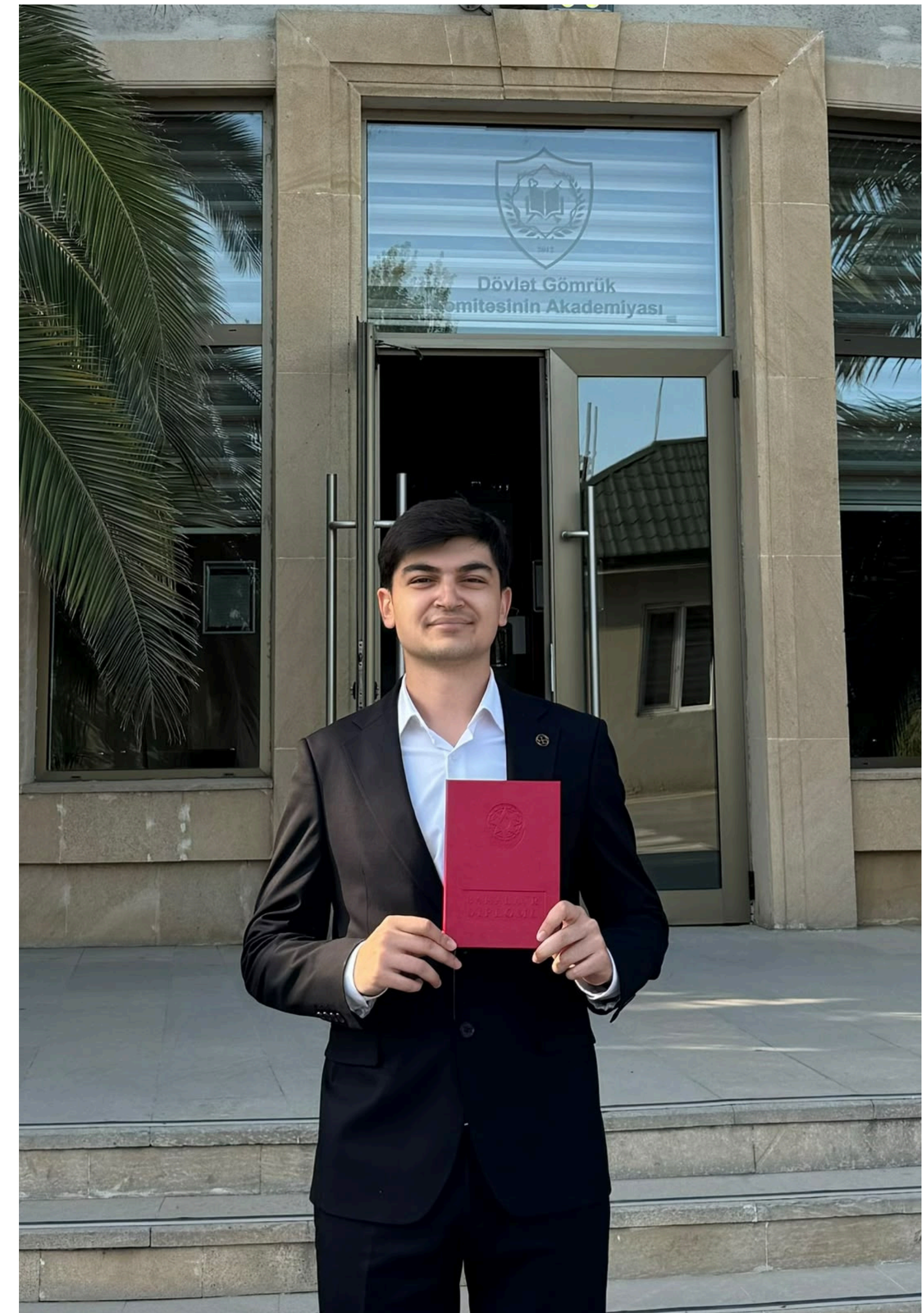
ASCCA ALUMNI- SUCCESS STORY

I am Mahmud Bayramov. I was born in 2003, and like every story, mine starts somewhere: an ancient village on the outskirts of Baku - Amirjan. I was always the type to wonder what was out there beyond it. That wondering turned into something concrete when I graduated with double distinction from School No. 327, and in the fall of 2020, I was accepted into the Law School at the Academy of the State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan.

Starting university in the middle of a pandemic was not exactly the dream. A full freshman year spent behind a screen could have easily knocked the wind out of me. Instead, it lit a fire. I told myself the rest of my degree would not just be about chasing a high GPA. I wanted to get out there, build real connections, and finally go after something I had wanted for years: meeting people from every corner of the world and representing where I came from.

My first real opening came through a virtual exchange with Shanghai Customs College, organized by the Academy. Even across wildly mismatched time zones, it showed me how much bigger the world was than I had imagined, and taught me not to waste a single opportunity. Not long after, I threw myself into moot court, and that is where things really took off. My team made Academy history, becoming the first in its history to win the national ICRC competition in 2023. It was not a small deal. That win earned me the role of team captain at the European regional rounds in Ljubljana, Slovenia, where we went on to win two of our three matches against strong competition from across the continent.

The momentum did not stop there. I was selected for two back to back programs funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, the Peace Line project and the Peace Congress, competitive initiatives that took me through Germany, France, the Netherlands, and Belgium. Being chosen twice for German government funded programs was not something I took lightly, and juggling that kind of international travel with a demanding law course load became a real balancing act. What kept me grounded through all of it was the practical legal work I was doing inside the State Customs Committee's legal department. Seeing theory meet real practice made everything click, and I ended up graduating with highest distinction and a 94 GPA, one of the top results in my class.



In 2024, everything shifted up a gear. I moved to Italy to pursue my Master of Laws in Global and Transnational Law at the University of Bologna, the oldest university in the world. There, I specialized in International Economic Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution, and the pace only quickened from there. I was brought on as an editor for the Bologna Law Review, and separately, I competed for and won a place on the Erasmus exchange semester at Stockholm University, a genuinely rare opportunity within the program.

Then came the moment that defined it all. Representing Bologna, my team fought through round after round to reach the finals of an international law competition in The Hague, sponsored by Oxford University Press and UNITAR, two of the most respected names in the field. Standing in the world's legal capital, competing against teams from top universities from every continent, we won the entire tournament and walked away as World Champions.

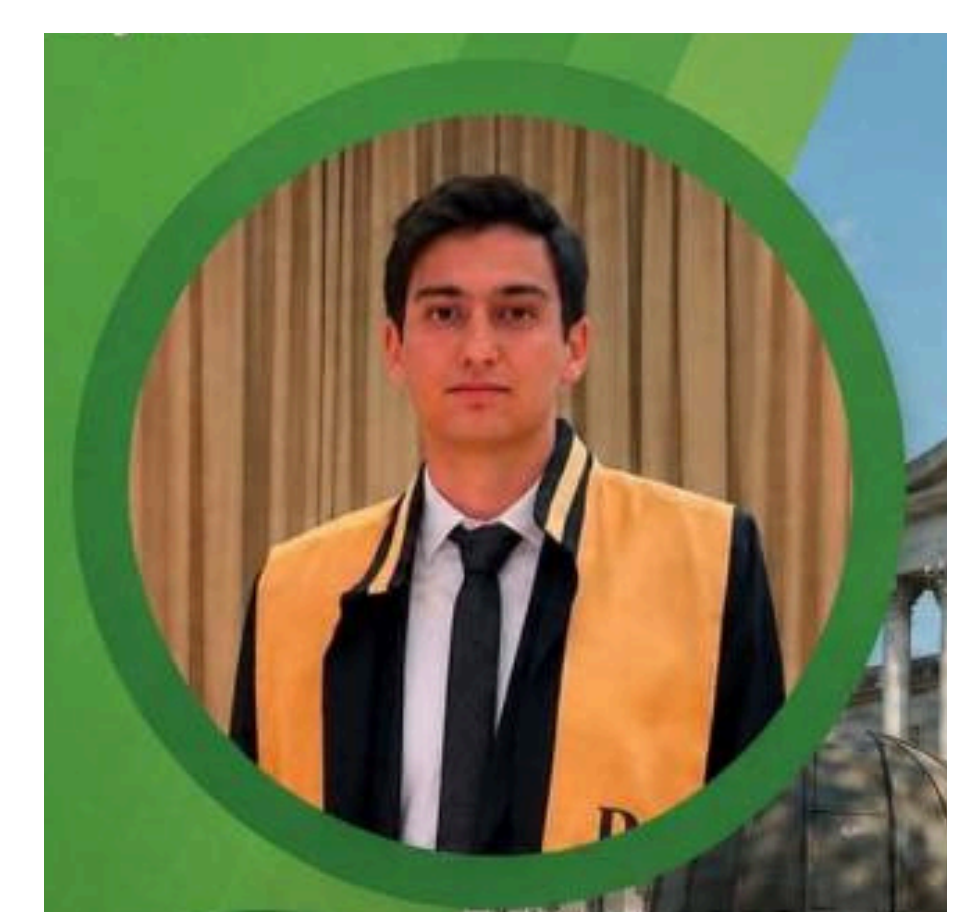
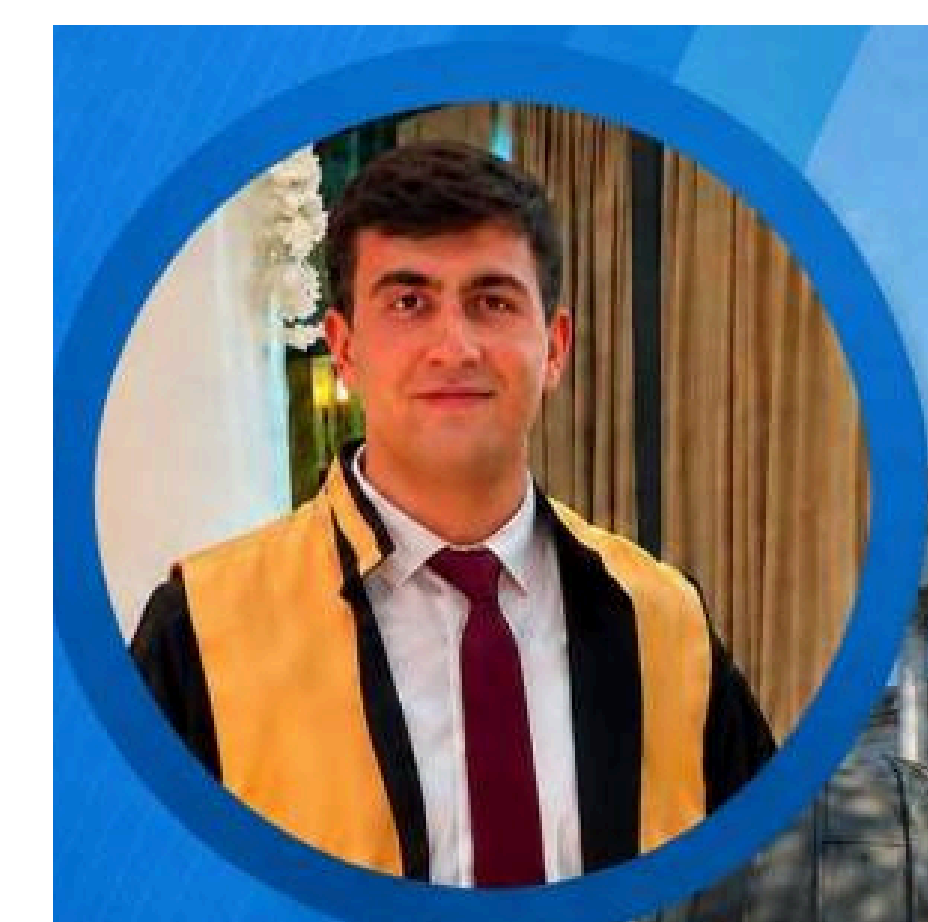
I recently completed my Master of Laws with the highest distinction, closing out this chapter of my academic life on the strongest possible note. Looking back at it now, a kid from a small, ancient village outside Baku ending up in the halls of Europe, studying at some of its oldest institutions, and holding up a world championship trophy in The Hague still feels a little unreal. But I am not looking to just sit with that feeling. I am looking ahead, at the market of opportunities in front of me, ready to keep growing, keep building, and see how far this path can still take me.

Mahmud Bayramov (ASCCA graduate in LAW)



The graduates majoring in "International Trade and Logistics" at the Academy of the State Customs Committee, Mahammad Ali Alizadeh and Elman Aghayev, have become winners of the State Program for Education Abroad. Both of our graduates will continue their education at the master's level in the "Transportation" major at Imperial College London, one of the world's most prestigious higher education institutions, located in the United Kingdom. This program is considered one of the world's leading master's programs in the planning, management, and sustainable development of transportation systems, providing students with professional knowledge and skills at an international level.

We sincerely congratulate our graduates and wish them success in their future academic and professional endeavors!



ASCCA STUDENTS' GRADUATION CEREMONY

On June 30, our academy organized a memorable graduation ceremony at Dreamland. It was one of the most important and unforgettable days of my life. I graduated from the Customs Academy, where I studied law for four years. This ceremony was not only the end of my student life but also the beginning of a new chapter.

The event was well organized and full of positive emotions. Graduates, teachers, families, and guests came together to celebrate this special day. Everyone was smiling, taking photos, and sharing happy moments. The atmosphere was warm and exciting.

During the ceremony, several speeches were given by the academy's leaders and invited guests. They congratulated the graduates and wished us success in our future careers. Their words encouraged us to work hard, be responsible, and serve our country with honesty and professionalism.

For me, graduation was a moment of pride. I remembered the challenges, exams, and long hours of studying. Although university life was not always easy, it helped me become more confident, disciplined, and prepared for the future.

I would like to thank my teachers for their knowledge and support, and my family for always believing in me. Their encouragement helped me reach this important milestone.

The graduation ceremony will always remain a beautiful memory for me. I believe that this day is not the end of learning but the beginning of new opportunities, responsibilities, and achievements.



Ayla Adilova (ASCCA graduate in Law)

ASCCA GRADUATE PURSUES MASTER'S DEGREE ABROAD

I am Leila Amanova. I was born in the Lankaran district of Azerbaijan. I completed my secondary education with an honors certificate. In 2022, I was admitted to the Law Faculty at the Academy of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan with a score of 596 points on a state-funded basis. Throughout my university years, I sought not only to acquire academic knowledge but also to develop myself through practical experience. With this goal in mind, I volunteered at the Baku Court of Serious Crimes, the Judicial-Legal Council, the Lankaran Regional Justice Department, the Khatai District Court of Baku, and the Yasamal District Prosecutor's Office. These experiences allowed me to approach the field of law from both theoretical and practical perspectives.

During my studies at the Academy, I also paid particular attention to improving my English language skills. The strong emphasis placed on foreign language education at our university, together with the dedication of our teachers, enabled me to significantly improve my English proficiency within a relatively short period of time. While studying in my second year, I set myself a new goal: to continue my master's education abroad.

After making this decision, I first began exploring which country would be the most suitable for me. I spent a considerable amount of time researching the education systems, universities, and academic programs of different countries. As a result, I concluded that Germany was the most suitable destination for me. Germany's strong commitment to education, its academic environment, and the opportunities it offers in line with my future goals played a major role in my decision.

Pursuing higher education abroad turned out to be a process that required much more effort and patience than I had initially expected. After choosing Germany as my preferred destination, I began researching universities that would best correspond to my academic interests and future aspirations. After preparing my application documents, I began applying to universities that matched my interests and future goals. Ultimately, I applied to six universities in five different countries and was accepted by all of them. The countries where I received admission offers included Germany, Italy, Ireland, Lithuania, and China.

However, among all these offers, one university held a special significance for me. On June 26, 2026, I received my admission letter from Leuphana University in Germany. This was the final admission offer I received. Interestingly, until that moment, almost no one knew that I had applied to a university in Germany or that I wanted to study there. The moment I received the admission letter, I made my decision. I declined my offers from the other universities, chose Leuphana University, and began the visa process. I am now officially a student at Leuphana University. Starting from October 1, 2026, a new chapter of my academic life will begin in Germany.

Looking back on my university years, I believe that the knowledge I gained and the opportunities I received at the Academy of the State Customs Committee hold a special place in my life. During my years at the Academy, I not only acquired theoretical knowledge in the field of law but also took important steps toward my future career by gaining practical experience in various state institutions.

For me, pursuing a master's degree at Leuphana University is not simply about obtaining another academic degree. I want to study in an international environment, interact with people from different countries, acquire new knowledge and skills, and broaden my perspective. In particular, I consider developing myself at the intersection of law, governance, and international relations essential for my future career.

In the future, one of my main goals is to bring the knowledge and experience I gain back to Azerbaijan. After completing my studies, I intend to return to Azerbaijan and pursue a career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Representing my country with dignity on international platforms, contributing to the protection and promotion of Azerbaijan's interests through my knowledge and expertise, and becoming a valuable professional serving my country are among my greatest career aspirations.



For me, the journey that began in Lankaran has not yet come to an end. On the contrary, the new chapter that will begin in Germany represents the next stage on the path toward my future goals. I believe that what matters more than where a person begins is the goals they set for themselves and the determination they demonstrate in achieving them. From now on, I will continue to use every new experience I gain as an opportunity to contribute to my country and its future.

Thank you ,ASCCA for this great opportunity !

Leila Amanova(ASCCA graduate in Law)

VOLUNTEER ASCCA STUDENTS; THE JOURNEY OF GROWTH AND DISCOVERY

At the beginning of my second year at the Academy of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, I decided to give volunteering a try. At that time, I mainly wanted to gain experience, meet new people, and see how I would feel in different environments. I did not know that this single decision would eventually become such an essential part of my student life.

My first volunteering experience was at the Baku Marathon on May 2-3, 2026. Working around the 12th kilometer, I helped to direct participants and took shifts at the entertainment and water stations. Since it was my first time volunteering, everything felt new and exciting. Luckily, some of my classmates and acquaintances were also on my team. We had a lot of fun together, and what makes it even more special is that we are still in contact today. After that experience, I wanted to keep going. I started taking part in various events organized with the support of the Regional Development Public Union (RIIB) and the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. I guided participants, helped with organizational tasks, and participated in environmental activities, including a Caspian Sea cleanup project. Over time, the RIIB family became very close to me. The constant communication and support from our coordinators made every new event feel less like a task and more like being part of a warm community.

Another experience that holds a special place in my heart is volunteering with the "Qayidish Volunteers" group. Being from the Jabrayil region, participating in projects connected with Karabakh is deeply meaningful to me. As a Jabrayil volunteer, I have taken part in several initiatives across the region. One of my recent experiences was at the Aerospace Modelling Festival at Fuzuli International Airport, where we directed spectators, managed crowd control, and supported the organizing team. I have also actively participated in personal development training sessions. Although the volunteers in our community come from different parts of Karabakh, we have grown into a tight-knit group—something I value immensely.

One of the most exciting milestones in my journey was the U17 Wrestling World Championship. It was my first international volunteering experience, where I served on the transportation team at the National Gymnastics Arena. During the morning shift, I acted as a team leader, working alongside my team members to maintain transportation flow around the venue and assist athletes and participants. Beyond the responsibility, it was incredibly fun. We spent time in the volunteer fan zones, met people from other teams, and made lasting friendships. Watching our athletes compete after our shifts—and especially seeing Azerbaijan win—filled me with immense pride.

Today, my volunteering journey is transitioning into a more professional sphere. Since July 10, I have been interning in the Procurement Department at the Azerbaijan Trade Unions Confederation. I am learning how procurement processes operate in a real workplace, analyzing and preparing data, and collaborating within a team. As an International Trade and Logistics student, I find this experience exceptionally valuable, as it bridges the gap between academic theory and practical application.

Looking back, I can see how much volunteering has transformed me. I have become more confident in my communication, learned to navigate stressful situations, and developed essential empathy, teamwork, and leadership skills. For me, volunteering has become an irreplaceable way of learning outside the classroom. It has given me friendships, experiences, and responsibilities that university lectures alone could never provide, and I am excited to see where this journey leads next.



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INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS IN CYBERSECURITY



In today's digital age, reinforcing theoretical knowledge with practical skills and validating expertise on an international scale is of paramount importance in information security and network infrastructure. Building upon the academic foundation gained during my university studies, I have enhanced my qualification with leading international certifications in network administration and security.

My key international certifications and the technical skills they represent include:

1. Cisco CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate): Practical proficiency in core networking concepts, routing, switching, and network security fundamentals. 2. eCTHPv3 (Certified Threat Hunting Professional): Specialized skills in detecting hidden threats (Threat Hunting) across networks and systems, malware analysis, and proactive cyber defense tactics. 3. ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity (CC): A solid conceptual foundation aligned with global standards in cybersecurity principles, Access Control, incident response, and network security.

To further deepen my technical capabilities, I was accepted into the Azerbaijan Cybersecurity Center (ACC), where I am currently continuing my education in the defense-focused Blue Team track. This program enables me to specialize in real-world cyber incident analysis, timely threat identification, and continuous system defense. My goal is to continuously advance my practical experience and contribute effectively to the cybersecurity capabilities of our country.



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