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## Final International University Successfully Concludes Its 2nd Career Week and Fair

Kyrenia, Cyprus – Final International University (FIU) hosted its 2nd Career Week & Career Fair from April 14–25, 2025, providing students with a dynamic platform to engage with industry leaders, refine career skills, and explore employment opportunities. Organized by the FIU Career Center, the event series bridged academia and the professional world, equipping students with essential tools for future success.

### Pre-Career Week Preparation (April 14–18)

In the lead-up to the main events, the Career Center offered tailored support to prepare students:

- **CV Preparation Support:** Students attended one-on-one and small-group sessions (max. 4 students) to refine their resumes.
- **Online CV Workshop (April 15):** Francesca Tagliavini (Hosco) led a virtual workshop on professional CV writing techniques.
- **Online Interview Simulations (April 14–25):** In collaboration with PhytianGo, students practiced mock interviews with industry experts.



Additionally, Ünal Çağiner School of Tourism and Culinary Arts hosted department-specific Career Meet-Ups and Competitions, offering exclusive networking for tourism and gastronomy students. The seminars were given by Kemal Özdemir (F&B Manager, Grand Pasha Girne Hotel) and Dr. Birol Keskin (F&B Manager, MC Palace Hotel) while Barbaros Alta (Executive Chef & Instructor, FIU) had a lobster workshop for the students.



## Career Week Highlights: Inspirational Talks and Seminars (April 21–25)

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### Session I: Careers Shaped by Experience

The opening day featured speeches by Asst. Prof. Dr. Kevser Taşel Jurkoviç (Career Center Director) and Prof. Dr. Orhan Gemikonaklı (A. Rector), who emphasized the importance of strategic career planning.

- **Erol Sezer (Acapulco Hotel)** discussed “On Careers”, stressing the synergy of knowledge and real-world experience.
- **İbrahim Taşel (FIU Board of Trustees)** shared his journey in “Life Success and Career”, urging students to pursue passion over external expectations.
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Girişken (GINOVA Director)** presented “Entrepreneurship as a Career”, highlighting innovation and social impact.
- **Serenay Güven (Başman Group)** spoke on perseverance in “Rising Through Patience and Loyalty.”
- **Serhat Gezgin (KKTCELL)** explored evolving career landscapes in “Careers in a New World.”
- **Prof. Dr. Nazife Aydınoglu (FIU Faculty of Educational Sciences)** shared her academic journey and steps to building a scholarly career.



## Session II: Career Perspectives in a Dynamic World

- **Sulaf Saleh Alzu'bi (SSA Consulting)** revealed global trends in “Discovering Opportunities in a Dynamic World.”
- **Tuncay Cerit (Ekspats)** guided students on navigating “Careers Abroad.”
- **Hidayet Serdar & Ayşe Onar (Kaner Group)** emphasized personal branding and soft skills for job seekers.
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nafiya Güden (FIU School of Tourism)** analyzed future tourism trends, including sustainability and niche markets.
- **Prof. Dr. İbrahim Benter (Dean, FIU Faculty of Pharmacy)** reflected on the societal impact of academic careers.

## Career Fair: Bridging Students and Employers (April 22)

The 2nd Career Fair brought together leading companies from North Cyprus, including:

Acapulco Hotel	Lord's Palace
KKTCELL	Elexus Hotel
Vr Crealtor	Cratos Hotel
MC Palace	Başman Group
Concorde Luxury Resort	Shayna Hotel & Beach Restaurant
Kaya Palazzo Hotel	Hosco
Creditwest	Ekspats
Arkin Hotels	PythianGo
Merit Hotels	Tarsan
Kaya Artemis Resort & Casino	Pia Bella
Köken Design Studio	

Students networked with recruiters, submitted applications, and explored internships. Participating companies received certificates of appreciation for their contributions.

## Special Workshops & Faculty-Specific Meet-Ups

### Entrepreneurship Workshop (April 22)

- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Girişken (GİNOVA Director)** led a hands-on session on startup strategies and business innovation.
- **Continuing Education Center and British Council** In a collaborative effort, the FIU Continuing Education Center and the British Council presented an insightful session on IELTS and British Council Exams. The event commenced with CEC Director Shahab MIRI articulating the Continuing Education Center's mission and the vital role of lifelong learning. He further underscored the value of international partnerships, emphasizing the British Council's contribution to the center's future aspirations. Subsequently, Marina Ioannou of the British Council delivered her presentation, and the session concluded with an engaging question-and-answer period.

## Faculty-Specific Career Meet-Ups (April 24–25)

Tailored sessions provided targeted guidance across disciplines:

### Faculty of Arts & Sciences:

Students explored diverse career paths for humanities and science graduates, with emphasis on research opportunities, graduate school preparation, and transferable skills valued across industries. The Psychology department's English session focused on international opportunities, while the Turkish session highlighted local employment trends.

### Faculty of Educational Sciences:

Featured seminars on "Innovations in Teacher Transition Systems" with Prof. Dr. Ragıp Özyürek (Istanbul Aydın University) and "Academia Entrance Examination" İbrahim Taşel (Final Education Institutions). "My Teaching Journey" seminar was also held by the faculty bringing English Language Teaching students together with teachers around the world including Prof. Dr. Nesrin Oruç Ertürk (İzmir University of Economics) and FIU alumni (Taha Elrabi, Beyzanur Yilmazer, Elina Sutyagina, Polina Shumskaia and Muhammed Errgeai).

### Faculty of Law:

A panel on "Legal Careers in a Changing World" moderated by Asst. Prof. Dr. Cenan Eskimuhtaroglu, featuring Mehmet Öner Ekinci (Retired Secretary General, Republic Assembly) and Duygu Güven (FIU Law Alumni & Lawyer).

### Faculty of Pharmacy:

Prof. Dr. İbrahim Benter (FIU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean) gave the opening speech to Pharmacy Career day. Later, Pharmacist Safiye Çağansel (President, International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation) discussed global pharmacy career paths.

### School of Physical Education & Sports:

Asst. Prof. Dr. Serhat Deniz (FIU Instructor) presented "Sports Science and Coaching Education," blending academic theory with practical training methodologies. Aspiring coaches learned about certification pathways and the growing sports tourism sector in the Mediterranean region.

### **Faculty of Architecture & Fine Arts:**

Ahmed Özenç & Hayriye Gültutan Özenç (Antre Design) transformed FIU's Architecture Studio into a dynamic forum while Orçun Köken (Köken Design Studio) shared insights on architectural entrepreneurship.

### **Faculty of Engineering:**

The session highlighted in-demand technical skills, project management careers, and the importance of continuous learning in fast-evolving tech fields. Menteş Zorba (Forman International) shared his knowledge and advice with civil engineering students. FIU Alumni Abdalrahman Siddig shared his experiences as a former student and a current employee of FIU. Asst. Prof. Dr. Ghazal Sheikhi (FIU Instructor) discussed the current trends with computer, software and artificial intelligence engineering students.

### **Faculty of Economics & Administrative Sciences:**

Asst. Prof. Dr. Özge Temizsüt (Head of Consumer Experience, BAT) moderated a session on corporate career strategies with Business Administration alumni Faraz Ahmed Hayat, Sara Azmi and Julia Losich.

### **Faculty of Dentistry:**

Exclusively for dental students, a panel was held offering students insights into the dental profession. The panel featured distinguished speakers, including Prof. Dr. Şenol Tüzüm, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Damla Akşit Bıçak, Asst. Prof. Dr. Suzan Özduran, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Laden Gülce Alagöz, who shared expertise on various specialties such as orthodontics, oral surgery, periodontology, prosthodontics, endodontics, pediatric dentistry, oral pathology, and public health dentistry. The event also covered dental education, specialization exams, career opportunities in private and academic settings, and the importance of lifelong learning. Through interactive sessions, students gained valuable guidance for their future careers in dentistry.

### **Faculty of Health Sciences:**

Students gained valuable career-planning insights through engaging sessions. The event began with Dietitian Mina Razzaghi's informative presentation on applying to master's programs. Dietitian Tünay Balcı then shared her professional experiences and practical tips for working independently. Finally, senior students Aicha Benamghar and Nikita Kevine Ingabire discussed their internship and job application journeys, offering key advice for success. The event provided students with inspiration and guidance for their future careers in nutrition and dietetics.

## Post-Event Resources

Missed the sessions? Rewatch them via:

Digital Career Library: [kariyer.final.edu.tr](http://kariyer.final.edu.tr)

FIU WebTV: [www.final.edu.tr/webtv](http://www.final.edu.tr/webtv)

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