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#### VALEDICTORIANS OF TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRASOV – CLASS OF 2019-2020

Elites are trained in school, too.

The 100<sup>th</sup> issue of UNITBV Newsletter - Transilvania University of Braşov is a true presentation catalogue of the most valuable students in Braşov, the valedictorians of the academic year 2019-2020, through their personal accounts.

The best graduates of our university introduce themselves, evoking the scientific and professional knowledge accumulated during their student years in relation to the professional requirements of the career they want to pursue and for which they have prepared.

Their graduation averages and the valorisation of the knowledge gained during the faculty years, in their evolution, from both a personal and a professional point of view, testify to all this.

However, the number of elite students of our university is much higher, we are convinced, and over the next few years, the catalogue of UNITBV elites, which we will inaugurate with this approach, will be ever greater.

We wish everyone good luck in the future and a brilliant career in the field just graduated!

Prof. Dr. Med. Liliana ROGOZEA, Vice-Rector for Public Relations

Lecturer Dr. Victor BRICIU, Office of Marketing and Image

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering



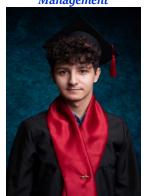
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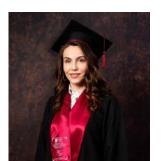
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Faculty of Product Design and **Environment** 



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VALENTINA **LUPAȘCU** - average grade 9.92

#### Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science



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## ANDA-JACQUELINE DUDAU - Average grade 9.87



On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1997, I was born in Braşov, within a very special family. I was going to be the first child of bold spouses. My father, test pilot, flight instructor, designer and programmer. I called him "my encyclopaedia to bearer." Whatever I asked him, he could give me the answer. My mother, a beautiful, loving and intelligent creature. The best mother in the world! The most attentive and skilled mother! Both of them were not only my parents, but also my best friends.

In 2004, I started the primary school in Bucharest at "Corneliu M. Popescu" School, right next to "Ion Creangă" Theatre. I had the huge chance to have Mrs. Pia Morar as my first teacher. A miracle teacher. She discovered each of us, with his/her skills, his/her sensibilities, etc. And so ... the way she raised and educated us was tailored to each child. "You are all my children!" That's what she told us all the time. And that's how we felt.

In 2012, I started high school in Bucharest at "George Coşbuc" National College, English bilingual mathematics-informatics class. My parents would have seen me studying a humanistic profile, but I chose the scientific profile and I thank them for respecting my choice and more than that ... for supporting me in my choice.

In 2015, I moved to Braşov and transferred to "Dr. Ioan Meşotă" National College. Here I had the chance to have teachers who helped me discover the path to follow. They helped me discover myself and realize my potential. That's how I realized that my path will head for the technics.

In 2016, I started studying at Transilvania University of Braşov, specializing in Mechanical Engineering. Here I discovered the fabulous world of engineering and its infinite potential for humanity. The term "engineer" comes from ancient Greek, where it means "creator". And rightly so, I realized in these four years that engineering, regardless of its specificity (mechanics, bioengineering, genetics, computer science, etc.), is the basis of all the wonders that make our lives better.



In 2020, I graduated and I will take my flight, both literally and figuratively. I will go to Vienna to pursue a master's degree at the Technical University of Vienna in parallel with work in a research laboratory for new materials.

Anda-Jacqueline DUDAU – Valedictorian Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

#### ALEXANDRU-EUGEN DIACONESCU - Average grade 9.84



My name is Alexandru-Eugen Diaconescu, I am born in the town of Sinaia, on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1997. Ever since primary school, I have wanted to be part of the elite ranking; therefore, I excelled in sports, Greco-Roman wrestling, until the age of 15 years, and after this age my preparation for a better future began. Thus, at "Ion Kalinderu" College in Buşteni, I attended the mathematics-informatics section together with outstanding colleagues. Being in a wonderful community, I was motivated to learn and ask questions in order to develop. I passed the Baccalaureate exam with an average grade of 9.21, and I chose Transilvania University of Braşov with no regret about my choice.

Because my parents had to work abroad to offer me a better future, I wholeheartedly wanted to make them proud and show them my appreciation for their efforts in my regard. After analysing the study programmes, I realized that Aerospace Constructions study programme is right for me. I chose this programme with confidence and I always praised the professors' efforts in my training as an engineer.

In these four years I developed as a man, as an engineer. I was chosen group leader out of a simple joke and I tried my best not to disappoint. Thus, for four years, our community was united and we helped each other continuously to pass each exam.



The fact that I became a valedictorian makes me excel in everything I do, not give up. I wholeheartedly want to work in the field, and my ambition will make this possible.

Alexandru-Eugen DIACONESCU – Valedictorian Faculty of Technological Engineering and Industrial Management

#### **ALEXANDRA LOREDANA PALEU – Average grade 9.72**



My name is Alexandra Loredana Paleu, I am a graduate of the Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering, specializing in Economic Engineering, in the mechanical field. During the four years, I gained knowledge in two fields, economics and engineering, which gives me the opportunity to apply for a job in both economics and engineering. My dream is to pass on the accumulated knowledge and to initiate pupils or students, and with passion, dedication, patience and a lot of work I will be a good teacher.

We are the sum of the people who go through our lives and of the experiences we accumulate. Certainly, after the many exams we went through and the

experience we gained during our student years, we are ready to face the obstacles that await us from now on.



I want to thank all professors, to whom, in addition to the knowledge I have gained, I owe an important part of my training as a human being, because they guided my steps on the best path, supported me and gave me self-confidence.

Alexandra Loredana PALEU – Valedictorian Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering

#### MANUELA DANIELA DANU – Average grade 10



I attended the courses of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Transilvania University of Braşov, specialization of Automation and Applied Informatics.



I graduated this faculty as a valedictorian, with an average grade of 10, and I was accepted to the

master's degree programme of Advanced Systems in Automation and Information Technology, within the same faculty. I am passionate about scientific research, the main field of interest being the development of non-invasive diagnostic algorithms, which are based on artificial intelligence techniques. I am the author of an ISI-ranked article (Deep learning based generation of synthetic blood vessel surfaces), defended in 2019 within the International Conference on System Theory, Control and Computing. A second paper is under review. The title of this paper is Deep learning models based on automatic labelling with application in echocardiography.

Wishing to improve my knowledge necessary to build a successful career in the technical field, I participated in several summer schools (Eastern European Machine Learning Summer School - EEML 2019, International School on Image Processing — ISIP 2018), but also in internship programmes organized by companies operating in the field I studied. In the fourth year I participated in the Session of Student Scientific Circles, where I obtained the Third Prize for the paper Modele de deep learning bazate pe etichetare automată cu aplicație în ecografia cardiacă [Deep learning models based on automatic labelling with application in cardiac ultrasound].

Manuela Daniela DANU - Valedictorian Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

## DARIUS-GEORGE HĂRDĂLĂU - Average grade 10



My name is Darius-George Hărdălău, I am originally from Țara Beiușului, and after graduating from "Samuil Vulcan" National College of Beiuș, where I was an Olympian in Informatics, I chose to attend the courses of the Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering within Transilvania University of Braşov.



I did not regret this decision at all, especially since the student years have been the best for me so far. Many may not know, but this faculty, in addition to biology, requires a lot of math, physics and chemistry. In addition, being a field with practical applicability, we made field trips for most study subjects and we had the opportunity to put into practice everything that was taught to us during the courses.

Passionate from an early age about nature and spending time outdoors, I decided to attend this faculty, starting from the premise that tradition creates excellence. The premise has come true, this faculty being the oldest specialized institution in the

country. If I had the opportunity to start this college again, I would accept it without hesitation.

During my undergraduate studies I participated in international competitions in Russia and the Czech Republic, as well as internships in China.

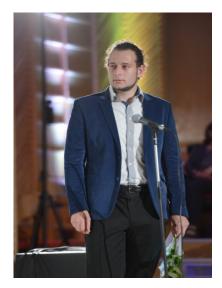


In the second year, I did my first internship in Beijing. Then I understood how important the internationalization of a university is, because it offers the possibility to prepare students at a level up to the international standards.

In the future, I intend to attend the international master's programme in the field of sustainable resource management, "European Forestry", organized on the basis of a consortium of several prestigious faculties in Europe (Finland, Austria, Germany, France, Spain and Romania). The Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering in Braşov collaborates in this consortium with institutions from America and China. In continuation of my professional training, I want to return to Braşov, to the university, to pursue doctoral studies in my field of training.

Darius-George HĂRDĂLĂU - Valedictorian Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering

#### ATTILA LEVENTE NAGY – Average grade 10



I was born in a small town of historical Maramures, in Sighetu Marmației. I acquired my knowledge fundamentals at "Leőwey Klára" Theoretical High School, with teaching in Hungarian, where I spent the first 12 years of school. During the school years I represented the high school at various science competitions, both exact and humanistic. During upper secondary years I was elected student representative, and I graduated from high school as a valedictorian.

Coming from a traditional area for wood processing and having several family members connoisseurs of this beautiful profession, I was fascinated by their knowledge, so I chose to study at the Faculty of Wood Engineering at the University of Braşov. In the first

years of college, the technical part caught my attention, as a result, in the third year I chose the specialization Wood Processing Engineering.

During college, I participated in various events organized by my faculty (for example, Etnovember) and in a workshop, themed on making children's toys by laser cutting. During the four years of college I was a scholarship grantee, and in the third year I also won a private scholarship offered by an important economic agent in the field.



Wishing to improve my knowledge, I decided to pursue a master's degree in the field of wood processing.

Attila Levente NAGY – Valedictorian Faculty of Wood Engineering

## ANDREEA-MĂDĂLINA POPESCU - Average grade 9.54



My name is Andreea - Mădălina Popescu.

I was born in the beautiful mountain town of Nehoiu, County of Buzău. Here I graduated from the primary school. My first achievement was, as for most of us, getting a high grade in the national assessment exam and then enrolling in high school.

I chose to attend the science section of the high school which my father and grandmother graduated from, in a city located near Nehoiu. This stage of my life ended with the maturity exam, the Baccalaureate, an exam which I passed successfully and the final result of which paved the way for me in life.

Subsequently, I attended the Faculty of Civil Engineering, specializing in Railways, Roads and Bridges, which was my only option. I am proud of what I chose and I am grateful to all those who believed in me: my family, friends and last but not least, my professors, from whom I learned everything about this profession.





My greatest achievement is the following: after many years of learning and assimilating a lot of knowledge, I have come to do what I love!

I am very proud of this and if I had to choose again, my choice would be the same.

Andreea-Mădălina POPESCU – Valedictorian Faculty of Civil Engineering

## STELUŢA NĂSTASĂ - Average grade 9.41



Born in Braşov, on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1980, I graduated from "Andrei Bârseanu" National Economic College with a specialization in the field of tourism. During high school I participated in numerous school Olympiads, obtaining the 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the national phase for Romanian language and literature in 1999.

The period 1999-2016 meant for me the professional training within several famous international companies with tourism profile (from the United States and Spain), where I obtained various distinctions in hospitality, and some of my ideas were the basis for improving customer service systems. Moreover, these companies implemented several of my innovative solutions, which were used in building new hotels.

From 2016, I attended the Faculty of Food and Tourism within Transilvania University of Braşov, specialization of Engineering and Management in Tourism Industry.



It was a challenging and ground-breaking period, given that I resumed the courses of an educational institution 17 years after graduating from high school. I have been fortunate to meet extraordinary people to whom I am grateful for their support and confidence.



Steluţa NĂSTASĂ – Valedictorian Faculty of Food and Tourism

#### MARIA-ROXANA POPICA - Average grade 9.91



My name is Maria-Roxana Popica and I am a recent graduate of the Medical Engineering study programme, within the Faculty of Product and Environment Design.

For a start, I completed my upper secondary studies in my hometown (Întorsura Buzăului) within "Mircea Eliade" Theoretical High School, mathematics -computer science section; thus, my logical thinking formed and from here my desire arose to continue my studies in the field of engineering sciences.

For my training as a future engineer, I seriously and diligently attended the university courses, as well as extracurricular courses (a very good example would be the courses within the Research Institute, conducted by CJAM in collaboration with the faculty); but the practice was the most important in my training, because it strengthened and complemented my theoretical knowledge gained during these years. Furthermore, for the training of new skills, I took advantage of the isolation at home due to the pandemic and I attended several webinars in various fields (marketing, programming, software development, copywriting etc.).

I consider my most important achievement during college to be my diploma thesis ("Fantomă pentru

verificarea rezoluției la endoscoape și a intensității luminoase" [Phantom for checking endoscope resolution and light intensity]) a complex, multidisciplinary paper, in which I made the most of all my knowledge.

The current situation created a reason for me to be happy in achieving the project (the fact that I succeeded in doing it myself, entirely at home), but also a reason for sadness (cancellation of student circles, conferences and most importantly AFCO, events where I could have presented my work and also reap the fruits of my labour). But all for the better, because I will continue the research on the topic within the chosen master's programme.



This being said, it was a four-year journey to the unknown, in which first of all I discovered myself, in fact, I realized that ambition, perseverance and hard work are elements that pave the way to success.

Maria-Roxana POPICA – Valedictorian Faculty of Product Design and Environment

## IOANA ANTONIA ȚACĂ - Average grade 9.94



I reside in the county of Prahova, municipality of Ploiești. I graduated from the middle school at Măneciu Technological High School (currently "Ferdinand I" College) with the average grade of 10, as a valedictorian. I obtained an average grade of 10 at the National Assessment, being one of the 11 students with this average in the county of Prahova.

I graduated from the upper secondary school at "Mihai Viteazul" National College of Ploiești with the average grade 10, being again the valedictorian. I obtained an average grade of 9.88 at the Baccalaureate exam. I graduated from the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at Transilvania

University of Braşov with an average grade of 9.94, being the valedictorian.

I obtained an average grade of 10 at the bachelor's exam. I won numerous awards and mentions at the county Olympiads of Mathematics, Linguistics, Physics, Romanian and French during middle and high school. I was a member of the Prahova Centre of Excellence, Mathematics specialization.



During the faculty, I obtained the following mobility scholarships: in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year - Germany, Ilmenau and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year - Slovakia, Bratislava. Since 2018, I have been a scholarship grantee at Siemens CT, Braşov.

Ioana Antonia ȚACĂ – Valedictorian Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

### **ADRIAN GABRIEL ENESCU – Average grade 9.95**



My name is Adrian Gabriel Enescu and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business Administration within Transilvania University of Braşov, specialization of Business Administration. I chose this faculty, after graduating from "Andrei Şaguna" National College, due to the dynamism offered by the economic field, as well as to the possibility of studying in English. I completed the humanistic section in high school, specializing in social sciences, where I improved my analytical skills, as well as my ability to objectively filter information.

I developed my leadership skills in this faculty. Being the group leader in my specialization, I had the opportunity to organize activities and to facilitate the communication between academics and colleagues. Moreover, since my specialization was taught in English, I had the opportunity to integrate in a multicultural environment and to constantly interact with foreign students and make friends with them.

Critical thinking and the ambition to develop were essential points during the faculty. I participated in the competition for a scholarship of excellence, offered by a multinational company of Braşov. Regarding scientific research, I wrote a scientific article on the measurement indicators in human resources.



The obtained results will determine me to improve and achieve my training goals.



Adrian Gabriel ENESCU – Valedictorian Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business Administration

#### ANDRA-MARIA ALDEA - Average grade 9.92



My name is Andra-Maria Aldea and I am born on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1998, in the municipality of Făgăraș, county of Brașov. I attended primary and secondary school at the General School No. 5 of Făgăraș, during 2005-2013, a period that offered me the opportunity to meet a special person, the teacher Maria Reurean, the one who contributed considerably to the person I am today and who inspired me in choosing my profession.

In the period 2013-2017 I attended higher-secondary courses within "Sf. Constantin Brâncoveanu Orthodox Theological High School of Făgăraş, pedagogical section, which I successfully completed as a valedictorian.

During 2017-2020 I attended the courses of the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, specialization Pedagogy of Primary and Preschool Education, within Transilvania University of Braşov, completed with the distinction of valedictorian, with the average grade of 9,92 in the study years, and the average grade of 10 in the bachelor's degree final exam.

The period of my student years was a prosperous stage in my life, giving me the opportunity to develop harmoniously both professionally and personally, during the classes, but also outside them.

Thus, I had really valuable learning experiences in the volunteer actions in which I got involved (events "Career Days", "Graduates in front of the Companies", "Orientation days", "Admission 2018 – DPPD" and

"Admission 2019 – DPPD"), during the events we organized with competent and dedicated people ("Blind date with a book", "Christmas Celebration of the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences"), in the training courses, modules and workshops I participated in ("BEST Training Week", "Music education focused on the training needs of the 21st century student - examples of good practice", "Facilitating learning through modern educational technologies", "Occupational therapy workshops - Zarand – training of trainers"), in summer schools ("Transilvania Summer Event") and the list goes on.

For all this I am deeply grateful to all the representatives of the Transilvania University of Braşov, and not only.



In the admission session held this summer, I was admitted, on a budget basis, to the master's programme "Human Resources in Education. Training and Management" within the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences of Transilvania University of Braşov, and my path will not stop here. I want, after graduating from the master's degree, to attend the courses of the Doctoral School in order to fulfil my dream, namely to become a professor within the faculty, respectively the university that contributed to my formation.

Andra-Maria ALDEA - Valedictorian Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

#### VALENTINA LUPAȘCU – Average grade 9.92





On June 4th, 1998, I arrived in the realms of this world, in the village of Sărulești, county of Buzău. The first cry, the first child of the family, the first grandchild, the first joy. I was eagerly awaited by all, as is with the arrival of a child into the world within each family, but especially by my parents, George and Elena Lupaşcu. I was baptized with the name Valentina and I grew up, in the first four years, with my parents and grandparents, and in the following years, when my parents decided to change their home, only with them. Sărulești, this village of Buzău, was and is less developed economically, because of the distance which separates it from the city. The people there cannot afford to have a job, since commutation is not very practicable, hence the basic activities are those related to agriculture. Wishing a better future for their first child, my parents decided to move as close to the city as possible, so that they could give me more opportunities. Thus, since 2002 I have been living in the commune of Cernătești, county of Buzău.

In 2005 I stepped for the first time in the school yard, in the first grade. Since then, all the school years have been fraught with achievements, as I became a child appreciated both by the teachers and by the people in the commune. 2007 was a special year for me, because then my younger sister, \$tefania Violeta, was born, whom I had wholeheartedly wanted and longingly waited for. My life and childhood underwent slight changes on this occasion, as I learnt to share with someone else both the material things and my parents' love and attention.

In 2013, I passed the entrance examination at "Spiru Haret" Pedagogical High School of Buzău, obtaining the only average grade of 10 in the national exam of our school. I walked confidently through the gates of high school, managing to obtain very good results here, during the four years. So, I succeeded in collecting 12 first prize diplomas, throughout the years I spent learning.

In high school, I had the opportunity to participate in the national pedagogy Olympiad, in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades (2015 and 2016); in the first year I succeeded in getting the third prize, and in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, the special prize. In addition, during high school, I participated in other competitions, symposia and Olympiads, up to the county phase, in subjects such as Romanian, physics and even religion. Upon my admission at the pedagogical high school, I was not very sure that I would like to embrace the profession of educator or teacher, but later, after long hours of practice (both observational and teaching), I was more than sure that there was nothing else I could do. When I was among children (especially those within primary education) I felt that my whole universe was connected to that environment, to all the activities I carried out, to those children and to their enthusiasm.

In 2017, when I passed the Baccalaureate exam, my first thought turned to the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences within Transilvania University of Brașov. I was sure of what I wanted and ready to do anything to make my dream come true. I entered the university with an average grade of 9.86, and during the three years of study I obtained equally good results, getting a final average of 9.92 and 10 in the bachelor's degree final exam.

Now, in 2020, a master's student at the same faculty, I expect new opportunities, new situations that will generate significant learning experiences for me.

Valentina LUPAŞCU - Valedictorian Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

#### TASICA-NELUŢA MAREŞ - Average grade 9.48



My name is Tasica-Neluţa Mareş, I come from Vrancea County and I am 21 years old. I have an energetic, very ambitious nature, a will of iron, and my focus is towards the outcome. I always have a smile on my face and I like to get involved in many activities. I am responsible, soulful, I have team spirit and I am always there when help is needed.

At the age of 14, I moved to Braşov, I studied at "Emil Racoviță" College of Natural Sciences, then I applied at the Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports, the study programme of Kinetic Therapy and Special Motricity, within Transilvania University of Braşov, as I consider myself a person inclined towards an active and healthy lifestyle. From the first day of college I felt it was the best choice I had made.

During the three years I met really wonderful professors, with their support I succeeded in developing, both professionally and personally. I discovered my passion for sports; I attended specialized courses and participated in countless volunteer actions. I had the opportunity to make my practice in several recovery centres, so my knowledge became solid and stable.



The news that I am the valedictorian of the 2020 class of the Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports moved me deeply, I experienced unique feelings and I will definitely keep this memory alive. I am grateful to the people who guided my steps and gave me the opportunity to discover the secrets of kinetic therapy.



Passion is the key to success, and the passion to work with people intrinsically applies to the field of kinetic therapy.

I encourage everyone nurturing great dreams to confide in their own strengths and not give up on fulfilling them, regardless of the circumstances.

Tasica-Neluţa MAREŞ – Valedictorian Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports

## MIHAI ALEXANDRU CRANGĂ - Average grade 9.80



My name is Mihai Alexandru Crangă and I graduated from the Faculty of Music with the specialization of Musical Interpretation - guitar. I started studying music only in the ninth grade as a self-taught person and the following year I started studying classical guitar at the Popular School of Arts Brasov.

In parallel with the classical guitar, I learned to play the electric guitar, and during high school I played in two music bands. I graduated from "Dr. loan Meşotă" National College of Brașov in 2016, and despite the fact that I had been studying classical guitar for only three years and had no extensive musical training, I attended the Faculty of Music in Brașov.

In the four faculty years, I taught, from the position of teacher, at several schools in the County of Braşov.





Most likely, I will pursue a teaching career. Moreover, in the third and fourth years of faculty I held two international tours where, together with other colleagues, I represented Transilvania University of Braşov. The first tour was in Israel and the second tour was in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Mihai Alexandru CRANGĂ – Valedictorian Faculty of Music

### AURA IOANA IVAN - Average grade 9.54



I was born on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1995 in the locality of Starchiojd, County of Prahova, where I attended primary and secondary school. As regards high school studies, I was a pupil of "Ion Luca Caragiale" National College of Ploiești, English bilingual mathematics-informatics section, and later I chose to continue my university studies at the Faculty of Medicine within Transilvania University of Brașov.

Since the beginning of my university studies, I have been extremely involved in the volunteer activities within the faculty in an attempt to make up for the shortcomings of the medical and educational system. Thus, I was the president of the Romanian Student Society of Surgery, Braşov branch, I coordinated the Student Neuroscience Circle and I organized the event of Medical Education Days. I also participated in numerous volunteer activities within the Scientific Association of Braşov Medical Students and Prahova County Ambulance Service.

During the six years of studies, I took part in two study mobilities and an Erasmus internship at Grenoble Alpes University, thus spending about two years in Grenoble, France. These experiences contributed to my progress, both personally and professionally, helping me to win the "Erasmus +

Mobility of the Year Award" of Transilvania University of Brasov.



I am currently preparing for the residency exam in November, according to which I will choose my specialization and training centre for further professional training.



Aura Ioana IVAN – Valedictorian Faculty of Medicine

#### **IONELA DENISA NEAGOE – Average grade 9.92**



My name is Ionela Denisa Neagoe, I am 22 years old and I recently graduated from the Faculty of Letters (specializing in Applied Modern Languages French-English. I like to believe that the sense of responsibility and the sense of humour are some of my defining positive traits. Regarding the status of valedictorian, I am aware that there are many factors which contributed to this result: my family, friends, colleagues, life experiences and how I construed them etc.

I graduated from "Constantin Brâncoveanu" Middle School of Breaza, Prahova. Although I studied in a small school, here I had a very good training in all subjects from teachers who encouraged me, supported me and helped me to train those skills of educational autonomy necessary for any pupil. At that time, the Romanian language was my favourite subject and I turned my participation in the Olympiads into a tradition that lasted from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade I participated in the first edition of the Olympiad "Reading as a life skill" and, to my great surprise, I reached the national stage and got the first mention.

At the National Assessment, I obtained 10 in mathematics and 9.80 in Romanian, and then I chose to attend the philological section of "Nicolae Grigorescu" National College of Câmpina in order to enjoy an indepth study of the humanities.

During high school, I began those searches meant to help me discover myself, which is why I kept in touch with theatre (my old passion), I volunteered, I participated in poetry contests and I even attempted Academic Debates. In the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, I got again up to the national stage of the Olympiad "Reading as a life skill", and in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade I succeeded in getting to the national stage of the Romanian Language and Literature

Olympiad. I was lucky to meet people "of essence" (as I like to call them), and the connections I made with them are one of the most important elements that contributed to my development at that time.

I graduated high school with an average grade of 9.99, and at the Baccalaureate exam I got an average grade of 9.78. Even though during high school I had evinced a great interest in Romanian language and literature, when I registered for the university I felt it was time to improve my knowledge in the field of foreign languages. I knew from the beginning that I wanted to come to college in Braşov, because I wanted to study in a city that always makes me feel as if I were at home.

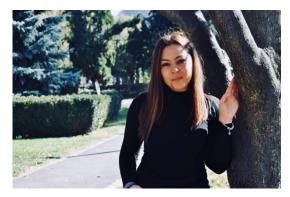
I did not give up my passion for theatre even during faculty, which is why I participated in the improvisation theatre courses in French (which were held at the French Lectorate and the organization of which I dealt with in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year), in the Francophone International Festival for Theatre Improvisation and University Theatre and in the theatre classes in English. That's how I came to want to teach foreign languages through improvisation theatre, which I hope I will be able to do in one form or another in the future.



I want to turn these last written lines into a testimony of the gratitude I feel for my parents. They don't have higher education, but they are "superior parents", as have they supported me and did everything in their power so that my brother and I could focus on education, develop and be happy.

Ionela Denisa NEAGOE – Valedictorian Faculty of Letters

#### CAMELIA GEORGIANA VOICA – Average grade 9.67



I began my studies in my hometown, and I attended high school in the town of Câmpina, Prahova, where I succeeded in discovering myself as a person and in discerning my humanist side, due to the profile I studied

Since the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, my preoccupations have been directed towards the field of law, for the simple reason that I participated in several trials in court and I was pleasantly surprised by the formal framework and the way in which a problem arising in everyday life is solved in court.

A little personal research on the legislation and the legal course in this interdisciplinary field also added to this impulse which determined me to choose the Faculty of Law.

The first semester of faculty was totally different from my expectations; however, the large volume of information did not prevent me from surpassing myself. Subsequently, the other years of college were a significant step in terms of legal career, even if they were sprinkled with a lot of stress, fatigue, sometimes even exhaustion. However, I managed to overcome the pressure factors that appeared.

I would like to mention here a quote from the *Proverbs of Solomon*: "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkened unto counsel is wise". It is the quote I was guided by, and through these lines I want to emphasize that I am a person eager to learn new things, especially if they

come from people endowed with wisdom. By "new things" I mean both information useful to the professional field and issues related to everyday life and which help me to develop intellectually.

In the future I want to enrol in a master's programme, because I intend to continue researching legal issues, which I will deepen with a doctorate, as I aspire to become a professor.



All this came from the desire to be able to share with others the secrets of law, as well as from the fact that I am a patient person, able to show a lot of tact in approaching the problems referred to me for solving.

In the near future, I will take the entrance exam to the National Institute of Magistracy, because I want to become a judge. It is this profession that gives the image of justice, even if the judge does not contribute alone to its realization, but together with other legal professionals. That is why over time I have tried to be cautious in dealing with preconceived ideas and first of all I have tried to develop my ability to discuss in detail with those involved in the administration of justice to find out their opinions.

Camelia Georgiana VOICA – Valedictorian Faculty of Law

#### SILVIU BOICU – Average grade 9.82



My name is Silviu Boicu, I am 21 years old and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Sociology and Communication, Human Resources study programme.

I was born in Braşov, a city where I attended the courses of "Unirea" National College, English bilingual philology section. Ever since I was a teenager, I have had a penchant for working with people. This passion was born with my enrolment as a volunteer in the Romanian Red Cross, where I had the opportunity to work for about four years. During these years, I had a direct involvement in projects through which I helped people in need, but I also had the chance to coordinate and train other volunteers. This activity was decisive for the direction I followed later, namely human resources management.

I reached the peak of my experience at the Red Cross and decided to follow a new path of personal and professional development, taking part in the project "HowTo Trainings" – a company specializing in providing personalized training services for companies. Together with *HowTo* I held courses on various topics throughout the country for companies

with various fields of activity. I took part in large-scale projects such as "Craftsmen's Camp" in "Andrei's Country" project, organized by OMV Petrom, and I had the opportunity to highlight the concepts I learned in certain courses in college. This collaboration continues to this day.

In 2018, I joined *RAP Tronic Process Engineering* Company as a recruiter, performing several tasks specific to a human resources specialist for the company, having direct involvement in processes such as: recruitment, selection, integration, performance management and training.



In 2019, I joined a new project called *Innovative Workforce Services* (InWorkS), a company specialized in providing HR services for recruitment, selection, integration, organization of training and teambuilding, payroll and personnel management and specific consulting on a company's issues. I am currently working for this company and I am responsible for its operational part.

I am glad that I am working in the field which I studied during college, and that I have the chance to put into practice what I have learned in the three years of the Human Resources study programme.

Silviu BOICU – Valedictorian Faculty of Sociology and Communication