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VALEDICTORIANS OF TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAȘOV IN THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

In this special issue of the Newsletter, we will introduce the worthiest graduates in the academic environment of Brașov, namely the valedictorians of the 2024-2025 academic year, to you. Through their own accounts, we will discover their path to success, aspirations and vision of the future.

UNITBV celebrated academic excellence on 24 June, within the 2025 Gala of Valedictorians, an event hosted in Studio 181 Hall, Rectorate building. In an atmosphere filled with emotion and joy, the best-performing graduates of the bachelor's education cycle were awarded by our University's Management and the Deans of the 18 faculties.

These 22 exceptional youth who achieved the highest multi-year average grades of their class, are a new generation of professionals ready to bring a significant contribution to various fields.

Their accounts reveal how they capitalised on the acquired knowledge, got involved in research activities, and successfully combined extracurricular passions with academic demands. Their stories are a source of inspiration for the entire academic community and a confirmation of the quality education provided by UNITBV.

We are proud of their achievements and wish them success in their careers!

Prof. Dr. MD Liliana ROGOZEA
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Prof. Dr. Eng. Daniel MUNTEANU
Vice-Rector for Students and Liaison with the
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average grade 9.89

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average grade 9.97

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MIHAI ANDRAȘI – Average grade 9.87



My name is Mihai Andrași, I am 22 years, and come from the town of Sighișoara, where I attended "Aurel Mosora" Middle School, then graduated from "Mircea Eliade" National College, which institutions brought a significant contribution to my

intellectual and personal formation. Ever since that time, I have been fostering my propensity for exact sciences and my eagerness to understand the mechanisms underlying the smooth running of things around us.

It is with great honour and gratitude that I am here today as the valedictorian of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, programme Automotive Engineering, within Transilvania University of Brașov. This title is not only an acknowledgement of my academic achievements, but also a reflection of the passion, perseverance and commitment with which I have completed my four student years.

Along this path, I had the opportunity to acquire fundamental knowledge in the field of mechanical engineering, especially in disciplines such as fluid mechanics, thermodynamics, structural analysis, automotive dynamics and computer-aided design. I gained valuable expertise in the CAD and AutoCAD software; and through the CATIA and MATLAB applications, I succeeded in performing complex simulations and analyses, thus developing a solid understanding of modern engineering processes.

Furthermore, I learned to efficiently collaborate in a team, lead projects and take on responsibility. I had the opportunity to coordinate extracurricular activities, to participate in specialised student competitions and to develop essential leadership and communication skills. All these experiences gave me a broad perspective on the industry challenges, but also on the

importance of critical and creative thinking in solving problems.

As for my path in the future, I pursue the master's study programme Command and Control Systems for Motor Vehicles, which reflects my preoccupation with innovation and desire to contribute to the sustainable development of the automotive sector. Moreover, I envisage continuing research by registering for a doctoral field, still within the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, where I will hopefully succeed in bringing a real and relevant contribution to my field of expertise.

Looking back, I consider these years of study not only a learning stage, but also a character-building one. I have become more organised, more determined, more courageous when facing challenges, and more aware of the impact I can have in the world of engineering. I am proud of my achievements and grateful to everyone who supported and inspired me along the way.

I am sure this is just the beginning and, through work, passion and perseverance, I will succeed in contributing significantly to the development of mechanical engineering and the technologies of the future.



Mihai ANDRAȘI
Valedictorian
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

ANCA DANIELA PAVEL – Average grade 9.85



I am Anca, the colleague in Aerospace Engineering who proved that gravity pulled you not only down, but also back to school, despite your already having marked a few years of flight behind.

I am 42 years, a mother of two, wife, operator in the field of non-destructive

testing and, above all, an enthusiast of flying – not only airplanes, but also dreams that take you beyond clouds.

I grew up in Braşov and graduated from “Johannes Honterus” National College in the year when some of my faculty colleagues were just being born. After college, I attended the Faculty of Business Administration (taught in English) within the Bucharest University of Economic Studies. I then started my career in the field of financial and investment consultancy, first within Ernst & Young Romania, then within the investment banking divisions of Raiffeisen Bank and Romanian Commercial Bank. I had built myself a stable career, but I still felt something was missing: a spark to fuel my inner engine.

Thus, after 10 years of consultancy, I made the decision to requalify and became a non-destructive testing operator in the aeronautical field. Then, at the age of 38, I made a life-changing decision: I applied for university again, this time to study aeronautical engineering. It was like pressing the launch button of a rocket, not knowing exactly whether it would reach orbit or spectacularly explode.

Being a mid-life student with two kids, a husband and a job is like flying a plane while making pancakes. Something is bound to end up on the ground. The key to success is to embrace the chaos and keep your sense of humour.

I was fascinated by the complexity of aircraft, from flight dynamics to the precision of engineering. Every project, every exam was like a flight test: sometimes I

reached impressive altitudes, other times I needed adjustments to avoid crashing. However, above all, I learned that failure was not the end of flight – just a turbulence along the way.

Motherhood has been and will always be the centre of my universe. My children, with their boundless energy, have taught me the meaning of patience and perseverance. Together we built water rockets in the yard, laughed and learned that sometimes a spectacular explosion was just the beginning of a new attempt. My husband has been my tower of control, giving me unconditional support in the midst of chaos. My parents were the ground crew, holding down the fort when I was caught between deadlines and responsibilities. Without them, my flight would not have been possible.

Today, at 42, I look back on this journey and see a path full of turbulence, but mostly of defining moments. I have learned that flight – whether professional, personal or academic – begins with a courageous step. For me, that step, four years ago, was a click on “Send the registration documents”.



Anca Daniela PAVEL

Valedictorian

Faculty of Technological Engineering and
Industrial Management

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ANDREEA CRISTINA MUŞAT – Average grade 9.92



My name is Andreea-Cristina Muşat, and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering within Transilvania University of Braşov, majoring in Welding Engineering.

I was born on 5 July 2002, in the town of Buzău, in which I also spent my childhood in an environment where curiosity and the desire for knowledge always distinguished me. In 2021, I graduated from “Bogdan Petriceicu Haşdeu” National College of Buzău, Mathematics-Informatics track, intensively Informatics major. The choice to continue my studies in the technical field was not random: I have always loved exact sciences wholeheartedly, and wanted to forge my professional path based on logic, precision and innovation.

During these years, I have understood that engineering is not just a science, but also an art – an art that merges ideas and materials to create durable structures, just as welding joins two surfaces to form one strong entity. Somehow, faculty was for me that electric arc which welded the passion for knowledge with the desire for performance.

As far as I am concerned, I am an ambitious, organised and determined person, oriented towards excellence and continuing development. I love learning and discovering new things, and this eagerness of self-improvement has guided me in overcoming all the challenges encountered.

During my studies, I had the opportunity to participate in an Erasmus+ programme in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, an experience which gave me an

international perspective on the field and helped improve my knowledge of advanced materials and technologies. It was a defining stage, which strengthened my confidence that I had chosen the right and valuable path.

My student years were an intense experience, full of work, satisfaction and discoveries. I have learned not only how to fuse materials, but also how to combine patience with perseverance in order to achieve solid results, just as a resistant welding seam takes shape with precision and care.

My plans for the future include continuing my studies by applying for a master’s programme, followed by a doctorate in the same field. My long-term goal is a career in the academic environment, helping educate new generations of engineers and fostering research in the field of innovative welding materials and technologies.



Andreea Cristina MUŞAT
Valedictorian

Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering

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My name is Ilie Indreica, and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, department of Robotics.

Since childhood I have been fascinated by mechanisms. I loved watching them in operation, figuring out

how they were built and what made them work. I was also trying to create my own mechanisms out of whatever was available: cardboard, elastics, toothpicks, etc. This side of mine also fostered my passion for LEGO, which proved crucial in choosing the path I am following now.

The propensity for the science track made me attend "Grigore Moisil" National College of Computer Science in Braşov. In the 10th grade, I participated in the *Infotron* event, organised by Transilvania University, where I first made contact with Arduino boards and their programming. My affinity for LEGO led me to joining the Academy of Computer Science in Braşov, where I took robotics courses and participated in competitions such as *World Robot Olympiad* (WRO) and *First LEGO League* (FLL).

To raise the bar, still within the Academy, I moved from LEGO platforms to more advanced Arduino-based robotic systems. Together with the team, I participated in the *Eurobot* contest where I won the award for "The most innovative robot" during the competition stage in Paris.

All these experiences substantiated my decision to pursue robotics studies. During my student years, I had the opportunity to deepen my knowledge through personal projects, to which I could also add my passion for art. I made, among other things, a plotter capable of generating realistic images by means of sinusoidal waves of variable frequencies and amplitudes. As for the diploma project, I developed a robot capable of playing the piano. Both projects were presented at *Graduates in front of the Companies* (AFCO) and *Student Scientific Circle Session* (SCSS), during which events they ranked in the top positions.

Of course, it should be mentioned that I could not have done all this on my own. I consider myself to be among the lucky ones who had the right people by their side, including family, who offered me unconditional support in everything I achieved, and friends, who stood by me both in times of trouble and in times of joy. At the same time, I am grateful to the professors, under whose guidance the exploration of this field became more accessible, as well as to the entire academic and engineering community, who provides valuable resources for deepening knowledge.

In conclusion, I would like to continue exploring this field, and over time, through the acquired knowledge and expertise, to contribute myself to its development.

Ilie INDREICA
Valedictorian

Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer
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ANDREI GRAȚIAN POPA – Average grade 9.87



I originate in the county of Vâlcea, and I graduated from the study programme of Forestry, Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering within Transilvania University of Brașov, class of 2025.

I attended secondary education at "Mircea cel Bătrân" National College of Râmnicu Vâlcea, Natural Sciences track.

During my student years, I stood out through pragmatism, a consistent conduct, steadfast character and results-oriented attitude, being mostly preoccupied with the practical applicability of the acquired knowledge. My preference for precision, order and method reflected in both my laboratory work and my specialised practical training. I approached every professional challenge with seriousness and efficiency.

My bachelor's thesis themed on the field of topography, which I would like to delve into, by obtaining the certificate of authorised topographer, with a view to conducting topo-cadastral works both in the forest fund and beyond.



Andrei Grațian POPA
Valedictorian

Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering

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ANDREI IOSIF PETER – Average grade 9.97



My name is Andrei Iosif Peter, and I was born on 26 June 2002, in Braşov. My educational path started at "Andrei Şaguna" National College of Braşov, where I attended the

science track, majoring in Natural Sciences. It is at that time that I discovered my propensity for technical crafts; and wood – as a living, noble and versatile material – has gradually become the focus of my professional interest.

My passion for this field led me as a matter of course to the Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Engineering within Transilvania University of Braşov, where I attended the Wood Processing Engineering major. During the four years of study, I had the opportunity to accumulate a solid base of theoretical and practical knowledge, which strengthened my decision to continue on this path.

During my student years, I actively participated in student scientific communication sessions, getting involved in research activities that opened up new perspectives on the applicability of wood engineering. Moreover, the event AFCO – Graduates in front of the Companies was a valuable experience of connection

with the professional environment, giving me the opportunity to better understand the market demands and the potential of the field.

For the future, I pursue a master's programme, followed by doctoral studies, in order to continue my academic education. I want to actively foster the knowledge in the field of wood engineering and to support, in my turn, the training of the new generations of specialists.

My message to the lower-year students is simple, yet profound: Follow your desires and goals steadfast and committedly! With patience, hard work and self-confidence, any goal can become reality.



Andrei Iosif PETER

Valedictorian

Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Engineering

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DUMITRU GEORGE MUNTEANU – Average grade 9.70



My name is Dumitru George Munteanu, and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Civil Engineering within Transilvania University of Braşov, with an academic achievement that deeply honours me: I was designated the

valedictorian of two distinct classes.

In 2024, I first received the title of valedictorian in the Civil, Industrial and Agricultural Constructions study programme, an acknowledgment of my efforts materialised in a multi-year average grade of 9.79. A year later, in 2025, I had the honour of going on the stage of the Gala of Valedictorians again, this time as the best-performing graduate of the Railways, Roads and Bridges study programme, with a multi-year average grade of 9.70. This double distinction, obtained within the same faculty, in complementary fields, is proof of my constant commitment to engineering

My passion for building comes from a deep attraction to structure, order and precision. I dare say this field harmoniously blends engineering logic with creative solutions, a balance that has raised my interest since high school. I chose to delve into both

majors in order to better understand the complexity of the field and to become an accomplished professional, capable of approaching challenges from multiple perspectives.

The moment I went on stage for the second time, in the applause of my colleagues and academic personnel, was more than just an acknowledgment; it was a symbolic inflection point. I said to myself: "This is just the beginning!" It was a moment which strengthened my confidence that I can achieve anything I set my mind to.

Looking forward to the future, I am determined to put my knowledge and skills in the service of the Romanian infrastructure. I would like to build on my own expertise in railways, roads and bridges, and subsequently take on management or consulting roles. I would like to foster the sustainable development of Romania's infrastructure and, why not, have a say in European-wide projects. Lifelong learning and the collaboration with dedicated professionals will always be essential priorities on my professional path.

Dumitru George MUNTEANU
Valedictorian
Faculty of Civil Engineering

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DUMITRA LARISA HRISCU – Average grade 9.80



My name is Dumitra - Larisa Hriscu, I am 22 years and I come from the county of Iași. I graduated from the Faculty of Food and Tourism, majoring in Engineering and Management in Tourism Industry, within Transilvania University of Brașov.

I chose to study in Brașov because this city had won me over ever since the first visit. It is a charming, peaceful city, with a both historic and modern atmosphere, a place that boosts balance and development. Transilvania University of Brașov was the natural choice for me, due to the prestige, reliability and academic diversity it offers. I opted for the Faculty of Food and Tourism not just out of a desire to continue on the path started in high school, at "Mihail Kogălniceanu" College of Focșani, Food and Tourism track, but also because I have a real passion for both traveling and discovering new places and cultures.

During the four years of study, I had the opportunity to develop myself both academically and personally, acquiring solid skills in the fields of tourism, food engineering and management, as well as essential skills such as analytical thinking, teamwork, effective communication and adaptability. During this time, I discovered myself as a curious, ambitious, organised and persevering person, always eager to experiment

and learn something new from every situation. I am steadfast and like to see things through; and this way of looking at things has helped me constantly evolve.

Academic experience meant to me more than just acquisition of knowledge, it meant development, maturation, valuable friendships and unforgettable memories. I am grateful for all these years and for every stage I have gone through. I would like to express my gratitude to the professors and the university's all academic personnel for their professionalism, dedication and support, as well as to my family and friends, who have always been by my side and unconditionally encouraged me.

Looking forward, I am confident that my training at Transilvania University of Brașov has provided me with a solid foundation for the future, regardless of the professional direction I will take.



Dumitra Larisa HRISCU
Valedictorian
Faculty of Food and Tourism

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DANIELA DARABAN – Average grade 9.80



My name is Daniela Daraban, and I am honoured to share a few milestones of my academic journey, which culminated with my obtaining the title of valedictorian.

Originating in the region of Bălți, Republic of Moldova, I come from a large family; and, as the youngest, I had the chance to learn from my elder sisters' experiences, but I also had the freedom to forge my own path. Ever since childhood, reading has occupied a central place in my education. I was drawn to novels, poetry, but also to works of history and geography, which opened up new perspectives on the world and developed me intellectually.

During the school years, I discovered my competitive spirit, by participating in school contests where I obtained many awards. These experiences significantly helped shape my persevering, ambitious and excellence-oriented personality.

The title of valedictorian was not an easily achievable goal, but the outcome of a hard and constant effort. Session after session, with each new achievement, I gained self-confidence and shaped my professional identity as an engineer. This title is, more than an academic average grade, the symbol of an

assumed personal and professional evolution, like a game of chess in which a pawn succeeds, through discipline and strategy, in becoming the queen.

My achievement can be metaphorically expressed through a personal recipe for success:

- 200 g commitment;
- 150 g aspiration;
- 1.000 g patience;
- 1.500 g will;
- 5.000 g intelligence;
- 1.000 g the loved ones' support.

This formula, in which every "ingredient" mattered, is the basis of my training and of the journey that brought me here.



Daniela DARABAN
Valedictorian
Faculty of Food and Tourism

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ANA MARIA ELENA PRISNEL – Average grade 9.80



My name is Ana Maria Elena Prisnel, and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Food and Tourism, majoring in Food Control and Expertise. I was born in the town of Câmpina, county of Prahova, and I attended the Energy Technological High

School in my native town, the same science track that was to define my professional path: food and tourism.

Ever since childhood I have been drawn to culinary art. Cooking was more than just a simple activity for me, it was a space of creation and joy. Out of a desire to delve into food and everything related to this world, I decided to attend this college, which was the best decision I have ever made.

Since I first stepped into the city of Braşov, I have experienced a sense of belonging thereto. I instantly fell in love with it, and felt that was where I belonged. It was a pleasure for me to learn, to get involved in various projects and competitions organised by the faculty, including AFCO 2025, in scientific communication sessions, where I received awards which strengthened my self-confidence. All this led me, step by step, to the title of valedictorian.

In addition to the field of food, I have always been drawn to the artistic one. In high school, I was part of "Prahoviţa" folklore ensemble of Măgureni, with whom I won awards both in the country and abroad. Moreover, I was a member of the high-school's choir, "Lira", participating in choral olympiads, competitions, TV broadcasts and shows all over the country. Music, dance, reading and hiking have become my cherished hobbies.

These achievements do not belong to me alone. I equally owe them to my parents, my brother, my friends and to everyone who stood by me in moments of uncertainty, and who encouraged me to go on. I also wholeheartedly thank my professors for everything they taught me and for the trust they had in me.

I look forward with optimism and determination. I want to continue on the same path and pursue a master's programme within the same faculty. The dream of four years ago has become a reality. I firmly believe that if one has self-confidence and fights for what s/he wants, nothing is impossible.

Ana Maria Elena PRISNEL
Valedictorian
Faculty of Food and Tourism

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MARIA EMILIA GHEORGHE – Average grade 9.90



My name is Maria Emilia Gheorghe, and I am a graduate of the Industrial Environmental Engineering and Protection study programme, under the Faculty of Product Design and Environment, within Transilvania University

of Braşov.

I was born on 17 May 2002, in the village of Cioceni, commune of Albeşti-Paleologu, county of Prahova, the place where I grew up and which gave me the core moral and educational values, in the bosom of my family.

I graduated from “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” National College of Ploieşti, Science track, Natural Sciences major, as I have always been drawn to the exact fields, especially those that combine science with technical applications and environment.

After passing the baccalaureate exam, I chose to continue my studies at Transilvania University of Braşov, a choice that I find great, both academically and personally. Braşov is a welcoming city, with an appropriate environment for intellectual and professional development.

I am an ambitious, persevering and organised person, attentive to details and eager for continuous improvement. I like to see everything I start through; moreover, my team spirit and responsibility helped me get involved in projects and activities during the years of study.

Throughout my student years, I had the opportunity to collaborate with dedicated professors, to participate in laboratory activities and projects of relevance to my field, which experiences strengthened my willingness to actively contribute to the protection of the environment and sustainable development of society.

Moreover, I completed the first level of the Psychopedagogical Training course within the Teacher Training Department under the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, which also opened a possible path for me in the teaching career.

My designation as a valedictorian is an honour and an acknowledgement for the work of all these years. This distinction motivates me to continue learning, researching and contributing to a cleaner and more environmentally aware future.

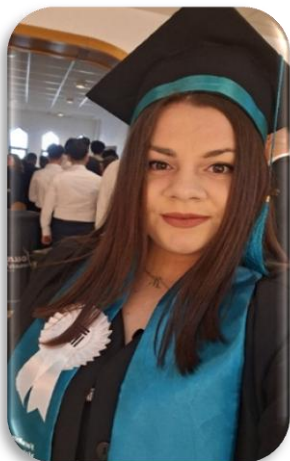
Maria Emilia GHEORGHE

Valedictorian

Faculty of Product Design and Environment

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MIRUNA DANIELA ROȘU – Average grade 10



My name is Miruna Daniela Roșu, I am 21 years, and I graduated from the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, majoring in Mathematics - Computer Science.

I was born in Galați, where "Saint Gregory the Theologian" Middle School no. 41 marked the beginning of my quest for knowledge, and I

discovered that mathematics is my favourite subject, after participating in various school competitions, within which I won numerous awards and medals.

Starting with the 5th grade, as a result of the entrance examination, I had the chance to study at the best college of Galați, namely "Vasile Alecsandri" National College, where my passion for mathematics found its certification. I continued to participate in competitions, but also in the mathematics olympiad, within which I succeeded in attending the national phase several times. It is here as well that I discovered the second discipline which touched my soul, namely informatics. I completed secondary education at the same CNVA Galați with an average grade of 9.99, which was not enough, though, at the time, for me to be the valedictorian, but I passed the baccalaureate exam with an average grade of 10, a result I take pride in.

For the coming period, I chose to study mathematics at Transilvania University of Brașov, and I can definitely say it was one of the best decisions I have ever made. Yes, I wanted to be the valedictorian of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, and I knew I had the skills to succeed. I was aware I could only make it with an average grade of 10; therefore, after three years of constant work, I am in this

position and I can say that I have fulfilled another dream of mine, that is, to graduate as the valedictorian with an average grade of 10. Moreover, during the study years, I participated with scientific papers in various communication sessions in the field of mathematics, both locally and nationally, but also internationally, obtaining various awards.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without God, who endowed me with the necessary qualities to travel this path, without my family, who supported and encouraged me unconditionally, and without my professors, who taught me a great many things, both professionally and personally. I take this opportunity to thank all of them.

For the future, I will continue my studies with the master's study programme of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, as I would like to show that mathematics is an extremely beautiful discipline and is not as hard as it seems at first glance.



Miruna Daniela ROȘU
Valedictorian

Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

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DRAGOȘ DUMITRU STĂNICĂ – Average grade 10



My name is Dragoș Dumitru Stănică, and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, majoring in Applied Mathematics.

My passion for exact sciences began in my early school years and was most manifest during high school, while

I was attending “Nichita Stănescu” National College of Ploiești. Here I participated in various IT competitions, during which I had the opportunity to meet a teacher who fostered even more this passion of mine.

At the faculty, I had the opportunity to meet dedicated professors, who were always eager to help students whenever needed. They were not only sources of information, but also true mentors who encouraged us to think critically and approach complex problems. I really enjoyed attending this faculty and I dare say the academic environment significantly contributed to my development.

Moreover, I would like to thank my colleagues for all the moments we spent together. This collaboration was key to getting through the sleepless nights dedicated to study and projects, but we also had many moments of relaxation and fun in our leisure time. Mutual support was crucial to successfully completing all course requirements and turning the academic challenges into unforgettable experiences.

My graduation as a valedictorian was a surprise, but also an achievement that I had set out to obtain since the first year of faculty. Despite its taking a lot of study, more often than not I enjoyed learning, and also felt personal gratification.

Finally, I would like to thank my parents and friends, because without their unconditional support, this achievement would not have been possible.

Dragoș Dumitru STĂNICĂ

Valedictorian

Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

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IOANA MARIA GRĂMADĂ – Average grade 9.93



My name is Ioana-Maria Grămadă, and I graduated from the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business Administration, majoring in Marketing. I come from a beautiful mountain village, Corbeni, county of Argeş, located right next to the spectacular

Transfăgărăşan road.

In high school, I started thinking about what I want to do in the future. Growing up in a tourist place, I have always been in contact with people, their stories and the challenges of the hospitality industry. I've noticed how much the image you form about a place, the way you present it, and the message you convey matter. All this awakened my curiosity and made me see the idea of promotion in a different light.

My parents own a guesthouse in the mountains, and that's where my interest in marketing started. I realised that it was not enough to have a beautiful place – you need to know how to promote it, how to sell it, how to make it matter. This is how the desire to do something in this regard emerged, not only out of

passion, but also out of the desire to bring real value around me.

Another important part of my life is movement. I like sports, I love hiking in the mountains and the moments when I can breathe fresh air away from the hustle and bustle. In my leisure time I play the guitar, an activity that relaxes me and helps me express myself differently.

Faculty was not hard, but it put pressure at times. I learned a lot, but especially about myself: how much I can go through, how much I can get involved, how much the people around me matter. The experiences I've had in these years formed me and made me more confident in my own strength.

In the future, I want to continue with the Marketing Policies and Strategies master's programme, because I feel that I still have a lot to learn and I want to take everything I started further.

If I had to describe myself in two words, I would say: humour and perseverance. I like to take things seriously, but without forgetting to smile.

Ioana Maria GRĂMADĂ

Valedictorian

Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business

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MAGDALENA COVASAN – Average grade 9.77



My name is Magdalena Covasan, and I am a graduate of the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, majoring in Pedagogy of Primary and Preschool Education.

I was born 21 years ago, in Dămuc, a commune in the county of Neamț. My journey began three years ago - when, after graduating from "Carol I" High

School of Bicăz, county of Neamț, I decided to apply for faculty. All well and good, but where and what would suit me to study? Knowing that it was one of the most important decisions of my life, I began by doing some research. I learned that Transilvania University of Brașov was a university of prestige and consequence, which leads young people towards acquiring vital skills on the job market.

Why did I choose this study programme? Because, as any of our students would say, yes, I like children, and because I understood that education and, even more so, the education received at an early age underlay a stable and thriving society. I've always wanted to be a part of the change, to offer the little ones a qualitative, formative and especially value-forming education, to help them develop to their true potential and to cultivate their self-esteem; and, not least, to boost their emotional intelligence, which is so necessary in our unstable and ever-changing society.

My first student weeks were defined by the word "change", in its entirety, intertwined with emotion and anticipation; I entered a new environment, the dormitory room, where my future colleagues were waiting for me, I changed the city, the circle of friends, but especially the teaching-learning style I had been used to in pre-university education. We all know the

thrill of the first session and, as for myself, I was terrified; however, from praying for a 5, as I didn't want to disappoint my parents with a resit, I ended up having ever-higher standards; and by my being here today, I can only say that all the work was worth it. My student years came bundled with beautiful friends and unique experiences.

With God's help, in the fall I will become a graduate student and a teacher of little children whom I look forward to meeting. I live for the moment when, years from now, I will meet former students telling me: "Dear teacher, I'm a lawyer!", "Dear teacher, I'm an engineer!" or other.

I would like to give special thanks to all the professors who have contributed to my education, who have taught me not only pedagogy, but also what empathy, courage, patience, and life in general mean. I also want to thank my parents, who have always been my support, and my friends, who believed in me, even in moments when emotions overwhelmed me.



Magdalena COVASAN

Valedictorian

Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

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REBECA BOINGEANU – Average grade 9.77



My name is Rebeca Boingeanu, I am 21 years old and come from a small county near the Danube, namely Brăila. I am a graduate of the Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports, majoring in Kinetic Therapy and Special Motricity.

Since high school, I have been drawn to the medical field, graduating from a science track, specifically natural sciences. As I have an empathetic, patient nature, being eager to help, I found myself in the field of medical recovery through movement. Braşov was the city that won me over both for its culture and nature, and for its medieval spirit; and it remained, as a matter of fact, the only option for the university.

The three undergraduate student years trained me as a future physical therapist, but also helped me mature as a person through the different situations and experiences I lived, and through the people I met. The specialised practice broadened my horizons by showing me the real side of recovery and a therapist's connection with the patients. Those years were valuable and dear to me.

Despite not struggling for the title of "valedictorian", it came as a result of my consistency and reliability in every exam. I have always striven to be among the best; and, during tiresome times, I've stayed motivated to go all the way.

By nature, I love adventure, adrenaline and I am always ready to try new things. Although at first glance I seem an introvert, I love to have people around me and I give my best to create special memories. It is faith in God and the desire to be different, leaving a trace behind, which characterise me. Although it was a challenging three-year period, I succeeded in seeing it through with flying colours, bearing in mind the verse "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God".

For the future, I want not only to work in the chosen field, but even more, to be a professional. I want to help people recover as efficiently as possible, by investing passion and commitment in what I do, in order to be myself a solace to those in need.



Rebeca BOINGEANU
Valedictorian

Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports

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TIHAMÉR FERENCZ – Average grade 9.97



I was born in 2002, city of Sfântu Gheorghe, county of Covasna. I started studying the cello at the age of 7, and I attended the whole schooling period at "Plugor Sándor" High School of Arts of Sfântu Gheorghe, cello section. Subsequently, I continued my professional development at the Faculty of Music, Transilvania University of Braşov, having the cellist of "Gaudeamus" quartet, Dr. Ştefan Neagoe, as my mentor.

Since the 4th grade, I had attended instrumental performance olympiads, where I won awards locally, regionally and nationally. As a cellist, I collaborated with "Laudate" choir of "Christ the King" Roman Catholic Parish of Sfântu Gheorghe, giving concerts in both Romania and Hungary. I played with "Sepsi Art Quartet" string quartet, "Gyűszűvirág" old music ensemble, and had numerous solo performances within religious events, exhibition openings and book launches.

As a music passionate, I won first prize in several music theory competitions and was a member of "Campanella" Children's Choir and "Eufónia" Chamber Choir. Moreover, I participated twice in orchestral projects held in Budapest, within "No Borders and Boundaries" programme. Since 2016, I have attended,

on a yearly basis, the concerts of the Old Music Festival of Miercurea Ciuc and the courses of the Summer University organised in the same framework.

I am a founding member of "4cord Quartet" string quartet, established in 2021, a music ensemble very appreciated in Sfântu Gheorghe, with whom I took part in numerous public and private events, but also in important cultural projects of this town, such as "Days of Sfântu Gheorghe", "Car Free Day", "International Day of the Elderly" or "Sepsi Classic" festival.

In 2022, I had the opportunity to participate in masterclasses held by the cellists Onczay Zoltán and Alfia Nakipbekova; and, during the same year, I performed in Havana, Cuba, on a tour organised by Transilvania University of Braşov, the Embassy of Romania in the Republic of Cuba and the University of Medical Sciences in Havana.

Since 2023, I have collaborated with Braşov Opera House and participated in the concert for the festive opening of "Days of Sfântu Gheorghe". In 2024, together with my colleagues, I won the grand prize of "Elite Musicians International Competition", under the chamber music category. It is still at that time that I attended masterclasses with the cellists Maksim Fernandez and Alfia Nakipbekova, and kept performing onstage both within the faculty and with the music ensembles I am a member of.

Tihamér FERENCZ
Valedictorian
Faculty of Music

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My name is Miruna-Gabriela Chiriță, I was born in Ploiești, but I spent my childhood in Vălenii de Munte – a small, quiet town, but where I met people who nurtured my belief that everyone has his/her place, and that, with a lot of work, one can make it wherever s/he wants. I grew up in a family

where the balance between love and exigency rose of the natural way of things: my mother, Elena-Magdalena, is the administrator of a small local company, and my father, Dumitru, is a telecommunications engineer – two people who worked hard and who, with the best intentions, strove to forge a safe, stable, deep-rooted path for me.

During high school, I discovered the joy of knowledge – especially in chemistry, physics, informatics and mathematics. I participated in excellence courses, olympiads, competitions. Especially due to my chemistry teacher's dedication and under her guidance, I discovered my affinity for this subject, and thus the path to medicine took shape.

In 2019 I completed my studies at "Nicolae Iorga" National College of Vălenii de Munte, receiving the title of valedictorian; nevertheless, more importantly for me, I graduated in awareness of who I want to become and with knowledge that I have striven to make the best of.

The Faculty of Medicine was a continuous challenge, but one that led me towards self-discovery and daily endeavours to become the best version of myself. I graduated as the valedictorian in this stage of my life as well; however, beyond the grades, it is the long hours of study, sleepless nights, emotions of my first clinical internships, the patients' smiles and doctors' dedication that inspired me.

I did not see this journey as a competition with other colleagues, but only as one in relation to myself. As a sophomore, I published a scientific article with an

admirable colleague – the first timid step towards research (*An Impedimetric Sensor for Levothyroxine Detection towards Point of Care Applications*). I attended several medical conferences, realising that hard work combined with passion can lead to impressive results and that only the soul can build what the mind designs.

One of the most beautiful experiences of my student life was the summer mobility in Greece – an adventure from which I came back stronger. I broadened my perspectives related to medicine, but also to people from various cultures, which made me understand that differences can unite us, and that, by accepting them, we can become stronger. I discovered how much empathy, adaptability, and curiosity matter in a doctor's training.

I dare say there can be no medicine without solid moral values and a strong belief that there is something higher than oneself. Truth, empathy, respect for human dignity and responsibility for the others' suffering are the benchmarks that guide me. I grew up in an environment where faith was discreet but present – an anchor that helped me always be in balance. I want to be a doctor who keeps this deeply human dimension of the profession alive.

I love traveling – maybe because I have always felt that every new place brings a new part of me to light. That's how it has been with medicine as well: a journey full of challenges, but also of revelations. I am at the onset of my journey, but I know that I want to become a doctor who understands not only the disease, but also the person. And to this end, I must learn every day.

"When feeling you can no longer bear, know that you can still do it for a little longer!" – a simple phrase, but which lingered with me through these years, reminding me, every time, that resilience, faith and character are built in silence, with effort, and in the choice to go on with dignity.

Miruna Gabriela CHIRIȚĂ
Valedictorian
Faculty of Medicine

MIHAI RACOVÎȚĂ – Average grade 9.29



My name is Mihai Racoviță, I am 25 years old, and I have the honour of being the valedictorian of the 2019-2025 class for the Faculty of Medicine, within Transilvania University of Brașov. I originate in Ploiești,

coming from a simple but deeply educated family, who always emphasised values such as integrity, perseverance, respect and love for people.

Since childhood, my parents and grandparents have taught me to look beyond appearances and stay true to my ideals. They have supported me unconditionally through all stages of my life and instilled in me the courage to dream and the strength to work for what I truly want. During middle school, in a modest neighbourhood of Ploiești, I learned for the first time the meaning of consistency. Then, during high school, at "Mihai Viteazul" National College, I took this lesson further and learned to combine academic excellence with humanity.

The admission to the Faculty of Medicine in the city of Brașov was a major step in my life, a dream gradually turned into a reality through hard work, sacrifice and trust. The six years of study were intense, often difficult, marked by challenges and

moments of doubt, but also by revelations, personal growth and discovery of my vocation to become a doctor. I have learned that medicine is not just a science, but also an art form of care, empathy and dedication. Throughout this journey, my family's support has been essential. I wholeheartedly thank my family for their unwavering support, constant encouragement and confidence they have always had in me. I thank my grandmother, who was always there, with prayers, with gentleness, and with that pure love that asks for nothing in return. I thank my sister, who has always been a balanced and understanding presence in my life. And, above all, I thank God. He has been my guide during all these years - giving me strength when I felt I couldn't bear any more, light when everything seemed troubled, and meaning in everything I lived.

Now, late in my academic journey, I look back with gratitude and forward with hope. I want to become a doctor worthy of the oath I will take, a competent professional, but also a man who soothes, heals and inspires.

I thank everyone who has been by my side. Without them, this dream would not have come to fruition.

Mihai RACOVÎȚĂ
Valedictorian
Faculty of Medicine

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ANISIA SILVIA IOANA BUMBĂCEA – Average grade 9.63



My name is Anisia Silvia Ioana Bumbăcea and I am 22 years old. Throughout time, I changed two middle schools, completing the primary school in my native village, Stoenesti, and the 5th-8th grades at „Nicolae Iorga” Middle School No. 31 of Ploiesti. I then attended

the courses of “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” National College, also in Ploiesti.

As the valedictorian of the Faculty of Letters within Transilvania University of Braşov, I have the honour of sharing this joy with the other valedictorians. I majored in English Language and Literature – Romanian Language and Literature, a programme that brought me an immense intellectual satisfaction. The professors I met here inspired my work, and my colleagues and friends made it more beautiful and enjoyable.

The path leading to this achievement is a long one, having started even before I learned to read. Being brought up in an environment of books, the passion for reading was instilled in me by my parents, first through bedtime stories, and then by getting an entry pass at the County Library. As a genuine second home, I had attended it years for years on the third Saturday of every month, borrowing three books (the imposed limit) and devouring them. My brother also helped appease my thirst for reading, by offering me recommendations and discussing the readings with me.

Thus, opting for the Philology track was not a difficult decision for me to take, upon high-school admission. There, my appetite was opened for History, English, French, Romanian, for extracurricular participation in various language and literary creation competitions, various olympiads which I was always present at. Nevertheless, that was a time when I was changing my option for a faculty on a weekly basis, and the eleventh and twelfth grades were accompanied by endless discussions about which faculty I would choose – open discussions which, of course, it was I myself to bring up.

After three years of Letters, I can definitely say that this faculty was the best choice I could have made. The first of my options, with only one backup one, also for a Faculty of Letters, the years of study passed faster than I could have imagined. The discussions I attended within the literature and theory courses and seminars were stimulating and opened my mind to the research option. They sparked my curiosity and showed me that every creation has something to offer – even the ones I don’t like.

I pursue the Cultural Innovation master’s programme and I would like to continue what I started in the bachelor’s educational cycle: to read, write, study. Even though my professional future is still blurred, I don’t want to study anything else, and I never really wanted to. Literary Theory, Cultural Theory and Comparative Literature will always remain in my heart as true passions.

Anisia Silvia Ioana BUMBĂCEA
Valedictorian
Faculty of Letters

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GEORGIANA REBECCA GÎRBEA – Average grade 9.74



My name is Georgiana-Rebecca Gîrbea, and I am a fresh graduate of the Faculty of Law within Transilvania University of Braşov. For me, this faculty was a natural, easy and unchangeable choice, I could say, precisely because I have always liked to socialise, meet people, create deep

connections, and help whenever and however I can. Above all, as far as I am concerned, justice, honesty and morality are defining values; therefore, I couldn't see a more suitable option when choosing the faculty.

The title of valedictorian took me by surprise; although, looking back at what I have become due to this faculty, it no longer seems so incredible. Law helped me develop all my qualities, be firm, work continuously, be responsible and not leave for tomorrow what I can do today. Even though it's not an easy faculty, every time I went home on weekends, books and codes were my travel companions, I would never leave anywhere without them. Every year has made me realize that I love more and more what I do; and, due to my family, friends and professors, I can say that, at the moment, I am the best version of myself. Nevertheless, I don't want to stop here, that's why I have chosen to continue my studies with a master's programme within our university.

What I can say about myself is that I like to make the case, debate, listen; and the personal triumph which I experience when knowing that the answer given in a case is right makes me not regret the sleepless nights, the tears and all the efforts.

Despite the aforementioned and the fact that I am a graduate of the Faculty of Law, where rhetoric and oratory are the main pillars before a court, I dare say the profession of judge would suit me better than of lawyer. The reason is that I like to listen and make the case; however, having an introspective nature, I'm eventually left with myself, seeking to find the best

solution for a case. I want to give people the feeling that they are listened to, understood and helped.

I am a fair, straightforward and open person, but I also have a very sensitive side. It is often difficult for me to find a balance between these traits, and I face questions like: "Is what I'm doing right?", "Do I really need to say this?", "What is the best solution for the given situation?", "What consequences will my actions have on others?" However, I need to believe that, even if I err, these mistakes will build my path, and eventually everything will turn out well.

I also opted for Braşov because I am open to new beginnings, curious about the unknown, and because I wanted to choose not so much the "easy" way, such as a faculty closer to home. I strongly believe that, many a time, what is beautiful does not come easily, and difficult roads lead to the most beautiful destinations. As far as I am concerned, the title of valedictorian means a lot, because I have proven – especially to myself – that I can achieve amazing things through perseverance, confidence and a lot of strength. Every time I was about to give up, what I could achieve by continuing to work hard for my dream still lingered in my mind, and today that dream has come true.



Georgiana Rebecca GÎRBEA
Valedictorian
Faculty of Law

ALEXANDRA NĂSTASE – Average grade 9.94



My name is Alexandra Năstase. Upon release of this material, I will have already turned twenty-two. For now, I'm still enjoying the illusion of childhood which that "one" of my age gives me. I graduated from the Faculty of Sociology and Communication, study

programme of Digital Media, with the same zest that has nourished me all along.

A painter with documents – a certificate that, disappointingly, says technician (as no document makes you an artist) – trained at "Bălașa Doamna" High School of Arts in Târgoviște, I have always stated that my greatest passion are people. With their peculiarities and characteristic expressiveness, there could not have been a more beautiful topic for me. This homocentrism also reflected in my options for further studies. After several searches and an almost fatiguing study trip to Transilvania University of Brașov, I decided that communication sciences were the field best suiting my interests. I came to Digital Media, where I explored my fascination for the various fields of public communication; and the diversity of the courses – sometimes overwhelming – nourished my curiosity and creativity, but also, most importantly, my self-confidence and adaptability.

Admitted to the faculty and, once solved the administrative nebulae (it was harder to move in than I had imagined at 11), I faced a new challenge: How to find one's place in a new environment, with all previous bonds and ties broken? Step by step – quite hard, when one has a fantastic talent to stumble in his/her own feet – I strove to make sense of life and a living for myself. Most of all, I wanted to develop through my own efforts.

The best solution was to do something I had never done: listen to the criticism around me. A comment on my "lack of will and dedication" and a "cowardice" nonchalantly thrown by someone most dear to me

were the fuel in the engine of my mind, which set my pistons in motion all the way to the gym.

What does the gym have to do with Digital Media and how did it lead me to the position of valedictorian? Very simple: it kept me busy. Scheduling my workouts and meals, as well as budgeting disciplined me. I dedicated my whole remaining time to studying. I met people different than I was, who urged me "to ease up on school". Fortunately, I had already got past the phase of listening to other people's opinions. I learned to work really hard, to push through discomfort and to move on when feeling "that's enough". This effort reflected in everything I did. When I added a part-time job, everything became even more challenging. But, alas, when you move hundreds of kilos in the gym, a few Excel tables and seminar assignments no longer scare you! In brief, the gym taught me not to settle for too little.

Everything I do is out of passion. My bachelor's thesis was heartfelt, bringing me close to home – literally and figuratively. The future? It is still a draft. It might be a major in communication, sports performance, a new professional path, completely different from what I've done so far... or even all of these together. What's certain is that I found more strength inside of me than I had ever fancied myself to hold. Now I know that nothing can stop me. That's the beauty of being human. We see each other, we inspire one another; we have desires before our needs, and fight to make them come true.



Alexandra NĂSTASE

Valedictorian

Faculty of Sociology and Communication

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