Graduation 2013 — A Time to Rejoice!

Black caps and gowns, traditional music, and guests standing and applauding. The long line of CalUMS 2013 graduates started moving towards the hall. It was the beginning of the 2013 commencement ceremony for California University of Management and Sciences that took place on May 18. Administration and faculty were on the stage reinforcing the importance of the day for every graduating student and the entire University.

CalUMS President, Dr. David Park, opened the ceremony with an encouraging speech to all students for future achievements. Dr. Mohammad Safarzadeh conferred diplomas and gave each graduate a special gift from the University: a stylish steal USB flash drive in a form of a credit card, engraved with the words, “CalUMS class of 2013.”

The ceremony was a bright point in the journey of every graduate. Let us congratulate each and every student of the graduating class of 2013 for achieving their goal.
Meeting with the President of CalUMS

Every quarter, Dr. David Park, speaks informally with CalUMS students. Everyone is invited to hear about current happenings on-campus. The meeting also gives students the opportunity to ask questions and provide welcome feedback. The spring meeting took place on April 21.

Our University is growing fast, and many changes are occurring. Students who attended the meeting were provided up-to-date information on these changes. Dr. Park shared news about a new campus that CalUMS will soon open in San Diego. He also announced that a new building was purchased, which will expand the Anaheim campus.

Join us for the next quarterly meeting. All are invited!

The Anaheim Campus Will Soon Be Expanding

CalUMS is constantly changing. If you asked this year’s graduates, each one could recall several changes that occurred while studying at the University: a huge library, stocked game room, additional classrooms, two computer labs, and new office space on the first floor.

More changes are underway: CalUMS will be adding an additional building to the Anaheim campus.

The University offers several diverse degree programs: Business, Computer Information Systems, Veterinary Medicine, and Sports Management. As these programs grow, more space is needed for students, professors, and classes. For this reason, the University purchased a one-floor building very close to the Anaheim campus.

The veterinary and taekwondo programs will move to the new building when construction is complete. The main campus will then have more space for student activities and for all programs taught there.

The opening of the new building will be a memorable moment. Don’t miss the event next quarter!
Quarterly Awards

Each quarter, California University of Management and Sciences encourages its best students. The University’s award committee meets to choose several outstanding students to receive scholarship awards. These awards recognize special achievements that the University values. The spring quarter scholarship awardees were:

Yoo, Seoung Hyun, MBA program
Martynenko, Alena, MBA program
Al-Sammarraie, Hussein, MSCIS program
Lee, Jong Yun, MSSM program

To be considered for this special award, students must show interest by completing an application and writing an essay that explains the reasons why he or she should be chosen. Sharing one’s accomplishments can be difficult since we are taught to be humble, but it can be considered good practice for future job interviews.

Awards are also given to students who have achieved extraordinary results in education: earning a 4.0 grade point average the previous quarter. Dean’s List awards were given to 26 students during the spring quarter:

AL'ARAJ, MOHAMMAD
ALQUUDAH, OMAR MOHAMMAD
CHUNG, PILMOON
DOLOONJIN, BATZORIG
DRUBI, MOHAMMAD
MAHMoud
GERA, MEGHANA
HONG, SEOK SOO

ILYASOVA, OLGA
KIM, MIJIN
MALAS, ZAID
NGUYEN, AN
ODONDE, ROBIN
OH, JE HAN
PAK, YEUN HEE
TAGAMI, AKIKO
TRAN, NGUYEN

TURKINA, IRINA
YOO, SEOUNG HYUN
ALMANASRA, ALAA KHALIL
AL-SAMMARRAIE, HUSSEIN
ALSHEYAB, ADAM
DARAM, PAVANI
SAMPHANPHORN, SADAUT
TEPLAONG, YOSSARUN
PARK, HEA Won
Graduation Highlight: 
Speech by Dr. Sukhee Kang
Article by Lionnel Yamantou

On May 18, 2013 over 250 students from both CalUMS and its sister school South Baylo University graduated and were awarded bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees. One of the most memorable segments of the graduation ceremony was the commencement speech delivered by Dr. Sukhee Kang, who served as mayor of the City of Irvine from 2008 to 2012.

The speech, as I referred to it in a conversation with a friend after the commencement, was a masterpiece. The delivery of the speech was flawless, and it left everyone in attendance inspired and excited about the future.

Upon request, Dr. Kang agreed to meet with me. My objective was to draw from his wealth of experience in order to share and reinforce his graduation message. Dr. Kang’s advice, “There are opportunities here for those who work hard, have a plan, take action, are positive, and network.” He continued by stressing the importance of building a strong character and noted that little can be achieved if one does not have enough confidence in self.

Speaking about his experience in politics, Dr. Kang said his success so far is due to his ability to listen to people’s concerns and find workable solutions. Politics, he said, is about serving people, making a difference, and making things happen. Dr. Kang in his own words said he did not know growing up that he would be where he is today, on his way to serve in the United States Congress, after eight years as a mayor for the City of Irvine. However, he always knew and told me that for any ordinary person, putting in 200% of efforts will always produce extraordinary results. That is what he has always focused on doing.

Class of 2013 Donations

It has become an annual tradition for each CalUMS graduating class to make a gift to their alma mater during the graduation ceremony. This year, graduates chose to make a unique and valuable donation that will serve many CalUMS students in the future. The class added over 35 books to the library’s collection: biographies of extraordinary people, internationally known and respected.

The list of biographies is quite impressive and includes names such as Steve Jobs, Warren Buffet, Michel Dell, Mark Zuckerberg, Henry Ford, and Nelson Mandela. Reading these books can give students an understanding of keys to success and the ability to implement changes in their own lives. These books can also provide encouragement to students who are striving to find their own way to reach their lifelong dreams.

On behalf of all current and future students of California University of Management and Sciences, thank you to the graduating class of 2013 for their generation donation.

CalUMS would also like to acknowledge the generous donation of 28 textbooks by the following students: Kapilkumar Nandha, Pradnya Greedh, Rashmi Pali, Sandeep Solanki, Prinu Pappachan, and Anand Pednekar. Thank you!
National Library Week

Every student at CALUMS knows her as our sweet and helpful librarian. Mrs. Isabel Santiago was our spring-quarter star performer, leading the first National Library Week events calendar at CALUMS with a strong flair and high enthusiasm. Mrs. Santiago has 15 years’ library experience and plenty of skill arranging library week activities. The library week calendar at CalUMS was full and included:

**History of Anaheim Presentation—** *Tuesday, April 16*

From first impressions, Anaheim seems to be a small town in the center of Orange County without any interesting history. Everyone who attended the presentation by Jane Newell, Manager of the Anaheim Heritage Historic Center, discovered the opposite. Ms. Newell shared very interesting information and historical facts about the City of Anaheim.

One might be surprised that Anaheim was the first city in Orange County and was the reason for the County to get its “Orange” name. Anaheim was a mecca of oranges in the United States because of its climate, hardworking people, and unique irrigation system that brought water from a river and made it move in the direction human needs.

If you dig deeper, you might discover another surprise: oranges were not in Anaheim from the beginning. Grapes were a native crop and produced several varieties of good wines—comparable to the best from France.

**Project Management Professional Presentation—** *Wednesday, April 17*

Every MBA student at CalUMS is required to take Project Planning and Management, taught by Mrs. Laurin. This means that many students have already heard or will hear about the PMP certification. The PMP is respected around the world, especially in the United States. Acquiring a PMP certification is an important step in finding a job as a project manager in any professional field.

Mr. Carlos I. Santiago, PMP certified and a current project manager, shared various work experiences, as well as information about the PMP certification. Mr. Santiago has worked with Johnson & Johnson for over 23 years and possesses professional certifications in PMP, CSQE, and Green Belt. Students had an exceptional opportunity to learn from this talented professional.

The first celebration of National Library Week was a huge success and a sign of many good things to come for the library. On behalf of the University, thank you Mrs. Santiago for your enormous effort.

**Book Fair—** *Thursday, April 18*

The standard of other schools is to travel to a bookstore to purchase specially selected books; however, Mrs. Santiago arranged a book fair at the CalUMS campus through Barnes & Noble. Students could find the newest and most interesting books about successful leaders, information technology, the economy, and management. Mrs. Santiago and bookstore representatives provided kind advice to students regarding book selections.
History, culture, food, diverse people, music, and dance – the combination of all these enjoyable moments blended together during the cultural field trip of CALUMS to the Anatolian Cultures & Food Festival in Costa Mesa. The festival is an important tradition in the Turkish community, with people from all backgrounds encouraged to participate and experience this exciting event. Although the festival lasted only four days, more than 55,000 visitors attended. The festivities spanned from May 16 through 19.

Various types of Turkish food could be sampled, including kebobs, soups, desserts, and homemade meals. Many CalUMS students attended the festival and were impressed by the hospitality and rich experiences. Two of the attending students described the trip:

**Karren:** “Attending Anatolian Festival was a first for me. From this trip, I discovered lots of interesting stuff starting from the region’s history, its rich cultures, the locals, the food (which was an “A” for me by the way) and, of course, down to the amazing places you need to see when you go there. Absolutely worth the time!”

**Zaya:** “It was the most exciting and fun day in this quarter. My friends and me really enjoyed this event. Especially the decorations, music and delicious food made me feel like I was in the Anatolian region and traveling there. I think, this Anatolian Food Festival was the new experiment for those who want to travel to Anatolia.”

**Luay:** “It was a very funny day and I enjoyed the Anatolian food. I have not visited Turkey until now but I like the idea it is encouraging the people to visit this region for tourism and let the American people know more about Turkish culture.”
Climb The Rock!

The end-of-quarter party has become an extraordinary event for all students who participate. Spring 2013 was no exception. Vertical walls were covered by CalUMS spider-men and spider-women discovering new unbelievable human capabilities – sticking to the wall and reaching their goal, even if that goal was the ceiling. Some brave students were climbing the parts of the venue made for real professionals. They were climbing and encouraging others to follow. “Don’t leave with any regrets...move forward.” A familiar word for the day was “up!”

Just imagine yourself on top of a 20 foot wall, high enough to hurt yourself if you fell down. You feel dizzy but you are trying not to show your fear to all the people who are watching. And here comes the moment – the absolute confidence in your partner to lead you by rope safely down the wall.

The venture was a kind of a teambuilding training that was organized for students. The group was in an unusual environment, doing something they had never tried before. It was a chance to know each other better and get closer through having an extraordinary experience.

In addition to climbing, several students decided to tackle an additional challenge: exploring a hidden and tricky cave inside the venue’s walls. It was a small tunnel without any light except tiny light sticks provided by the climbing center. The route was unpredictable, and students had to find the right direction, rolling down a plastic hill or climbing up a rope, and sometimes finding themselves in the middle of nowhere.

Delicious pizza and cold water were right on time and was a great end to an active day. Everyone sat around and shared their emotions and new experiences. This quarter-end-event was a unforgettable activity that will stay in the memories of all who participated for a very long time.
A new trendsetting sport is spreading around the world: Mixed Martial Arts, or in more common language, MMA. It is becoming a traditional form of sport, especially in the United States. MMA is a full contact, full combat sport, in which striking, grappling, standing, and ground techniques are allowed.

CalUMS Sports Management student Rüstü Yildirim participated in a MMA competition in Orange County during the spring quarter and represented the University. Several fights took place during the competition, with Rüstü fighting a professional sportsman experienced in kickboxing. The fight was very tough, exciting, and painful from time to time. But with the support of sports management instructors and students, Rüstü brought his rival down with a highly technical move to the ground and finished the fight with a knockout.

Rüstü has won several medals in different sports, such as international Judo, Jiu-Jitsu, Mixed Martial Arts, and Wrestling. He brings over 20 years experience as a professional athlete and instructor. Rüstü’s success is impressive. He has won eight major international 1st place and other key achievements. The following list shows his 1st place triumphs:

- **2012** Jiu-Jitsu Friends Championship 1st place (USA)
- **2008, 2009, 2010** California State Judo Championship 1st place (USA)
- **5 time** National Champion and 1st place (Turkey)

Currently, Rüstü is preparing for other MMA tournaments. Besides his study, he works as an experienced instructor and coach at the Orange County Judo Training Center. He mainly teaches Judo, Jiu-Jitsu, and MMA.

It was a great and honorable moment for faculty and students to watch such a successful athlete representing CalUMS. Everyone is looking forward to future tournaments where Rüstü will represent our great University.
Table Tennis Cup at CalUMS

April 27, 2013, was a milestone day for California University of Management and Sciences. It was the first competitive sports event held at the University: the Table Tennis Cup. The tournament took place in the school’s new sports room on the first floor of the Anaheim campus.

Sixteen players with different experience, background, and professional level were competing, trying to win the main prize and become the best table tennis player at CalUMS.

The already warm day started to heat up with tough games and remained hot until the final game. Scores of some exciting games were so close that the winner was completely unknown until the last set. Both men and women competed, with one female player, “Zaya,” making it to the semifinals.

After a tight match in the final game of the cup, “Togi” became the first winner of a sports event organized at CALUMS. “Femi” is going down in history as the first second place. All the attendants made that day unforgettable. It seems that all players and the audience enjoyed the event, which makes CALUMS students await eagerly for the next table tennis cup.

Time for Popcorn!

It has become a tradition for the University to organize movie night every quarter. April 2013 was the month for the second movie night for all CalUMS students. The Hobbit - yes, the extension movie of the “Lord of the Rings,” with excellent pictures, action scenes, and funny moments, was chosen as entertainment that night. The movie entertained students for more than three hours. The entire film was interesting, but the character “Gollum” gained a lot of interest among the audience. To make the entertainment more fun and enjoyable, the audience had the opportunity to watch the movie either on the big screen or on the LCD television. Popcorn and soda were free for all the participants, and it was a great opportunity to socialize with other students and enjoy time together. Due to student interest, movie night will remain a traditional event at CalUMS for the coming terms.
Field Trip to the South Baylo University

CalUMS students were warmly welcomed by South Baylo University for a short campus tour. SBU is educating students in oriental medicine, specifically acupuncture. Acupuncture is a medical procedure in which points of the body are stimulated by using different techniques. The best known technique is the penetration into skin with needles. During the campus tour, a SBU student representative introduced the basics of acupuncture and interesting information about the human body. One of the most fascinating parts of the tour was seeing cadavers in the lab: a female cadaver named Jane and a male cadaver called Jack.

The last part of the field trip at SBU was an exciting demonstration of acupuncture and another oriental healing method called “cupping” by one of the Doctors at the SBU Clinic. The cupping therapy is an ancient method in which suction is created with fire and small cups. Both acupuncture and cupping were shown on two volunteer CalUMS students. The experience at SBU opened a new window to a completely different world. The attendees enjoyed this special trip to our partner University.

Create Something Out Of Nothing

Thursday, June 13, 2013, was a special day for the University. The first Professional Entrepreneurship Summit took place on at the campus. Forty-three students were divided into small groups to work one quarter on their own business ideas and prepare to sell these ideas to summit participants.

“It was a success,” - says Professor Henry K. Yoo, who was the instructor for this master’s-level course. “It was a pleasure to watch how students were developing themselves and were opening themselves to each other. I remember the first day of the class, it was hard to get any response from almost all participants. Looking at those students during the last day of the class, I could hardly believe that they were the same people. It was a great team job!”

Many people dream of starting their own businesses, but few have the courage to do it. It is always hard to make that step to an unpredictable future. CalUMS’s entrepreneurship course was designed to help students take that step. “If a person wants to do something, if he clearly understands what he wants, what his idea is, who he wants to serve, he couldn’t fail,” – explains Professor Yoo. “I teach my students to create something out of nothing with clear vision and confidence in themselves.”

This course will be available in a couple of quarters. Watch the schedule so you don’t miss out!

This class donated professional textbooks to the CalUMS library. The books are free to use by every student.
New Student Orientation

California University of Management and Sciences is working on creating ways to provide helpful and useful tips for all newly enrolled students. Towards this goal, new students are invited to an important orientation every second week of the quarter to receive practical information.

During spring orientation, Dr. Park and Dr. Safar spoke with new students, welcoming them to CalUMS and encouraging them to focus on reaching their goals. After this traditional welcome, students experienced a new format for the rest of the meeting.

CalUMS Student Services Associates (SSAs) revamped orientation to include information that is helpful for everyday life: how to open a bank account, how to buy a car, how to obey traffic rules, where to find hospitals, where to catch public transportation, where to purchase a money order, and where to find apartments. Many other important tips were presented.

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**CalUMS Warmly Welcomes New Students**

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ANGORAN, ETIEN LOUIS JESSE

**EGYPT**
GADALLA, SHADY

**ETHIOPIA**
TEMESGEN, EPHRATA

**GHANA**
MACLEAN JUNIOR, BENJAMIN

**INDIA**
BOMMA, RAM PRASAD
CHOWDAVARAPU, MRUDULA
DUTTA, RAHUL
KALIDINDI, SUNITHA
MUDUMBI SRINIVASAN, PRATHYUSH
N/A, SANDEEP
PATEL, YASHASVI
SIVANUPANDIAN, IGNASH

**IRAN**
AJAMI, ALI

**IRAQ**
FLAYYIH, ZAHRAA ADEL

**JORDAN**
ABUALHAYJA'A, NID'A
ABUKAFF, ODAY
ABUKHALAF, HASAN (MOHD ADNAN)
AL FARRAYEH, MO'ATH
AL-AKHRAS, ANAS
AL-KHADAQ, MOHAMMAD
ALKHATIB, JUMA
ALTAMIMI, LAITH MOHAMMAD
MUSTAFA, MUHAMMAD
OBEIDAT, SULAIMAN
ODEH, JAFAR
ZAMIL, TAQIALDEEN
ZERI, ABDALLAH MOHAMMAD

**KUWAIT**
MABROUK, HUSSAM ELDIN

**MONGOLIA**
ALTANZOYO, DELGERMURUN
ERDENE-OCHIR, ENKHTSETSEG

**NIGERIA**
EZEIZU, JOHN
OLAWUYI, REMI

**PALESTINE**
ABU TEER, AHMAD
RUMANEH, THAER

**PHILIPPINES**
BUOT, JESSICA JANE GO
SAN LUIS, MONICA

**RUSSIA**
MUKANOVA, MARINA

**SOUTH KOREA**
CHOI, EUN JU
HAN, JONG BIN
KIM, HYUN SOO

**SAUDI ARABIA**
ABU SHAMIEH, AHMAD

**TURKEY**
ASIK, TOROS
ATAY, BERK
CAY, OZAN
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