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The Caucasus International University (CIU) is a higher education institution based on national values and is aimed at bringing up competitive and highly qualified staff and integrating them into the international arena.

The University history started 22 years ago – it began in 1995. The higher education institution emerged in the country's highest educational sphere and established itself as one of the most successful universities.

Currently, the university operates 26 bachelor, one-year, master and doctoral programs in Georgian, English and Russian languages at business, law, social sciences, medicine, viticulture and winemaking faculties.

Bachelor's Degree Programs: Law, Finance, Management, Tourism, International Relations, Journalism, Pharmacy, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

One-step educational programs: Medicine, Dentistry.

Master's Degree Programs: Georgian Viticulture - Winemaking, Law, International Business Management, International Marketing, International Relations and International Security.

Doctoral Degree Programs: Law, Business Administration. Doctoral Programs in Political Science added to the educational programs in 2017.

Foreign -Language Educational Programs: English-language master's program in international marketing, English-language one-step educational program in medicine, English-language one-step educational program in stomatology, Russian-language one-step educational program in stomatology, English-language bachelor's educational program in pharmacy, English-language bachelor's educational program in physical medicine and rehabilitation, English-language bachelor's educational program in Business Administration, Russian-language bachelor's educational program in Finance.

The University's priorities are based on international standards, research and practice-oriented learning, integration with international educational space, highly qualified team of professors and teachers with practical experience, educational programs adapted to international standards, graduate programs, exchange programs, multifarious student life, flexible payment system, career advancement and scholarship.

In the 2015-2017 academic year the Caucasus International University added a new modern nine-storey building for study and scientific activities and unique facilities and resources for viticulture and winemaking academic program.

At present the university possesses about 14 000m² area study buildings.

The university students have at their disposal a student cafeteria, a library equipped with learning materials and electronic technologies, a CIU multimedia center, advanced training laboratories of biochemistry, microbiology and morphology, clinical skills center, anatomy gallery equipped with contemporary anatomy models, neuroscience and applied physiology research laboratory, residential and university teaching dental clinics, moot courts in the legal clinic, the tourism office, wine cellar "Colchis", viticulture and winemaking research center, microvinification research laboratory, enochemistry, ampelography and microbiology laboratories, tasting room, which are tailored to students' interests and contribute to the students' professional skills development.

The university has signed agreements and memorandums with 48 educational institutions around the world. 7 of them were signed in 2017. Cooperation with other educational institutions enables our professors and students to get acquainted with international experience and scientific research, and excellent students are given the chance to continue their studies at partner universities as undergraduates, as well as masters and doctoral students.

The University has close contacts with international organizations, state institutions and private companies operating in Georgia. Within the framework of the "Invited Guest" program, students have the opportunity to establish contacts with politicians, business people and representatives of non-governmental organizations, which significantly facilitates their employment.

Students have created effective student self-governance.

The CIU actively cooperates with state and local self-government bodies.

The University issues a refereed, three language international scientific journal - "Caucasus International University Herald", in which scientific works and articles of Georgian and foreign researchers are published concerning the latest scientific achievements.

With the support and financing of the university, the professors and teachers systematically issue compulsory and recommended textbooks provided by the training courses. According to today's data, 35 manuals have been published, three of them were published in 2017:

1. Business and International Economic Relations - Murman Bliadze;
2. Paradigms of political systems - Vazha Gurgenidze.
3. Organizing and managing modern taxation and customs. - Murman Bliadze.

Two textbooks are being typeset and will be published in 2018:

1. International Business - Murman Bliadze;
2. International tourism and resort economy of Georgia - Murman Bliadze.

In order to stimulate science, the university instituted annual scientific award "**Tamari**" in 2017.



Mission/Aim

CIU represents a higher education institution whose mission is at the bachelor, master and doctoral levels to:

- carry out educational policies relevant to modern national and international standards;
- create the best student-oriented study and research environment;
- prepare highly qualified and competitive specialists;
- take care of graduates' employment.

CIU in figures according to 2017

- Students' contingent - 4700
- A student with active status - up to 3400
- A student enrolled in unified national examinations - 470
- A student enrolled in unified national examinations - 214
- A student enrolled in master's degree - 209
- A student enrolled in doctoral studies - 45
- Mobility students enrolled - 131
- Graduates – 540
- Partner Organizations in Practice, Internship and Employment -84
- Quantity of memorandums signed in 2017 in the field of internship and employment - 32
- Academic staff (sum) - 147
- Professor - 22
- Associate Professor - 109
- Assistant Professor - 13
- Assistant - 3

In 2017, all the lecture halls of the Caucasus International University were renewed and equipped with the modern inventory necessary for the learning process, cosmetic repair of the university building was performed and the university facade was restored.



Important novelties, events, activities of this year

The Caucasus International University takes care to establish a student-oriented, healthy learning environment and prepare highly qualified staff competitive on the international labor market.

Student life significantly determines the formation of both professional and personal values, therefore, in addition to the activities provided by the curriculum an important role belongs to intellectual, sports, cultural and cognitive activities where students are given a chance to realize their talents.

One of the priorities of the university is to support, encourage and implement student initiatives in terms of diversification of the learning process and realization of the knowledge obtained in the university. For this purpose, various intellectual and entertaining projects, public meetings / lectures, conferences, round tables, charitable forums, discussions, free language learning courses, excursions, film screenings, etc. were held in the University in 2017.

Considering the students' interests and wishes, the CIU commenced the 2017 academic year on September 10 in a festive atmosphere, with a concert and various activities (<https://goo.gl/Wmk2io>). And a graduation event for 550 Georgian and foreign bachelor, master and doctoral students was held on October 29 (<https://goo.gl/U5p9JN>). Along with the CIU administration the graduation ceremony was attended by the invited guests, including the Chairman of the Competition Agency Nodar Khaduri, Head of the National Tourism Administration Giorgi Chogovadze and the Head of the Research and Statistics Division of the same administration Giorgi Bregadze.

On May 24, 2017, the CIU students and graduates attended the Employment Forum where they were able to meet potential employers, interview them and discuss existing vacancies (<https://goo.gl/fCpxSi>).

For six years the Caucasus International University has been actively involved in the International Education Exhibition. In 2017, on 16 and 17 February, the University participated in the Seventh International Exhibition of Education (<https://goo.gl/1NxKYP>) in order to find international partners and disseminate information about the resources, facilities and opportunities CIU offers its students. Besides, the University was actively involved in the two-day large-scale exhibition of academic and educational institutions - "Edu.fest2017", which was held in Tbilisi Mall Atrium on 3-4 June (<https://goo.gl/2m7hPk>).



Caucasus International University has been concerned with popularizing science, promoting and encouraging internal scientific-research centers as well as creating high quality works since its establishment. CIU's efforts in this direction in 2017 were outstanding, the Annual Scientific Prize - "Tamari" was established with the initiative of the Scientific Research Department. 6 awards were presented within the framework of the Scientific Prize. More than 10000 GEL was allocated for the prizes. III prize was set for young scientists (up to 35) and PhD candidates. 29 academic/scientific personnel and young scientists participated in the contest. The above-mentioned scientific prize shall become a tradition and shall be conducted annually. The first award ceremony of "Tamari" was held on December 27, 2017 (<https://goo.gl/H6NVaS>).

In 2017, a Two language scientific portal was created to familiarize professors and students with scientific news and to promote science in general. The operation of the portal will begin in 2018

The Scientific and Analytical Center for Georgia and Iran Relations opened on December 1, 2017. The presentation was attended by the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Georgia Seyd Hawat Kawam Shahid, Culture Attache of the Iranian Embassy Mojtaba Cambranard and other invited guests. (<https://goo.gl/d6wH2Y>).

The scientific policy was renewed at university in 2017 and several priorities were identified:

- Increasing the quality of research;
- Attracting young scientists and engaging them in the research;
- Establishing/developing and internationalizing a unified system for research funding;
- New ways and approaches of science management were elaborated for accomplishing the set priorities, involving implementing complex events and increasing science funding.

The following events were planned to be implemented in 2017:

- Financing fundamental research with grants;
- Contest for small scientific grants;
- Contest for young scientists;
- Establishing and implementing a system for evaluating scientific productivity of the personnel;

- Co-funding scientists to participate in contests for getting grants for research in donor organizations – the university facilitates scientists to gain grant funding both from local and international organizations through offering them co-funding;
- Facilitating scientists to search international partners for engaging them in the research and implementing joint research projects – Caucasus International University cooperates with a number of universities in the world and promotes scientists to make international contacts.
- Trainings and consultations- The university submitted two grant projects for fundamental research and one grant project for seasonal school in Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation in 2017. The projects received high assessments. However, it was not sufficient for gaining funding. Consequently, a series of trainings for enhancing skills in preparation of grant application for scientists were planned. The employees at Scientific Research Department shall facilitate scientists in the procedure of submitting project application;
- The costs related to preparation of scientific grant projects- the university finances the costs related to translation of project application and other necessary expenses.

**Activities of the academic/scientific personnel of the CIU in 2017.
Publications, reports, participation in projects.**

Faculty of Social Sciences

Irina Ghvineria, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences

Publications:

1. Communication skills problem of the first generation of the Internet epoch. Proceedings of the International Scientific Conference «Science of the XXI century: problems and prospects of researches», Vol.4, August 17, 2017, Warsaw, Poland), pp.16-20; (<http://archive.ws-conference.com/poland/>)

Reports / presentations presented at the scientific meeting / conference

1. Communication skills problem of the first generation of the Internet epoch. Reports / presentations presented at the Scientific Meeting / International Scientific Conference «Science of the XXI century: problems and prospects of researches», August 17, 2017, Warsaw, Poland);

2. Methods of Assessment of Professional Skills Through Testing in Journalism Studies (using the example of Conflict Reporting course at Caucasus International University, Tbilisi). The 43rd Annual Conference of the International Association for Educational Assessment (<https://iaea2017.org/>), Assessment as a Social Lever, Batumi, 2017;

3. Media of the Internet Epoch. Scientific-Practical Seminar – Challenges and perspectives of modern media education, CIU, October, 2017;3. Internet Era Media. Scientific-Practical Seminar - Challenges and Prospects of Modern Media Network, CIU, October, 2017;

Tsitsino Bukia, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences

Publications on behalf of the Caucasus International University

Reports presented at scientific conferences

1. Tbilisi, Caucasus International University, Scientific-Practical Seminar, "Challenges and Prospects of Modern Media Education", "Principles of Preparation of Printed Editions in Higher Schools", 2017. (Using the Example of CIU), Tsitsino Bukia, <http://www.ciu.edu.ge>

2. 2017. Tbilisi, Caucasus International University, "Third International Conference on Political, Economic and Cultural Relations in Georgia, Iran, Development of Iranian Blogosphere", Tsitsino Bukia, <http://www.ciu.edu.ge>

Maia Kapanadze, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences

Sphere of interest: History and international relations

Publications on behalf of the Caucasus International University

2015-2016-2017 1,2,3 international scientific conferences dedicated to the political, economic and cultural relations between Georgia and Iran and proceedings of the conference, co-financed by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

M. Kapanadze. Iran - for peace in the region. "International scientific conference dedicated to the political, economic and cultural relations of Georgia and Iran". 2017

Ketevan Shoshiashvili, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences

History of Armenia. Translated by E. Khutsishvili. D. Merkviladze - 2017, CIU

Publications in International peer-reviewed Journal

Science of the XXI century: of the topic HEAD of science and information department. RS GLOBAL S.Z.OO. August 17, 2017. Poland. Problems of Armenian temples research in Georgia.

Publications in Georgian or foreign language local journals / local scientific publications

1. International Conference on Cultural Tourism in Europe. Heritage interpretation of Georgian wine-cellars. Sibiu. ROMANIA, 2017. (1-23 September)

2. Marani-Georgian cultural heritage treasure. Batumi State University of Art. 2017 (19-21 October).

Participation in scientific grant projects

1. Ezidi in Georgia. (Historical ethnographic documentary film). CIU, 2017.

Publications

Armenia - Georgia War and its Results, Science Journal "Law and Economics" №8, Institute of Legal Development, Tbilisi, 17.2017.

Participation in International Conferences. 2017. Fereydan - small Georgia in Iran.

Caucasus International University - Third International Scientific Conference on Political, Economic and Cultural Relations in Georgia and Iran

The problem of Environmental degradation and population growth.

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

1st Eurasian Social and Economic Research Symposium (ASEAD -2017)

Rusudan Kvaratskhelia, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences

25.09.2017. Conference on Challenges and Prospects of Modern Media Education, Report - "Educational Advancement of Social Advertising".

Challenges and perspectives of modern media education.

Educational Opportunity for Social Advertising of CIU

Faculty of Medicine

Vera Khundzakishvili, Associate Professor of the Medicine Faculty

Article "Use of Curious Cure for Local Treatments for Helides", Shanidze, Nanobashvili, Khundzakishvili - Herald of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences, 2017 , V.42, N5-6;

Faculty of Law

Mariam Jikia, associate professor of law

Head of International Law Research Laboratory

Field of Interests: Law

Editor-in-Chief - Collection of Student Scientific Papers - Current Issues of Law, 2017

Member of the Editorial Board - Georgia's obligations under the Association Agreement with the EU and the willingness of the community, 2017.

Editorial Board Member - Jurisdiction Institute - (Peculiarities and Problems), 2017

Faculty of Business

Lali Mikeladze, Associate Professor of Business Faculty

Scientific activities on behalf of the CIU. Fifth International Conference of the Caucasus International University, Georgia, Tbilisi, 20 May, 2017.

Member of the Editorial Board - Georgia's obligations under the Association Agreement with the EU and the willingness of the community, 2017.

Editorial Board Member - Jurors institute - (Peculiarities and Problems), 2017

Reports presented at the Scientific Meeting / International Conference on European and Asian Mineral Resources of UN World Tourism Organization "Innovative Strategies for Sustainable Tourism" -06.04.2017. Second Tourism and Hospitality Conference -Welcome to GEORGIA-

National Tourism Awards-2017- Business forum -WOMEN IN BUSINESS 28 June -2017. Fifth International Conference of Caucasus International University, Georgia, Tbilisi, May 20, 2017
1.Cristist Silagadze - "Visualization of Georgia - Tourism Development Perspective" 2.Tako Gabisonia - "Public and Private Sector Partnership (PPP) in the White Region in the tourist region" 10th International Forum for Economic Development (LED) - Tbilisi 13-14 2017- / working group participant /.

Book / monograph in Georgian.

Basics of Tourism and Hospitality - Manual - M. Metreveli
Editorial Board: M.Tsereteli, Mikeladze, A.Abaruli, R.Chartolani, Tbilisi, 2017.

Participation in research projects

EU funded project "Participatory Principles for Georgia for the Tourist Development Strategy in Guria", Participating Organizations, Institute of Civil Sustainability Development as an Expert - Direction-Tourist Infrastructure (Placement and Food Objects Duration of Procedure, 2016-2019.

Irma Makharashvili, Associate Professor of Business Faculty

1. "Peculiarities of Manifestation of Georgian Mentality in Business and Business Culture", Journal Innovative Economics and Management. N2-4 Volumes, 2017.
2. "Collection of Cluster Management" Scheme of the Academy of Sciences of Tskhumalapatiya "Moambe", 26 2017.

Reports presented at the local and international scientific conferences

1. "Internationalization of Higher Education as Part of the Bologna Process".
2. First International Conference International Education for Higher Education: Strategies and Challenges, October 12, 2017, Georgian Technical University. Makharashvili. E. Baratashvili.
3. Synergistic processes in marketing management "Georgian Technical University. Globalization and Modern Business Challenges. International Scientific Conference, 19-20 May, 2017.

Viticulture - Faculty of Winemaking

Irma Mdinardze, Associate Professor of Viticulture and Winemaking.

Participation in the projects of the Georgian Foreign Ministry

1. 2014-2017, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, "Georgian Resistance: Protection Management". Project Director (Ampelography) / Manager. Department of Scientific Research, is a publication on behalf of the CIU. Cecil Gogiberidze - Head of Scientific Research Department Publication in the Refereed Journal. 1. Georgia and Cultural Globalization: Effect and Challenges. International Relations and Diplomacy, David Publishing, November 2017, Vol. 5, No. 11, 650-659.



Newspapers and Journals

The CIU annually publishes the newspaper "Caucasus International University". In this regard, there was no exception in 2017, three issues of the newspaper were published, featuring outstanding university activities.

In addition, in 2017 the students in Journalism Bachelor's Educational Program published the journal "Course" in the frame of the academic subject: "Issue of a Journal" .

The study paper "Panorama" came out after the end of the Autumn Semester (2017). The newspaper was prepared within the scope of the study subject - "newspaper production". In the newspaper the student interviews and articles, such as "Georgian Gender Arrhythmia", "Student - the Director of The Unique Theater", "Student - the director of the unique theater, which he himself represents", "Psychology of Prejudice", "Poet's 201st Room" (Interview with Tornike Chelidze), "Visiting the Public Library" and other materials were published.



In the XXI century, the main goal of young people is development and awareness, for which they use all the available possibilities obtainable worldwide.

The CIU increases annual student participation in international mobility, as well as their involvement in local and international projects and events.

The University regularly receives information on the projects planned by international organizations and informs students about it. International projects or competitions are public and available for any student. Such information is also available as part of the organization's visits to the University, as well as through all the communication channels that the student is actively using (official site, fb-page, mobile, news board, educational process management system - "Goni").

The university is actively involved in the events and activities of Erasmus + which gives students additional opportunities to get detailed information on international projects.

Caucasus International University, according to the results of the grant competition Erasmus+2017, in the frame of institutional cooperation (CBHE/ex-Tempus), gained grant funding. Namely, Caucasus International University represents one of the partners of the project presented by Lubianas University (Slovenia) "Improving skills in laboratory practice for agro-food specialists in Eastern Europe Region" (586383-EPP-1-2017-1-SI-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP).

The project "Development of Food Technologies for Lab Agricultural Specialists in Laboratory Practice (Eastern Europe Region)" came into effect from November 14, 2017.

Project goals and objectives

The main goal of the project is to improve control on the quality of agro-products in the countries that have recently become associated with the EU member states by means of improving the training of their specialists. The project deals with part of the agreement on the safety of food and agricultural products that will be provided with appropriate laboratory control and approximation with EU legislation and standards.

CruiseT

(Creating a network of competence centres for the development of cruise tourism in the Black Sea region (Georgia and Ukraine))

The idea of the project represents a Triangle of Knowledge - education, research, innovations - to promote the Black Sea basin countries, in particular, Georgia's integration into the cruise tourism market. The project aims at establishing the competence center in the region, providing cruise tourism regional research and consulting, raising the qualification and training of economic subjects participating in cruise tourism.

Besides Caucasus International University, there are fifteen higher educational institutions of Germany, Italy, Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine, as well as 3 Higher Educational Institutions (Guram Tavartkiladze Teaching University, Batumi Maritime Academy, Kutaisi University) participating in the project. The project also includes:

- National Administration of Tourism;
- Department of Tourism and Resorts of Adjara;
- Batumi sea port;
- Odessa trading Sea Port;
- Black and Azov Sea Ports Association;
- Travel companies in Adjara region.

The Caucasus International University is also actively involved in the project funded by the EU. The project "Raising awareness about the European Union" started on January 1, 2017 and summarized the trainings which were held on September 19-25, in Limassol, Cyprus. This training was attended by 3 representatives of Caucasus International University - Tamar Nadirashvili, Jovana Ablotia and Shorena Kurdadze. In addition to Georgia, representatives of 6 countries participated in the project. (<https://goo.gl/bBwaio>)

22.07.2017

Summer school - Let's go back to the past

<https://goo.gl/Qhea9N>



Internal Conferences Seminars

Caucasus International University emphasizes the importance of internal conferences and seminars for developing students' professional skills and raising their awareness. Conferences organized by the university have a large number of participants. The scientific board staffed with highly qualified professors and experienced practicing members choose the best reports. The annual International Conference of Undergraduate, Master's and Doctoral students at the university is especially remarkable. In 2017 the "Future Students Section" was added to this conference which will help the school students engage in the conference.

"Annual International Conference of Undergraduate, Master and Doctoral Students" was held on 20.05, 2017. Up to 300 participants were registered at the conference and worked on the following sections:

- business
- Irani
- Medicine
- Viticulture and winemaking
- Journalism
- International Relations
- Law

In the frame of the conference a collection of the theses of the participants was published.

(<https://goo.gl/YLmHy5>).

For the third consecutive year, the International Conference dedicated to Political, Economic and Cultural Relations of Georgia and Iran has been held at the University. The third conference was held on June 1, 2017 with about 40 Georgian and foreign participants. (<https://goo.gl/xCKszi>).

On September 22, the third Conference of International Youth Network supporting OSCE dedicated to the 25th anniversary of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Georgian National Committee and the day of international peace was opened by Aleksandre Rusetski, head of the department of Strategic Development. The conference was attended by Ketevan Tsikhelashvili, State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality and Sophio Katsarava, Chairperson of the Committee for Foreign Relations at the Parliament of Georgia (<https://goo.gl/KQEP2Q>).

It should be noted that the scientific-practical seminar "Challenges and Prospects of Modern Media Education" was held on September 25, 2017. (<https://goo.gl/RbA6JN>).

The objective of the above mentioned scientific debate consisted of three key points:

setting up a discussion platform for professors and teachers of leading media schools of Georgia, searching for ways of improving the quality of teaching and elaborating a long-term action plan for media education strategic development.

On 21 November, 2017 a scientific-practical conference "**Andrew Carnegie International Heritage: Formation of the Modern World**" was held at the University. The conference was dedicated to great businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie's 182 jubilee.

22.03.2017

Memorandum with the Georgian National Tourism Administration

<https://goo.gl/GMr41u>

24.03.2017

Agreement with Municipal Centre for Legal Assistance and Public Engagement

<https://goo.gl/bCicvj>

15.05.2017

Public lecture of the Ambassador of Ukraine - Ukraine - Georgia - General Threats and Challenges

<https://goo.gl/dox8TY>

10.06.2017

Three-day course on cyber security, international terrorism, intelligence and national security

<https://goo.gl/PRnWH2>

13.06.2017

Kishistof Kuzhnevsky's public lecture

<https://goo.gl/oXHuiu>

14.08.2017

Meeting with the State Minister

<https://goo.gl/GyFX2F>

26.09.2017

Within the framework of the festival the training – ‘the growth and economic strengthening of young entrepreneurs’ was held

<https://goo.gl/o5Jtxq>

04.10.2017

Training: Insurance Basics

<https://goo.gl/xHCYAS>

13.11.2017

Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Caucasus International University and the Association of Law Bureaus

<https://goo.gl/sYBqgT>

17.11.2017

Professor Peter Lidiardis – a public lecture

<https://goo.gl/BDUw2q>

28.11.2017

A public lecture was delivered to students of law, tourism and medicine

<https://goo.gl/xHtEQ9>

30.11.2017

Round table: Georgia-Latvia relations

<https://goo.gl/21PQSS>

07.12.2017

CIU graduate Shota Gulbani's public lecture

<https://goo.gl/fwrsUX>

14.12.2017

Public lecture: on aging and the demographic condition of the country

<https://goo.gl/QXnGDn>

2017, another team of cheerful intellectuals, composed of nine students of different faculties, was established and debuted in the Black Sea League at the Batumi Boulevard Summer Theater and was able to win the second place in the competition. (<https://goo.gl/cxC28n>)

On the initiative of "Old Boys", at the end of 2017, a New Year concert was held with the participation of university band, **the lightheaded and quick-witted** team and invited guests. The guests invited to the concert presented the numbers in the "stand up" format. (<https://goo.gl/ZXcA6C>)

One of the priorities of the Caucasus International University is discussing students' initiatives, financing and implementing them. An example of this is the Student Life large-scale project initiated and organized by the student self-government.

Within the project, students were able to compete in cultural, sport and educational activities.

12.01.2017

Performance - "Letters of an Unknown Woman" - Atoneli Theater

<https://goo.gl/9cqjkW>

30.03.2017

The internal championship of the Club for the Lightheaded and Quick-witted

<https://goo.gl/Py78iX>

11.12.2017

Ani Bobokhidze, actress of the CIU troupe was named as the best performer of a woman's dramatic role

<https://goo.gl/JcqB5S>



The main focus of the CIU is to popularize a healthy lifestyle and encourage various sports activities. For this purpose, the university has basketball, football, volleyball (girls and boys) and rugby teams.

The year 2017 is distinguished by the success achieved in different kinds of sports.

The CIU basketball team gained the right to play in the "A" league, which means playing basketball professionally (<https://goo.gl/tgdGnx>). It should be emphasized that with the results of the games held within the business league, the CIU team moved to Super League "A".

2017 was also a very successful year for the CIU AutoClub. The club, which is very popular at the university, was able to obtain the status of "STUDENTS CUP 2017" (<https://goo.gl/njqzbG>).

The University is actively involved in large-scale projects organized by Georgian University Sports Federation. Together with the traditional university sports activities, the university students try to test their strength in rafting. On 25 September, 2017, 150 CIU first-year students participated in the raft contest on the river Mtkvari in the village of Chitakhevi in Borjomi municipality, where the best result was shown by the students of the Faculty of Business. (<https://goo.gl/FWa9TX>).

One of the most important sports events that took place in October of 2017 was implemented with the partnership of the Caucasus International University.

The sports meeting was held within the framework of International Week Against Racism and Other Discrimination (FARE Action Week 2017), which coordinates the organization's network - Football against Racism in Europe (FARE) (<https://goo.gl/Lwrzpm>).

01.07.2017

CIU vs NATAKHTARI

<https://goo.gl/e1Xkuz>



Caucasus International University actively cooperates with Georgian public and private schools. The CIU constantly cares about intellectual development of the next generation, encouraging teachers and students and engaging them in various projects. The school educational projects (intellectual games, competitions, conferences and public lectures) have been successful at the university for years already and are distinguished for high academic and organizational quality as well as are marked by a large number of participants.

The Caucasus International University has carried out quite a number of large-scale projects.

On March 20, 2017, the university accomplished the final part of the competition **"My homeland begins with my neighborhood"** (one of the school educational projects) in which the pupils of 10th, 11th and 12th grades of public and private schools of Georgia participated. Out of over 50 entries to the competition only the best 12 got to the finals. The competition aimed at presenting and popularizing tourist places in Georgia. The participants presented their own tourist routes by means of a video specially prepared for the competition. Three winners were named within the competition and the university awarded gift vouchers to them. (<https://goo.gl/BLLjuX>).

On 1 April, the finals of the project "My homeland begins with my neighborhood" - were held where the schoolchildren by using journalism skills presented their regions to the jury and the audience.

(<https://goo.gl/wQ17w7>).

Another large event, a literary quiz dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Lado Asatiani was held on October 5 and the winners of Tbilisi Public School # 18 were given gift vouchers.

(<https://goo.gl/VqBG2W>).

The Caucasus International University initiated a program for entrants in 2017, which envisages free training courses.

(<https://goo.gl/X2qqnw>).

Within the framework of the project, from March 20 to June 20, 13 selected entrants (from socially unprotected and multi-children families) have completed three-month preparatory course for the unified national exams on the base of the Education House.

In addition to the above-mentioned, according to the decision of the university administration, Kvareli and Borjomi municipalities have been awarded training vouchers in 2017, which envisage

the use of a 500 lari discount for 4 years (<https://goo.gl/m7eUw8>; <https://goo.gl/UXaoS9>). The vouchers will be awarded at the end of the academic year to the pupils selected by means of competition. Other municipalities will be given training vouchers in 2018.

In 2017, **gold and silver medals** winners enrolled in the Caucasus International University enjoyed special offers.

The gold medalists were awarded an annual fee of 2,200 GEL instead of 2,500 GEL, silver medalists instead of 2,500 GEL were charged 2,250 GEL. As for the gold and silver holder entrants admitted to the Faculty of Medicine, their annual fee was 2,000 GEL.
(<https://goo.gl/UEtXiq>)

Also, in 2017 the university announced the offer for all applicants enrolled in the unified national examinations of 2018. If the applicant chooses CIU as number 1, he/she will have 15% internal grant will be eligible for the first number of CIU programs; in case of the second number, 7% internal grant (<https://goo.gl/wL1hdJ>).

In December 2017, the public lecture week was arranged, which was conducted by Levan Nikoleishvili (<https://goo.gl/QYQ9oG>), Alika Guchua (<https://goo.gl/wyYEAA>) and Giorgi Antadze (<https://goo.gl/ZHXeWY>) lectures were held at public school # 159, private school - polyglot and 155 public schools.

(<https://goo.gl/wyYEAA>) (<https://goo.gl/QYQ9oG>)

(<https://goo.gl/ZHXeWY>)



CIU INTELLECTCLUB



In March 2017, Intellectual Club was established at the university to support and encourage student initiatives.

The club regularly organizes these games - "What? Where? When? ", " Quiz tour ", " Japard ". And they are very popular.

What? Where? When? The final game of 2017 was held on 22 December. 8 teams comprised of bachelor and maater students of different faculties were awarded three prizes in the competition. The prize fund was 1.000 GEL and was distributed as follows: 1st place - 500 GEL; 2nd place - 300 GEL; 3^d place - 200 GEL.

(<https://goo.gl/o6KJ5G>).

Honorary Doctorate

The awarding of the title of an honorary doctorate to those who have made significant contributions to the development of society and the university has become a tradition at CIU.

On October 10, 2017, Caucasus International University awarded the rank of Honorary Doctor to Archaeologist Nizamudin Taher for the invaluable contribution to the discovery of the Ketevan Queen's holy parts. It should be mentioned that the Caucasus International University was actively involved in the process of bringing St. Ketevan's holy parts to Georgia. (<https://goo.gl/hVijAo>)



Social Support Projects / Students' Outdoor Activities

The aim of the Caucasus International University is to educate students and at the same time to familiarize them with their civil obligations.

Students, together with professors and teachers, within the framework of the study program or independently arrange exit tours for different purposes, hold meetings with representatives of governmental and private sectors, actively engage in environmental protection activities, blood donations and expeditions.

During 2017, students under the guidance of professors-teachers have cleared the Botanical Garden and the surrounding area of the Tbilisi Sea. (<https://goo.gl/BtSbw3>; <https://goo.gl/cZNneB>)

On May 25, students in the frame of expedition went to Tsavkisi, Kojori, Kiketi and Betania and on the outskirts of these settlements they found various medicinal herbs and described them and brought to the university. Their herbalization occurred on the spot.

(<https://goo.gl/KSq76A>).

09.06.2017

Field Lecture in Mtskheta-Mtianeti

<https://goo.gl/DhqwBU>

23.06.2017

The CIU students at the Tbilisi Appeal Court

<https://goo.gl/Y7Bnww>

07.10.2017

Practical workshop

<https://goo.gl/fcW6QZ>

10.11.2017

Field tour in Kvemo Kartli tourist region

<https://goo.gl/UizWYW>

The University is actively involved in various charitable activities.

In 2017, Caucasus International University was involved in the Borjomi Forest Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation Project and planted 200 trees in the framework of the Forests Artificial Restoration Campaign. (<https://goo.gl/V87nP7>)