

# **NEWSLETTER**

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#### GREETINGS



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It is with great pleasure I wish to address all the contributors to the significant initiative of the **Liaison Office** and **Alumni Office** (**Career Centre**) of our University to issue a newsletter, aiming at the continuous updating, mutual communication and interactive information of our student community and the labour market on the actions and achievements of its coordinated effort.

I am confident that this will reflect and highlight the continuous effort and focus of the Staff of the Offices, but also of our entire Institution, to achieve the goals of academic excellence, innovation in education and teaching methodology and optimal interconnection of our University's Programmes of Studies with the requirements and opportunities of the 21st-century markets.

Furthermore, the University's structural focus on the widest possible interaction of our academic community with the local community, the continuous internationalization of our Programmes of Studies with the creation and provision of joint degrees, through bilateral collaborations with distinguished universities abroad, will be highlighted, through our participation in international alliances of European Universities, such as the European Universities Initiatives **EMERGE** and our contribution to the international scientific dialogue, placing Neapolis University Pafos as a conscious and mature choice for the international student and academic community.

Sincere congratulations to all involved colleagues for this important initiative and the excellent long-term effort they have put in for the success of the Office and the European Programme "https://www.liaisonoffices.ac.cy/", whose positive results are spreading throughout our student community as well as to the local and national society and economy.







Welcome to the 1st newsletter of the **Career Centre** of Neapolis University Pafos!

The **Career Centre**'s main mission is to coordinate the activities of the **Liaison Office** and the **Alumni Office**, with the ultimate goal of a better and more effective connection of students and graduates of the Institution with the labour market.

We aim to update you on our activities and news during the semester.

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## **Liaison Office**





The **Liaison Office** of Neapolis University Pafos operates within the framework of the European Project "**University Liaison Offices with the Labour Market**" and is funded by the Structural Funds of the European Union. The project involves 8 Universities (three public and five private) operating in the Republic of Cyprus.

The main purpose of the Liaison Office is the placement of students in companies and organisations relevant to their field of study, aiming at the acquisition of professional experience and the enrichment of their skills and knowledge.











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### COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

During the Fall Semester 2022 the Liaison Office proceeded with the signing of Cooperation Agreements with the following institutions:

- -Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce & Industry (T.C.C.I.)
- -A.Masouras Law and Partners
- -Cyprus Red Cross Society
- -ESMIRA LTD
- -ROBO

That means that more actions and partnerships will be carried out for the benefit of the student community.





#### STUDENTS PLACEMENTS

From 2018 until 2022, the Liaison Office successfully placed **153 students** in companies related to their field of study.

The statistics indicate that a high percentage of students who choose placement are employed more quickly and in fact, several of them are employed in the companies/organisations where they have been placed.



#### Συγκεκριμένα:

- **82,76%** of the Dep. of Accounting and Finance (2019-2022).
- 75% of the Dep. of Architecture (2018-2020).
- 63.04% of the Dep. of Economics and Business (2019-2022).
- **38,46%** of the Dep. of Computer Science (2022).
- **25%** of the Dep. of Civil Engineering (2020-2021).





If you have completed your **placement** and would like to tell us about your **experience** all you have to do is fill in the form by clicking on the link below:



**SHARE YOUR STORY** 







"It was an experience that helped me to practice what I learned in my studies. I would like to express my gratitude to the company and the Labour Market Liaison Office for the experience."

-O.P., Department of Economics and Business, 2022



"It was a great experience for me to do my placement in a company like Nexxie group. It was a great working environment with helpful people and i have gathered experience that will help me in the future."

-K. P., Department of Computer Science, 2022



"The experience I gained during my placement at PAFOS FC was unique! My target was mainly to gain professional experience and also to find out how to operate in a real working environment."

-A.S., Department of Economics and Business, 2019



"Great experience and I got to expand my skills even more."

-M. C., Department of Economics and Business, 2022



"Placement of an architecture student before graduation in an architectural office is important and necessary. An office will give him the experiences and maturity and what will follow. The placement helps in the correct compilation of his knowledge and their development."

-E. Z., Department of Architecture, Land and Environmental Science, 2018



"It was a very good opportunity for me to learn some basic things about my profession. I had the chance to work with professionals who shared with me their knowledge. I believe that placement is crucial for every student, since we get in touch with professionals and firms in the industry that may emlpoy us later on.

-8. N., Department of Accounting and Finance,



"The placement programme helped me a lot in gaining new knowledge and developing my skills. It enabled me to integrate smoothly into a working environment, which contributed significantly to the acquisition of knowledge and the creation of a professional network. I met important people who introduced me to several aspects of working in the accounting and auditing sector in a short time, which is difficult to achieve, in my opinion. Upon completion of the placement, I accepted an offer of a permanent position in the audit firm I was placed in."

-V.G., Department of Accounting and Finance, 2019





## DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING



 A seminar on "Repair and Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Concrete" was given on 14 October 2022 by the CEO of <u>TA GROUP</u> <u>S.A.R.L.</u>, Mr Hassan Saab, coordinated by Dr Anthos Ioannou, Lecturer.

 Presentation on "The Health and Safety Plan during the Design of Construction Projects" by the architect Mr Nicola Koulountis of Koulountis Architects/Engineers was given on November 14, 2022, and moderated by Dr Natia Anastasi, Lecturer.





#### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS



• The General Manager of **SOCIALDOO**, Mr. Panagiotis Kakolyris presented to the students of the Department of Economics and Management the concept of "IntellEmo Communication" and the intelligent relationships (application of artificial intelligence in communications) as a basic requirement for achievement in any communication effort.

• In the context of the "E-Commerce" course of the 4th year of **Business** the Administration degree and with the support of Dr George Deirmenzoglou, Lecturer, the Regional **E-Commerce** Operations Manager of Intersport Athletics S.A., Mr George Leventakis presented the topic "E-Commerce Challenges".





## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

• Seminar "Create Your Best CV and Get Interview Ready"



On December 1, 2022, the students had the opportunity to attend Mr Marios Melanidis, Independent HR Development Consultant with many years of experience in HR and career development issues, in the seminar he gave and talked about the ways to promote personal and professional skills through the CV and the interview process.

• Lecture "Code of Ethics and Sexual Harassment"

The Managing Director of **Go for It Center Ltd**Ms Rodoula Philippou informed the students about the Code of Ethics and Sexual Harassment in the workplace. The lecture was aimed at strengthening the collective effort to eliminate harassment and implement the principle of equal treatment.



• Presentation of the "Introducing Cyprus4People Project"



On 15 December 2022, the **Cyprus4People platform**, created by **ESMIRA LTD**, was launched. The students had the opportunity to be informed about the opportunities and benefits they will have as users of the platform as they will be able to find information about activities, events, and offers in Cyprus and abroad. It is an integrated social network that provides opportunities for professional networking, career development and various professional partnerships.



If you wish to find out about the events taking place at **Neapolis University Pafos** you can visit the link <a href="https://www.nup.ac.cy/gr/events/">https://www.nup.ac.cy/gr/events/</a>, like our page on



Facebook and follow us on



Instagram and on



LinkedIn.



#### PARTICIPATION AT EVENTS



## EUROPEAN YEAR OF YOUTH EVENT

Students took part in the Conference organised by the **Representation of the European Commission in Cyprus** for the **European Year of Youth** in Limassol, on Wednesday 23 November 2022, during which they had the opportunity to participate in discussions and interactive workshops and learn about European networks and programmes active in Cyprus.

The topics discussed were: well-being and mental health, sustainable green Europe, quality employment and learning, and gender equality.



"Taking part in the European Year of Youth event has been an interesting opportunity to get in contact with the world of European institutions. I have especially appreciated the conference about "Jobs in Europe" that provided practical advice and useful websites in the field of employment that would surely help me for my future career"- S.Zottarelli

"Participating in the European Year of Youth event was a really nice choice. I strongly enjoyed the well-organised event and the discussions on various topics. The most interesting was about job opportunities in the EU where there were provided useful links with jobs in all EU countries"- Z. Semancikova

"The event was really well organised. The people were welcoming and helpful. The food offered to us was really good. I personally liked the conference on gender equality. We could talk with the lecturers at the need and it was a really interesting conversation"- A. Matillon

"Thank you for the opportunity! I enjoyed the debates on equality of gender and being able to discuss with the lecturers! They were very welcoming and open to discussion. Simply loved it"- M. Passchier

"The opportunity has been appreciated. The topics were broad and relevant. It was a great opportunity for networking, as well. The whole event was well organised and it was a pleasure to attend. Thank you!"- L. Mathilde



NUP ERASMUS students in the **European Year of Youth Conference** in Limassol

## EURES NETWORK

The Liaison Office executives have already started their training as **EURES Advisers** in the **EURES Network in Cyprus**. The aim is to inform and guide students and graduates of Neapolis University Pafos who are interested in finding a job in Europe.





### VIDEO PROMO

On December 12th, 2022, a video recording was held on the University's premises to promote the role of the Liaison Office and the European Project "<u>University Labour Market Liaison Offices</u>", which is co-funded by the European Social Fund Unit.

The Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation, Professor Savvas Hadjichristofis talked about the actions and the role of the Liaison Office from its launch until today.









You can watch the videos on the official page of the project "University Labour Market Liaison Offices" by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.



## **Alumni Office**



The Alumni Office of Neapolis University Pafos assists graduates by offering continuous support in their professional development as well as by providing opportunities for professional and academic growth.







https://www.facebook.com/NUPAlumniOffice/



## **GRADUATION**



On September 9th, 2022, the **11th** Graduation Ceremony Neapolis University Pafos was held at the Coral Beach Hotel & Resort. The family of 6040 graduates includes 453 more graduates, which consists undergraduate, of postgraduate and doctoral students.



Congratulations



## **ONLINE MEETING**





The graduates of the Department of History, Politics and International **Studies** had the opportunity to meet online and chat with the President of the Department, Associate Professor Marios Panagiotis Efthimiopoulos (26 September 2022).

The Cyprus Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth (MESY) is currently surveying graduates specifically from the academic years 2016-2017 and 2020-2021 to better understand the lives and careers of graduates in Cyprus. Your answers to the survey are important for improving Higher Education in Cyprus and the prospects of future students. The survey is part of the **EUROGRADUATE** project, which will allow for comparing the working and living conditions of higher education graduates in Cyprus with other European countries.

Your answers to the survey are anonymous and fully confidential. All survey data will be held separately from your contact information. Your participation is of course voluntary, and all legal requirements of data protection will be adhered to.

For more information, you can visit the social networking page of the **Alumni Office** and the website of **Neapolis University Pafos**.



## JOB OPPENINGS



You can visit the website of Neapolis University Pafos and in the section "Career Centre" you can check the jobs available by field of study.

Career Centre's Job Vacancies



## ALUMNI STORIES



Interview (in Greek) with Mr Phedias Papanicolaou, graduate 2012, Executive Insurance Consultant, MBA.



https://www.linkedin.com/in/phediaspapanicolaou/



The full interview can be found on the **Neapolis University Pafos** website <u>here</u>.







We would love to hear your story! Subscribe to the NUP <u>Alumni Register</u> and send us your news!

# DO YOU KNOW THE BENEFITS OF SUBSCRIBING TO THE NUP ALUMNI REGISTER?







Information on professional opportunities and connection to the labour market.



Reduced tuition fees for obtaining a new undergraduate/postgraduate (MSc) degree.



Networking with successful professionals, companies, academic institutions and other organisations.



Acquisition of the NUP Alumni card with which the holders have free use of the library of Neapolis University Pafos, as well as offers and discounts on various products and services.



## **QUESTIONNAIRE**



You can keep in touch with the Alumni Office by updating your contact and career details! Looking forward to hearing your news!

Please complete the NUP ALUMNI Questionnaire by clicking on the following link:

#### https://forms.office.com/r/LbWxB4jLPb

The questionnaire will take no more than 2 minutes. Your opinion counts!

Thank you in advance for your time and contribution!









You can follow us on our social media to stay up to date with our news or via email to inform us about your professional career and your achievements!



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Have a good 2023 Spring Semester!





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