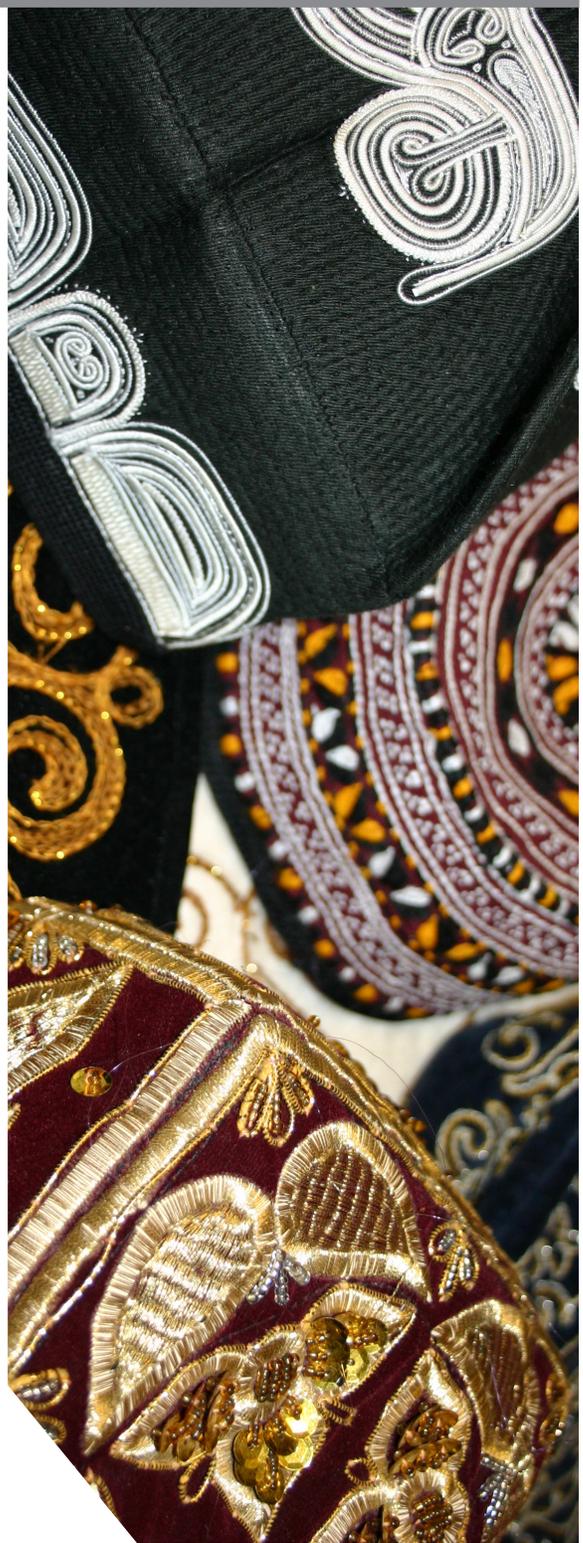


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GRADUATION 2012: ENTERPRISE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP MILESTONES

Graduation 2012 represents the second class of Student Fellows to receive a university education through the U.S.-Central Asia Education Foundation (“Foundation”) Student Fellowship Program. Fourteen Student Fellows will graduate on May 26, 2012 from the Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (“KIMEP”) in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Eight Student Fellows will graduate on June 2, 2012 from the American University of Central Asia (“AUCA”) in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.

Student Fellows are academically gifted citizen residents of one of the Central Asia countries of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan or Uzbekistan who, without financial aid, would otherwise not be able to pursue a university education at one of the Foundation’s partner universities. They have been awarded full undergraduate scholarships for study in the fields of business and, in some cases, economics. Student Fellows must meet the rigorous admission standards of their university, and are selected by the Foundation’s Board at the end of a further selection process developed by the Foundation and American Councils for International Education (“American Councils”), which administers the Foundation’s fellowship programs. Each student selected for the program commits to meet the on-going requirements of the scholarship, including maintaining a 3.0 grade point average and participating in the educational, vocational and social events of the Student Fellowship Program.

Graduation 2012 is the result of years of hard work by each Fellow and represents a major milestone in the lives of the graduating Student Fellows and their families. We recognize, and celebrate, the accomplishments of these future Central Asian leaders.

FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

HISTORY

The Foundation is a congressionally approved “legacy foundation” to the former U.S. Government-sponsored Central Asia-American Enterprise Fund (the “Fund” or “CAAEF”), was funded by a \$15.7 million grant from CAAEF and commenced operation in May, 2007.

CAAEF was one of the “U.S. Enterprise Funds” authorized and funded by the U.S. Government after the dissolution of the former Soviet Union. It was incorporated in 1994 as a not-for-profit corporation to encourage the creation and expansion of small and medium-sized enterprises in the Central Asian Republics of the former Soviet Union (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) and operated in Central Asia for 8 years until 2004. Like all Enterprise Funds, CAAEF was managed by a private board of directors and was required to liquidate its investments by a specified “sunset” date and either return the proceeds to the U.S. Treasury or develop a “legacy proposal” for an alternative use of these proceeds, consistent with the Fund’s mission. Certain further Congressional approvals were required for a legacy proposal, as well as for the amount of Fund proceeds that could be utilized to support such a proposal.

During its operation CAAEF had provided extensive training and education to the Central Asian young men and women who comprised its staff and worked in its small and medium lending and investing programs. The CAAEF Board had been told by its staff that this “business education” had proved invaluable. In conducting research for its legacy proposal, the CAAEF Board found that there was a strong demand by the private sector businesses in Central Asia for employees with a Western business education – while few opportuni-

ties existed for academically qualified, but financially needy students to obtain an undergraduate business degree in Central Asia.

The CAAEF Board determined that (i) a financial need-based merit undergraduate scholarship program (ii) in business at universities committed to adoption of a Western-style business curriculum (iii) open to citizen residents of the five countries in which it operated would be the cornerstone of its legacy proposal. To that it added two complementary programs, a faculty development program and an internship program.

After more than three years of efforts by its Board, the Fund received the necessary U.S. governmental approvals in May, 2007, to create and fund the Foundation and commence the Enterprise Student Fellowship program.

MISSION

The Foundation’s Mission is to encourage and assist development and growth of a vibrant open-market private business sector in Central Asia by: supporting the quality of - and affordable access to - Western business know-how and practices at selected institutions of higher learning in the region that have adopted Western curricula and teaching methods; providing opportunities for educational, vocational, and cultural experience in countries that serve as positive examples of an open market economy operating within a democratic environment; and, promoting other activities that will generate a favorable environment in Central Asia for private business to succeed and entrepreneurial spirit to thrive.

During its active operating years, CAAEF entered into 27 joint ventures with equity (or equity plus debt) financing totaling \$61.5 million, granted 352 loans to establish or expand small and medium-size enterprises (“SMEs”) totaling by size or type fell beyond the terms of The Fund’s SME Loan Program), and funded more than 3,000 micro-credit loans totaling \$10.4 million.

The Fund’s direct investments, SME and micro-loan programs, and technical assistance activities were directly responsible for:

- *Creating a diverse array of private business enterprises that continue to operate successfully and provide several thousand private sector employment opportunities;*
- *Developing the western business practice skills of its local staff, joint venture partners and managers, small business loan customers, and employees of the local Partner Banks that participated in The Fund’s SME loan program; and,*
- *Achieving a positive demonstration effect, by providing the close support and experience that now finds several of The Fund’s SME loan program Partner Banks offering small business term-loans directly to their customers, and other banks adopting similar lending activities that mirror the policies and procedures of CAAEF’s highly successful small business loan program.*

PROGRAMS

THE FOUNDATION EXECUTES ITS MISSION THROUGH THREE PROGRAMS.

Enterprise Student Fellowships:

A financial need-based undergraduate business education scholarship program for academically gifted students who, due to financial hardship, would otherwise not be able to pursue a university education. Scholarships are provided at selected Central Asian universities to citizen residents of the Central Asia countries of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. For the recent 2011-2012 academic year, the Foundation awarded a total of 102 Student Fellowships for 55 Student Fellows to attend AUCA and 47 to attend KIMEP.

While we are committed to achieving geographic and regional diversity, our efforts have been challenged at different times by the inability to conduct active outreach in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Despite these challenges, we are pleased to count among the Student Fellows citizens from Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan as well as from Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan. We remain hopeful that in the future we will be permitted to actively and continuously recruit in all these countries.

Enterprise Faculty Fellowships:

A program for business faculty at selected universities in Central Asia designed to further develop teaching skills, knowledge, and course curriculum, thereby benefiting the current and future students who will be the region's business leaders.

Enterprise Intern Fellowships:

A program for select Enterprise Student Fellows to gain practical work experience within Central Asia, as well as educational, vocational and cultural experience in the United States or other countries that serve as positive examples of democratic open-market economies.

Table 1: Student Fellows By Institution

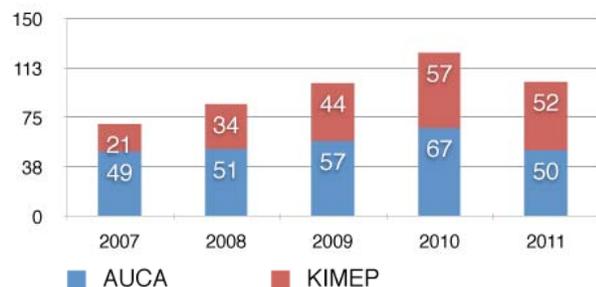
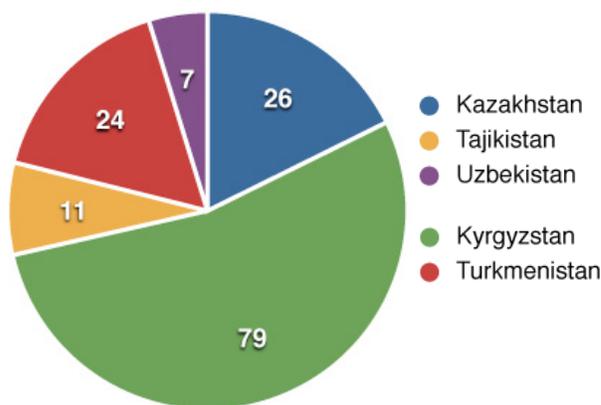


Table 2: Student Fellows By Citizenship



PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Our partner universities, AUCA and KIMEP, were selected based on a number of criteria including their use of English, the international language of business, as the primary language for instruction, adoption of a Western-style curriculum and teaching methodology and a willingness to support the goals of the Foundation and its Student Fellows. The Foundation is most grateful for the support it has received from AUCA and KIMEP and their commitment to the highest quality education.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR: AMERICAN COUNCILS

American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, is an international not-for-profit organization which believes that the fundamental role of education is to foster positive change for individuals, institutions and societies. Founded in 1974 as an association for area and language studies professionals, American Councils, with a team of over 370 dedicated professionals, designs, implements, and supports innovative programs in education, professional development, and scholarly research. Building on over three decades of regional expertise in Central Asia and other republics of the former Soviet Union, American Councils advances education and research worldwide through substantive cross-cultural programs that provide a global perspective essential for academic and professional excellence. American Councils was retained to facilitate the design of and to administer the Foundation's programs.



GRADUATION 2012: CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR STUDENT FELLOWS

Over their four years, the 2012 class of Student Fellows has shown themselves to be true leaders and innovators at their universities and role models. They have mentored incoming Fellows, helped to create and strengthen the U.S.-CAEF Association, taken campus-wide roles in student government, created campus-wide clubs, managed entrepreneurial businesses, won opportunities to study overseas, and volunteered their time and skills, including their language skills, to the community. Most of our Student Fellows are fluent in at least three languages: the language of their home Central Asian country, English and Russian. To that, some have added proficiency in another language. A number of Fellows volunteered and assisted with translation at the 7th Asian Winter Games in Almaty.

In the pages that follow, we offer profiles of these outstanding young men and women. We thought it best to allow the Student Fellows to share their own stories, thus the first-person narratives were provided by the graduating Student Fellows. GPA information is based on data from the Fall 2011 semester, as the final grades for Spring 2012 were still pending at the time of publication.

AUCA

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And with the support of US-CAEF and the
program coordinators, I will be able to change
the world for the better. I appreciate all the
people that helped me.*

PROFILE

I was born on December 6, 1988 in Frunze, Kyrgyz Republic. From that time I only left this beautiful country once, when I took part in the Work and Travel program. I am the oldest son of Akylbek Abdykulov and Anara Mukanova. These two hardworking people raised me and my little brother. From them I learned to be responsible and kind.

I finished a mathematical school in Bishkek and decided to enter the best university in our region - American University of Central Asia. I was very surprised when US-CAEF gave me a full scholarship. US-CAEF always supported me and my group mates during our study at AUCA. We really had a lot of fun gathering together and talking with each other.

At the university I realized that I love business and, especially, marketing. I took all the courses that were available and useful for my future career. The courses that I most enjoyed were Introduction to Marketing, Strategic Marketing, and Advertising. I hope that I will become a very good professional in these spheres. I will likely continue my education and obtain a Master's degree.

I see that business is a very important sphere. Business makes a sufficient contribution to the country's economy, creates a lot of jobs, and makes the people's lives easier and happier. I think that this is the area that I can make progress in. I think business is my true calling in life. And with the support of US-CAEF and the program coordinators, I will be able to change the world for the better. I appreciate all the people that helped me.

HOMETOWN: BISHKEK,
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.02

ALIBEK ABDYKULOV



HOMETOWN: BISHKEK,
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

MAJOR: ECONOMICS

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.08

DINARA SAMATOVA



US-CAEF is a unique chance to get a high-quality education in one of the best universities of Central Asia

PROFILE

For me, the word “U.S.-CAEF” is associated with success, since it gave me a unique chance to get a high-quality education in one of the best universities of Central Asia. I am happy to use this chance. It not only provides a financial support but also incorporates fellows by gathering us together for special events to celebrate our common success and raise the spirit of US-CAEF fellows. U.S.-CAEF is a big friendly family that always strives to acquire knowledge. That’s why I was very happy when I recognized that I was a U.S.-CAEF fellow. Thank you for your active assistance! In my turn, I will strive to apply gained knowledge in practice and to contribute to the development of the banking sector in Kyrgyzstan. I wish you further prosperity, great success, and many talented fellows!

I am from Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic and am the older of two children. An economics major at AUCA, I am specializing in banking and finance. I interned with the public debt department of the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic in the summer of 2010. The following summer, I interned with the accounting and human resources departments at the micro credit company, Bratko Ltd. In the summer of 2011, I worked as an English translator for GMC Translation Service, Ltd. I also worked as an English teacher for pupils in the 3rd through 5th grades during holidays.

While at AUCA, I was also active in extracurricular activities, including an art competition. In 2010, I was awarded a certificate of appreciation for creating the most educational poster for an Earth Day poster competition. Out of my classes, I am most interested in psychological-philosophical literature and one of my favorite mottos is: “There are no limits to your opportunities, except those limits that you put for your mind” - Bryan Tracey.

After graduating I hope to work in the banking sphere for several years in order to have a strong professional experience, and afterwards, I wish to earn a master’s degree in finance to improve my educational background.

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Following my graduation, I am determined
to use the theoretical and practical knowledge
that I gained during my studies at AUCA.
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PROFILE

I was born in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic and currently live with my sister and mother in downtown Bishkek. I graduated from Kyrgyz Turkish High School and now study at AUCA, along with my younger sister. It is great that we can sometimes discuss and debate issues based on our experiences. I am majoring in economics at AUCA, with a specialization in banking. I have direct banking experience as I have been working with the Kyrgyz Investment and Credit Bank as a SWIFT specialist in the Payments Department since August 2011. Education is not limited to classrooms and textbooks, and students can obtain valuable experience and develop social skills through various activities. Therefore, outside the classroom, I volunteer with the Center for Additional Education and the Career Center. I am also a member of the World and Earth Clubs.

In my free time, I enjoy swimming and table tennis, in addition to playing the komuz, the Kyrgyz national instrument. I can speak four languages. Kyrgyz and Russian are my native languages, whereas English, Turkish and French are the languages that I have mastered to a certain degree. I can't help noting that any language is a living being, as it is always evolving, and you need to keep pace to absorb new things and ideas.

Following my graduation, I am determined to use the theoretical and practical knowledge that I gained during my studies at AUCA. As I wonder about different nations and cultures, I would like to have a job through which I could visit different countries and learn more about what's happening around the world.

HOMETOWN: BISHKEK,
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
MAJOR: ECONOMICS
CUMULATIVE GPA: 2.8

AZAT
SAPAROV



HOMETOWN: TURKMENABAT,
TURKMENISTAN

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.54

ANDREY LESKIN



I hope to work in the financial sector after graduation. I truly hope to be one of those people who, when united, can make positive changes for my homeland.

PROFILE

I was born and raised in sunny Turkmenistan and spent most of my life there. In 2005, I was chosen to participate in the FLEX program and spent a year in Hollywood, Florida. After graduating from high school in Turkmenistan in 2008, I was enrolled at AUCA in the Department of Business Administration.

During my academic years, I had opportunities to intern with several companies. My first experience in the marketing sphere was at Kyzgыз Concept, where I interned with the marketing department through the U.S.-CAEF Regional Internship program. My summer internship experience at Megacom gave me a real sense of the business environment, as I worked in the Department of Marketing Research and Analysis. Finally, the experience of working at Lina, a manufacturing company, gave me the wonderful experience of working with accounting data and finance. I performed the cost-accounting analysis for Lina.

My participation in the Top Talents Project, organized by AIESEC Kyrgyzstan, supplemented my knowledge base with the practical experience of working with a team on a real business issue. Our cooperation with Namba Media had a positive impact on both parties. On the one hand, the company benefited from us generating new ideas and performing marketing analysis as well as coming up with the strategy of bringing a new product to the market. On the other hand, we, as students, acquired a great experience working in a real business atmosphere. Our team won the competition and the project was approved.

Besides my academic involvement, I devote a significant part of my life to extracurricular activities. Sports play a very important role for me and are an excellent way to fight stress. I love jogging in the morning, playing basketball, swimming, and of course, skiing and snowboarding in the winter. Moreover, I love reading and try to devote as much time to this pursuit as possible.

I hope to get a Master's degree in the field of economics and work in the financial sector after graduation. I truly hope to be one of those people who, when united, can make positive changes for my homeland.

Andrey has been selected to participate in the U.S.-CAEF International Capstone Internship Program in Fall 2012.

My goal is to acquire professional knowledge and experience in the economic and business spheres, continue my education, and return to Kyrgyzstan and contribute to its economy

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PROFILE

I am from Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic and am the only child in my family. My major at AUCA is economics. I specialize in banking and finance. I have always wanted to study economics and have been studying economics since 9th grade. Despite the fact that it was much harder to study economics at the university, it has only increased my interest in this subject. Economics is a science that includes various topics, such as economic development, private and banking sectors, finance, and others. In my opinion, it is impossible at once to define the right direction or specialization in which you will work because it is important to love the profession to which you will dedicate all your life. That's why it is also important to gain experience first in your chosen field.

I have had the opportunity to build my work experiences as an intern with the marketing department at FLTD 'CA KIA Motors Sales Corporation. I also worked as an accounting assistant at Grata Company. In addition, I was a participant in Management Games, AUCA's business competition. I received a certificate for completing practical and theoretical lessons related to investment and speculations on the stock exchange market. I also attended a seminar on "Social and Cultural Changes in Modern Eurasia." I have been a participant in international programs such as Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and Association for the International Exchange of Students in Economics and Commerce (AIESEC). Besides English, I'm involved in studying the French language. Therefore, at the present time, I am a member of the French Club at AUCA and am also actively engaged in a choir. Recently, I was selected to participate in the U.S.-CAEF International Capstone Internship Program in Fall 2012. During this internship, I hope to gain new knowledge and skills that I will be able to apply in my country. My goal is to acquire professional knowledge and experience in the economic and business spheres, continue my education, obtain a master's degree, return to Kyrgyzstan and contribute to its economy.

Khislal has been selected to participate in the U.S.-CAEF International Capstone Internship Program in Fall 2012.

HOMETOWN: BISHKEK,
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
MAJOR: ECONOMICS
CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.3

**KHISLAT
ZHURAEVA**



HOMETOWN: JALALABAT,
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.54

INARA ZAKIROVA



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Failure does not mean I have wasted my life; it does mean that I have an excuse to start over.
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PROFILE

I am from a small and quiet town of Jalalabat. My childhood was peaceful and friendly, and love and mutual understanding were the most integral part of my small family. I committed myself fully to my studies and am thankful that I graduated with the Red Certificate, which indicates the most excellent student at my school. In terms of academic achievements, I was awarded with a 12-day trip around the Golden Ring of Russia, which I remember with bright and emotional feelings. I have seen a lot of interesting and beautiful things. In the same year, I had an opportunity to go to Louisiana in the U.S. as an exchange student. It was an unforgettable experience with a lot of warm and good moments to remember for the rest of my life.

While in the U.S., I applied for the U.S.-CAEF Scholarship and fortunately was chosen as a finalist and got an opportunity to study at the American University in Central Asia, the university of my dreams. I wanted to attend AUCA since ninth grade in school, and it was unbelievable for me to think that I could be a student of that university. I have been a US-CAEF program fellow for four years, which has been a great opportunity for me. I would like to thank the people who made this experience possible for me.

Along with rigorous courses I have taken at AUCA, I had a lot of fun with my friends at many different events but still devoting the majority of my life to my studies. For four years of studies, I have tried hard and stayed one of the top students with a high level of academic performance.

In my third year of studies at AUCA, I got married and was the happiest person in the world. I have created my little family. In my fourth year of studies, I had a daughter, our precious angel, who changed my life completely. Although, everything seems to be pretty easy and simple, it was still very hard and the way was full of thorns and difficulties, which I overcame thanks to the support of my parents, my husband, and my friends. Thanks to them, I am now who I am, and I am very grateful that I have them in my life.

Now I am on my last stage of studies at AUCA. I am about to graduate, and I do look confidently into my future because I know I have strong support behind me. What is important in my life? Not to give up and to take everything impossible and make it possible.

Inara has been selected to participate in the U.S.-CAEF International Capstone Internship Program in Fall 2012

I am infinitely grateful to U.S. - CAEF that it gave me such an opportunity to study at AUCA. Studying in AUCA was a big step towards the achievement of my main goal - to develop the economy of my home country.

PROFILE

I am from the Naryn region of Kyrgyz Republic and am the youngest of four children. I am graduating from the American University of Central Asia with a major in Economics and specializations in Finance, Banking and Accounting. I had an invaluable accounting work experience with ELDEN, Ltd, where I worked as a cashier and financial manager's assistant and was able to learn about the 1C accounting program. Prior to that experience, I had an internship through the U.S. - CAEF Regional Internship program in Project HOPE in Kyrgyzstan. I worked as an assistant to the financial manager, where I learned about the American accounting program QuickBooks and how to prepare financial reports, both to Kyrgyz government authorities and to the Head Office of the project. I also worked as a Kyrgyz and Russian language teacher at Educational Center Filos.

At AUCA, I enjoyed courses related to economic research. I have learned to work with different types of data, to do different estimates with econometric programs like Eviews, Matlab and Stata. I would like to develop my research skills in the future, as I believe qualified research is the generator of innovations.

Besides studying, I am also actively involved in volunteering and extracurricular activities at AUCA. I helped organize events, including the Dedication to Students and Orientation Week for freshmen. Outside of AUCA, I was a volunteer in the National Center of Blood, where I called people to donate blood to the center. I have received several certificates for participating in youth conferences like BarCamp, Social Partnership in Realization of Government Youth Politics in Kyrgyzstan, and Young Scientists at AUCA. I believe that conferences are a good way to meet new and interesting people, as well as to help people to broaden their horizons. I have also received several certificates related to "Taxing system in Kyrgyzstan" and "Peculiarities of writing contracts."

In my free time, I enjoy painting and participated in summer school of the fund of Chyngyz Aitmatov for young painters in Issykkul. I am happy to have a hobby besides the main job.

My wish is to develop the financial sector of Kyrgyzstan, particularly through the development of the private pension fund system. This idea came to me when I was taking a finance course. This system could help to collect the excess funds from people and invest in long term investments.

HOMETOWN: LEBEDINOVKA,
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

MAJOR: ECONOMICS

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.19

NARGIZA ZHAKYPOVA



HOMETOWN: ASHGABAT,
TURKMENISTAN

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.6

AWARDS: FALL 2008 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2009 DEAN'S LIST

IRINA ABASOVA



KIMEP

I am very thankful to US-CAEF and KIMEP for giving me this unique opportunity to live these amazing four years in Almaty, studying at the best university in Central Asia!

PROFILE

I am from Turkmenistan and I study at KIMEP University, where I am majoring in Finance. In particular, I am interested in the sphere of investments. During my study at KIMEP I was named to the President's List and the Dean's List for my high GPA. In addition to these achievements, I also received an Erasmus Mundus scholarship to study at the University of Algarve in Faro, Portugal. I am very grateful to KIMEP for this opportunity. I had a chance to get acquainted not only with their education system, but also with the culture, beautiful nature, and cuisine of Portugal.

Besides my studies, I was actively involved in extracurricular activities at KIMEP. Since my first year, I entered the international youth organization AIESEC, [spell out, then define] which provides a platform for young people to develop their leadership. I was involved in various projects which brought together up to 2,000 students from different educational institutions and 300 companies in Almaty. Later on I was chosen as president of AIESEC in Almaty. During one year I was able to develop my leadership, management and planning skills. It was very interesting to manage an organization of more than 80 bright people. International AIESEC conferences also bring bright emotions and memories. I traveled to Vietnam and the Czech Republic, where I met 600 young leaders from around the world.

I am very thankful to US-CAEF and KIMEP for giving me this unique opportunity to live these amazing four years in Almaty, studying at the best university in Central Asia!

“*The experience I got from KIMEP & various internships made a huge contribution to my professional growth.*”

PROFILE

I graduated from gymnasium # 27 in Almaty where I was intensively studying math, physics and English. During my high school years, I was an active participant in City Olympiads in Russian language and literature. In April 2006, I participated in the City Competition of Scientific Projects and was awarded a diploma for Applied Significance of a Project. In 2008, I applied to Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP) and received full financial support from US-CAEF. Through this program, I was able to get the best education from the best professors, make friends with people from different countries and develop both as a person and as a professional. I was a member of a student organization called Zo_Om and enthusiastically participated in the social life at KIMEP.

In the fall of 2010 I participated in an exchange semester at Jonkoping International School in Sweden. In addition to gaining excellent knowledge, I was able to travel around Europe, meet interesting students from all corners of our planet, and represent Kazakhstan at the international level.

I had several internships during my time at KIMEP. After my sophomore year, through the U.S.-CAEF Regional Internship Program I interned with National Leasing Company (NLC) in Almaty. Among my main duties were financial analysis of the company, preparation of the annual budget, and monitoring procedures for the issuance of loans. In a team with two other U.S.-CAEF fellows (Moldir Kussainova and Merjen Agayeva), I conducted internal auditing for the company. I assisted the accounting department and expanded my practical knowledge in this field. Through my marketing research about the conditions of financial services among competing companies, I was able to compare NLC with other financial institutions and evaluate its place in the market.

In spring 2012, I received an internship offer from Procter & Gamble, where I worked in the Finance and Accounting departments. The experience I gained at KIMEP and from various internships made a huge contribution to my professional growth. I have ambitious plans for my future career goals and I strive to improve the economic situation and development of my homeland. I am very happy to be a part of US-CAEF family. This program gave me a whole world of opportunities from gaining the best knowledge to meeting all those wonderful people along the way. I appreciate the work which is done by US-CAEF sponsors and representatives and express my gratitude for changing the lives of Central Asian students in a better way.

Congratulations to the graduating class! Wish you all the best in your future lives!

HOMETOWN: ALMATY,
KAZAKHSTAN

CUMULATIVE GPA: 4.02

AWARDS: FALL 2008 DEAN'S LIST
SPRING 2009 PRESIDENT'S LIST
FALL 2009 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2010 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2011 PRESIDENT'S LIST

AIDANA
ABDRAKHMANOVA



HOMETOWN: BAYRAMALY,
TURKMENISTAN

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.65

AWARDS: FALL 2008 DEAN'S LIST
FALL 2009 DEAN'S LIST
SPRING 2010 DEAN'S LIST

MERJEN AGAYEVA



In view of my gained knowledge and experience, I can take big steps towards changes and show that Turkmenistan can perform on the international stage with other countries.

PROFILE

After reaching certain set goals you assign new ones to eventually achieve self-actualization. In order to accomplish this level of self-actualization, we need to work as hard as possible and try to use every given chance along the way.

At school I was very active in Subject Olympiads in Physics and Math. I was selected as a finalist for the FLEX program (Future Leaders Exchange). In the 2006-2007 academic year, I lived in Hawaii, United States, where I studied at West Hawaii Exploration Academy. Upon my return to Turkmenistan in 2007, I started volunteering with Mary American Corner, where I led courses on American culture and English language, as well as the Movie Night Club, Girls Club, and Book Club. I participated in different projects like Safe Smile, house for blind and deaf people, and provided lectures for teenage girls about HIV/AIDS.

In 2008, I successfully applied to one of the highly ranked universities in Kazakhstan, KIMEP, and received the financial support of the US-CAEF scholarship. The environment at KIMEP is absolutely different. The faculty is international, there are many international and exchange students, active and all-rounded Kazakh youth, and a very supportive and inspiring atmosphere. During these four years of study, I gained enormous knowledge that I will be able to transfer to the workplace. Here I gained knowledge in all the spheres of business and how to administer it the right way. In addition to my studies, I was able to get an internship in my second and fourth years. Through the U.S.-CAEF Regional Internship Program I interned with the credit department at JSC National Leasing Company (NLC), where my duties were to organize the archives, make an internal audit of the department, check the borrowers' payment schedule, and work with the accounting department.

Later, I applied to the Erasmus Mundus Exchange Program to study in one of the best universities in Europe. I spent the 2010-2011 academic year at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. This program gave me an opportunity to expand my experience in the Western business environment. This semester I am pursuing an internship in the research department of JSC Halyk Finance. My duties mostly concern their new website, as I am assisting with its launch, uploading reports, and organizing its internal information disk. I am actively involved in student life at KIMEP. As chairperson of the finance department of the organization "Proud of KIMEP", I organize the financial system, keep track of taxes and analyze the sales programs.

Turkmenistan needs much more development to be on the same stage as other developed countries. I believe the future is in our hands.

“U.S.-CAEF gave me a great opportunity to study business in one of the best universities of Central Asia.”

PROFILE

I came to KIMEP from Turkmenistan in summer 2008 to study business administration and majored in accounting. In 2010, I became a UGRAD finalist [U.S. Department of State Eurasia Undergraduate Exchange Program] and spent one academic year at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. I had the chance to experience the accounting professional environment of the USA, participate in the Accounting Club, and visit professional conferences. I also had two internships for the Volunteer Tax Assistance Clinic and the Financial Services office of Missouri State University. These activities broadened my perspective on the profession of accounting and motivated me to learn more and strive for perfection.

During my last semester at KIMEP, I was an intern at Air Astana, in the procurement department. I learned to work with Oracle e-business solutions and update the supplier's database and nomenclature positions. This was a very interesting experience, and I have learned a lot about tenders and different types of procurement procedures.

I have also actively participated in the student organizations at KIMEP such as KARANDASH and Association for the International Exchange of Students in Economics and Commerce (AIESEC). During my last semester, I was offered the position of CEO in the Proud of KIMEP organization. Proud of KIMEP is the first student-run business on the KIMEP campus. It gives students an opportunity to become leaders, test their innovative ideas, and work on their own business projects. By working for this organization, I have learned a lot, not only about managing and motivating others, but also about myself.

There are three things that I like the most about my field: working in a team, solving challenging problems and leading people in the right direction.

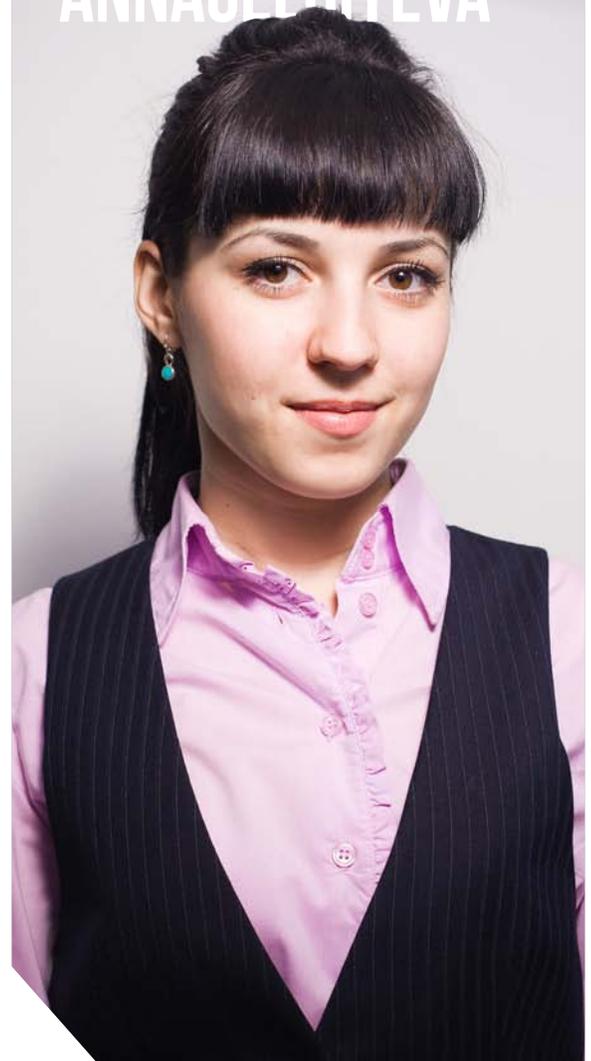
HOMETOWN: ASHGABAT,
TURKMENISTAN

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.95

AWARDS: FALL 2008 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2009 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2010 PRESIDENT'S LIST
FALL 2011 DEAN'S LIST

AYNA
ANNAGELDIYEVA



HOMETOWN: ASHGABAT,
TURKMENISTAN

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.95

AWARDS: FALL 2008 DEAN'S LIST
FALL 2011 PRESIDENT'S LIST

AKJAMAL ARTYKOVA



The U.S.-CAEF scholarship was the greatest opportunity for me to get my bachelor's degree in a highly qualified university with many various opportunities.

PROFILE

I was born in mid-December in Ashgabat, the capital city of Turkmenistan. This is the city where my adventurous life started. After finishing secondary school, I decided to study the Persian language and to work to gain more experience and get to know interesting people. At that time, when I was thinking that this was all that could happen to me, I won a scholarship from the Indian Embassy and got a chance to live and study there. This trip was amazing. I was in love with the Taj-Mahal, Golconda Fort, Agra Fort, Lotus Temple and the historical heritage of the country. That was the first time I realized that dreams do come true.

Later, I was given another opportunity to continue my studies and was exposed to a new society, a new culture and new prospects. The U.S.-CAEF scholarship was the greatest opportunity for me to get my bachelor degree in a highly qualified university with many various opportunities. Here, in Almaty, I got a chance to volunteer for different events like the "Chefs de Mission Seminar of 7th Asian Winter Games 2011" as an interpreter (from Persian into Russian), the Consequence Management Field Exercise "Zhetysu 2009" by the Ministry of Emergency Situations, and others. Over the last few years, I organized several seminars. I was a coordinator of two big seminars for the Institute for Studies in Global Prosperity in Almaty for 40-60 participants.

In 2010-2011, I was chosen to participate in an exchange through the UGRAD [spell out] program to the USA, where I studied at Tennessee Technological University. I still have warm relations with the host university international office staff, my advisor and my professors. While studying on exchange in the USA, I took an internship to better understand my field, the American people, the local culture, and the diverse society. For my future plans, I want to continue my education, gain experience in my chosen field of accounting and contribute to the accounting system in my country.

Akjamal has been selected to participate in the U.S.-CAEF International Capstone Internship Program in Fall 2012.

“There are so many memories associated with US-CAEF & my fellows. Thanks to this program I could meet all these wonderful people from –stan countries.”

PROFILE

During studies in high school, I read Abraham Lincoln's words: "The best way to predict your future is to create it." Those words became a life credo, which I always remember and which inspires new achievements for me. I realized that any accomplishment is not possible without hard work and studies.

I am from Ust-Kamenogorsk in eastern Kazakhstan. Being the eldest child in the family, I always feel a responsibility for my younger sister and brother. I graduated from high-school, with the "Altyn Belgi" honor for excellent studies. In 2006, I became a finalist in the Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program and had a unique opportunity to study in Nevada. However, I spent only a month in the U.S. due to my father's disease.

In 2008, I became a finalist of the U.S.-CAEF scholarship program and started earning a bachelor degree in business administration at KIMEP. Now, I am graduating with a major in accounting and a minor in tax law. My four years at KIMEP have been very rewarding and productive. All four years, I have been on the KIMEP President's List and once on the Dean's List.

In summer 2010, I became a finalist of the U.S.-CAEF Enterprise Regional Internship Program and gained valuable work experience at Polygon International. I was actively involved in the organization of the 4th Kazakhstan Investment Summit and afterwards practiced in the accounting department. In Fall 2010, I studied at Hong Kong Baptist University in Hong Kong, China. It was a valuable exchange experience both in terms of gained knowledge and living in new culture.

In 2011, I became involved in the Central Asian Tax Research Center (CATRC), a research division at KIMEP. I am generally enthusiastic about activities, and this enthusiasm has added a lot of life to the university atmosphere. I was a member of and was a speaker at the 1st round of the China-Kazakhstan Tax Forum, the Beneficial Ownership Colloquium, the Changes in Tax Code Conference, the 1st round of the Italy-Kazakhstan Tax Forum, and the 1st round of the Spain-Kazakhstan Tax Forum. In June 2011, I participated in the 7th World Islamic Economic Forum, held in Astana, Kazakhstan. In November 2011, I presented a topic on beneficial ownership at the American Chamber of Commerce Tax Working Group meeting in Astana.

Active involvement in CATRC activities broadens my knowledge of taxation. I hope in the future to become a leading tax consultant specializing in planning and business legal structure development. I am proud to be a U.S.-CAEF fellow and grateful to the foundation for supporting my studies and giving me unique opportunities for internships.

Kuralay has been selected to participate in the U.S.-CAEF International Capstone Internship Program in Fall 2012.

**HOMETOWN: UST-KAMENOGORSK,
KAZAKHSTAN**

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 4.05

**AWARDS: FALL 2008 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2009 PRESIDENT'S LIST
FALL 2009 DEAN'S LIST
SPRING 2010 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2011 PRESIDENT'S LIST
FALL 2011 PRESIDENT'S LIST**

**KURALAY
BAISALBAYEVA**



HOMETOWN: ASHGABAT,
TURKMENISTAN

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 4.04

AWARDS: SPRING 2009 DEAN'S LIST
FALL 2010 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2011 DEAN'S LIST
FALL 2011 PRESIDENT'S LIST

ARTYOM BAKULIN



I became more independent, tolerant and responsible. KIMEP education helped me to cultivate intellectual & professional capacity, taught me how to solve social problems for my society and developed leadership potential.

PROFILE

As a kid, I loved to dream about my future job and career. To be honest, I had no idea where my undergraduate studies were going to take place, but I was precisely sure that I would be working in the monetary sphere afterwards. As a citizen of Turkmenistan, I was lucky to become a finalist of the U.S.-CAEF program. U.S.-CAEF has provided me with a full scholarship to study at one of the best-known accredited international universities in Central Asia - KIMEP. My common life changed unbelievably after arrival in Kazakhstan.

During four years at KIMEP I was mentioned two times both in Dean's list and President's list. Studying at KIMEP, I applied to Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (UGRAD), became a finalist and spent one year in the United States. In my opinion, UGRAD is the best innovative programs in Eurasia that offer a lot of opportunities to receive a qualified U.S. education, valuable U.S. cross-cultural experiences and close interactions with U.S. society. During my exchange, I got a chance to have an internship at Sounds Physicians Company, where I have been a useful asset in several departments including Finance, Marketing and Training, and Development. This program has definitely inspired me with great ambitions and plans about the future. As a matter of fact, I always felt an affinity to famous business and finance leaders such as Warren Buffet, Peter Lynch and Benjamin Graham. I think this is a main reason I decided to get a major in Finance. Studying hard, I have read dozens of financial books and transformed hundreds of financial formulas into deeper academic knowledge that allows me to examine global financial issues and solve various business cases at the same time.

This summer I will take the first level of a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exam that provides financiers around the world with a prestigious financial designation and advanced understanding of financial topics. In my opinion, a CFA designation is an extremely essential step to undertake now in order to become a highly professional and skilled specialist in my home country later on. After graduation from KIMEP, I would like to get a position in an investment company, where I will be able to work as a financial analyst and portfolio manager.

Artyom has been selected to participate in the U.S.-CAEF International Capstone Internship Program in Fall 2012.

All in all, time spent at KIMEP is the most amazing time of my life, and I will cherish each & every moment of it & these memories will keep me going in times that will be hard to get through.

PROFILE

When starting the university search during senior year at high school, I questioned what I wanted my university experience to be like. I found out that KIMEP University had the best business school in Central Asia. During my studies in high school, I visited KIMEP University with my friends. We were walking around KIMEP and went to the Financial Aid office where I was provided with information about U.S.-CAEF. It was a real opportunity to get a full scholarship for study at KIMEP University.

From May to July 2010, through the U.S.-CAEF Regional Internship Program I interned at Sberbank of Russia in the Accounting Department, where I assisted in making financial statements, in banking processes such as changing bank requisites to 20-digit numbers, in control of accounts receivable and accounts payable, etc. From November 2011 to February 2012, I interned at Halyk Finance in the Research Department, where I assisted the research team in collecting information for research and analysis of banks and the fixed-income industry. From 2008 to 2011, I was the Head of the Media Department in the KIMEP University student organization, Future Businessmen Group – Charity, where we organized charity auctions with Procter & Gamble, charity paintball, concerts, etc. Because my major is finance, I want to work in investment banks or mutual funds. Investment and asset management are the things that I am interested in within the field of finance. Moreover, 'Investments' was my favorite course during my study at KIMEP. In the future, I want to start up my own investment bank.

I also like sports. I especially like judo, boxing and swimming because I did them for many years, winning several national championships. The top 5 things I like doing at KIMEP are:

- Attending meetings and events organized by U.S.-CAEF
- Attending guest lectures done by a person who interests me
- Learning the foreign language I couldn't learn in high school
- Going to the gym
- Eating at KIMEP Grill.

All in all, time spent at KIMEP is the most amazing time of my life, and I will cherish each and every moment of it and these memories will keep me going in times that will be hard to get through.

I love KIMEP! I am proud to be an alumnus of U.S.-CAEF and KIMEP University! Congrats to U.S.-CAEF 2012 and future alumni!

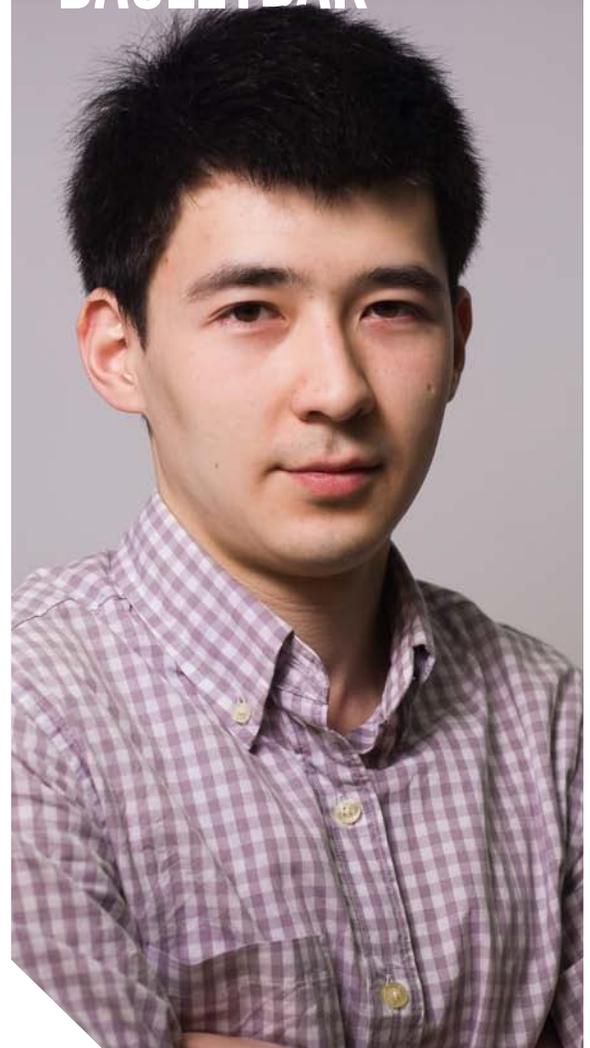
HOMETOWN: TALDYKORGAN,
KAZAKHSTAN

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.44

AWARDS: FALL 2008 DEAN'S LIST

**GALYM
DAULETBAK**



HOMETOWN: ALMATY,
KAZAKHSTAN

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 4.24

AWARDS: SPRING 2009 PRESIDENT'S LIST
FALL 2009 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2010 PRESIDENT'S LIST
FALL 2010 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2011 PRESIDENT'S LIST
FALL 2011 PRESIDENT'S LIST

XENIYA KURMAYEVA



“ I always achieve what I plan. ”

PROFILE

I am a very talented and hardworking student from Almaty, Kazakhstan. I proved this by achieving 2nd place in the Republic Competition of Scientific Projects “Daryn,” and “Small Academy” with a theme of ethnic culture in 2008. Before applying for further studies, I was awarded a competitive scholarship for a bachelor’s degree by U.S. CAEF and I have studied at the Bang College of Business Administration with a specialization in finance. I am very charismatic and responsible.

At KIMEP, I have participated in the “QUIK JUNIOR” trading contest as well as a “How to Find a Job” training. Apart from that, I was awarded the Certificate of Academic Excellence. Since the very beginning of my studies, I have been recognized on the President’s list. My efforts in my studies helped me to get a competitive advantage as a volunteer group coordinator and interpreter at the Astana-Almaty 7th Asian Winter Games in 2010-11.

I always achieve what I plan. I am interested in full-time employment at an investment company. I am also interested in clothing fashion design and am ready to launch my own brand and provide new trends in fashion. My current aim is to complete a Chartered Financial Analyst program. I am married and am planning to receive a master’s degree in Dubai as well as find a job, apply theoretical knowledge and get practical experience at Dubai Financial Center.

“ I have a great interest in entrepreneurship & want to make a personal contribution to the development of the economy of Kazakhstan. ”

PROFILE

I was born in 1989 in South Kazakhstan. I am the youngest child in my family. At the high school named after S.Shakirov, I intensively studied chemistry and biology. In 2004, I participated in the Regional Scientific Olympiad in biology and won 3rd place. After successful completion of 9th grade, I entered Kazakh-Turkish College of Economics, where I majored in banking. During my studies in college, I learned Turkish and English. In 2008, I graduated from Kazakh-Turkish College with an honors diploma.

After graduation from college, I entered Kazakhstan Institute of Management in Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP) and received a scholarship from the U.S.-CAEF program. During my studies at KIMEP, I was a member of the AIESEC student organization, where I actively took part in organizing various events and seminars. In fall 2009, I won 1st place in University Debates. After my sophomore year, I received a regional internship from U.S.-CAEF for the National Leasing Company in Almaty. My main duties covered tracking sales and leasing transactions, analyzing lease and loan portfolios, internal auditing and business valuation. In fall 2010, I worked as a Teaching Assistant in the School of General Education, where I assisted with tutoring and helped students in math. In fall 2010, I had a two-month internship with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Astana. During my internship, I assisted with conducting protocol measures and helped with organizing the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Review Conference. Apart from that, I was responsible for the Bilateral Meetings of Presidents at the OSCE Presidential Summit. I believe that this was a unique opportunity to meet and communicate with amazing people, including the presidents of OSCE member countries. Besides my studies, I volunteered at the 7th Asian Winter games in 2010-11 and the OSCE Informal Ministerial Meeting in July 2010.

In summer 2011, I received an internship offer from Henkel Central Asia and Caucasus, where I was working in the marketing department. This was a challenging experience that boosted my confidence and helped to clearly articulate what value I would bring to the company. I have a great interest in entrepreneurship and want to make a personal contribution to the development of the economy of Kazakhstan.

I have deep gratitude toward my U.S.-CAEF sponsors for providing such a great opportunity to study at the best university and for helping me become part of a wonderful community!

**HOMETOWN: ALMATY,
KAZAKHSTAN**

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.46

**AWARDS: FALL 2008 DEAN'S LIST
SPRING 2009 DEAN'S LIST
FALL 2009 DEAN'S LIST**

**MOLDIR
KUSSAINOVA**



HOMETOWN: KHOROG,
TAJKISTAN

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.18

AWARDS: SPRING 2009 PRESIDENT'S LIST

PARVINA MIRZOMUSTAKIMOVA



“My life changed dramatically after applying to KIMEP & receiving a U.S.-CAEF scholarship.”

PROFILE

I am from Khorog, which is famous for its high mountains. I graduated from one of the best schools in Tajikistan, Aga-Khan Lyceum. I was the vice-chairman of the school government. Besides being a vice-chairman, I was also a member of the economist club. In addition to this, I participated in the Republican Olympiad in the English language. I graduated with highest scores and was awarded “Best Student” of the Aga-Khan Lyceum. I also took part in some community activities such as being a volunteer at the NGO, “Volunteer Khorog”, from 2005 to 2007. I worked on the project called “City free from HIV/AIDS”.

My life changed dramatically after applying to KIMEP and receiving a U.S.-CAEF scholarship. I never even imagined that I would become the only scholar from Tajikistan that year (2008). During my four years of study here, I gained a lot of experience and was a part of amazing events. I was a member of many KIMEP student organizations, including Brain Art Organization, and FBG Charity Group. I am also a member of Luca Accounting Club, where we organized an Accounting Olympiad with the support of Pricewaterhouse Coopers, and I am currently also a member of “Open Hearts”, where I am teaching English to kids at orphan house #1.

Besides being a member of organizations, I also benefited from some professional experiences. After my sophomore year, I received a regional internship from U.S.-CAEF at Polygon International Press. There I worked in an accounting department and was involved in the organization of the fourth Kazakhstan Investment Summit. For some time, I worked as a translator at the Kazakhstan Spain Multilateral Partnership. Currently, I work at the Central Asian Tax Research Center (CATRC), where I work on the tax system of Tajikistan. For the last two semesters, I have been working as a teaching assistant in the General Education Department of KIMEP University.

It is my last semester at KIMEP, and I am graduating with a major in finance and a minor in accounting. After graduation, I plan to go back to my home country of Tajikistan. As a citizen of Tajikistan, I would like to bring the maximum possible benefit to my country and implement all of the knowledge and experience that I received here at KIMEP. I am very happy that I am a member of this wonderful U.S.-CAEF family, and I am very thankful that I had an opportunity to realize my potential and to develop and demonstrate my skills and abilities.

Teachers are highly qualified and teach not only what is written in books but what is found in real life as well.

PROFILE

I was born in the beautiful city of Parkent, which is near Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. In 2008, I came to Almaty, and since 2008 I have been studying at KIMEP with the great help of U.S.-CAEF.

KIMEP is a great place to study. Teachers are highly qualified and teach not only what is written in books but what is found in real life as well. Here we have many extracurricular activities, such as sporting events, parties and talent shows. These all are organized by KIMEP's student organizations. One of them is U.S.-CAEF Association, which organizes many exciting events. I took apart in a football competition on Sports Day that was held on 2010. I played on a team of international students, and we won the football competition. I also took apart in Chaikhanas, where all U.S.-CAEF fellows prepare their national dishes. These activities make student life memorable.

I worked as a teacher assistant at KIMEP and as a sales manager in another company as I studied. Sales is a good place to get useful experience. I am on the KIMEP President's List, and I was awarded an Excellence Certificate by Dr. Bang. In addition, my team and I were officially honored with a Certificate of Appreciation for our outstanding, innovative project in the Intermediate Marketing course in spring 2010.

My major is Finance. I have chosen it because it is very interesting to study how to make arbitrages on stock markets and manage corporate finance. I did quite an exciting internship at Eurasia Capital in Mongolia in summer 2011. Eurasia Capital is one of the leading investments banks in Mongolia and Asia. I was involved in several remarkable projects. One of them involved doing research comparing the Mongolian and Kazakhstan Stock exchanges. Actually, we compared not only exchanges, but also the banking systems of these two countries. The biggest issue was to collect credible information to use in our research. I think it was great experience for me because I learned quite a lot about Kazakhstan Stock Exchange, its issues and possible solutions to problems. The other project was related to property development. In a team, we had to calculate all costs, future cash flows, and net present value (NPV) and internal rate of return (IRR) of this project. The hardest part was calculating the exact costs that local construction companies offered because there were very different prices. Because I took a corporate finance class before the internship, it was easy for me to calculate future cash flows and NPV.

In the future, I am planning to work in the corporate finance department of one of the most reputable companies in Kazakhstan.

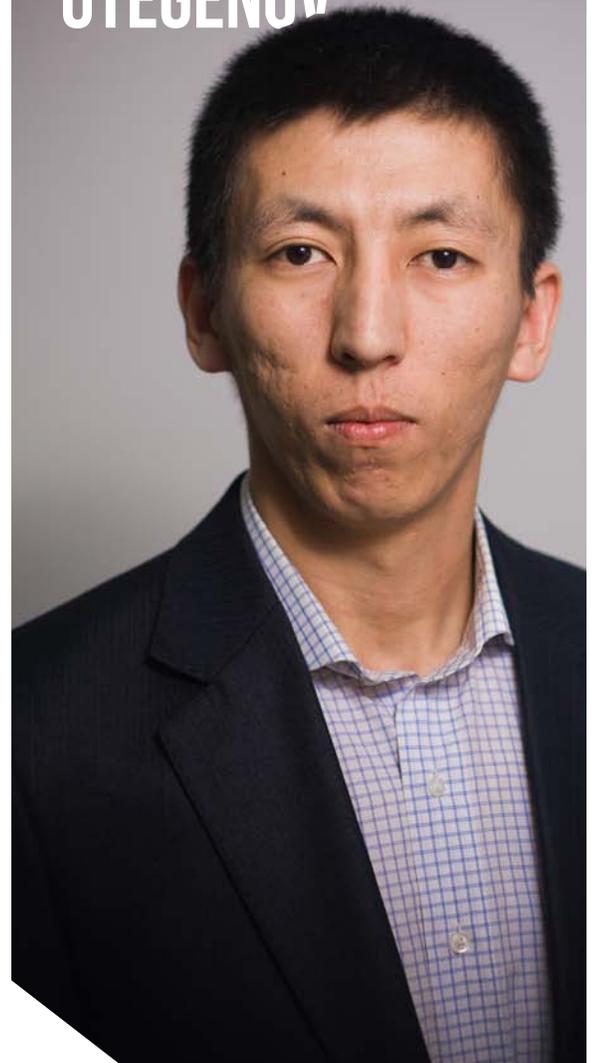
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UZBEKISTAN**

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 4.03

**AWARDS: FALL 2008 PRESIDENT'S LIST
SPRING 2009 DEAN'S LIST
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SPRING 2011 PRESIDENT'S LIST**

**TEMUR
UTEGENOV**



HOMETOWN: BALKHASH,
KAZAKHSTAN

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.52

AWARDS: SPRING 2009 DEAN'S LIST
SPRING 2010 DEAN'S LIST

ARAILYM ZHAKSYLYK



“
Since that school time, I have been dreaming
about studying at KIMEP. I am very glad that I won
the scholarship by ACCELS, which gave me such
a great opportunity. At KIMEP, my life has changed
dramatically. I started to face the world differently.”

PROFILE

My name is Arailym. I was born on May 10, 1990 in a small town called Balkash. My home town is situated near the Balkash Lake. It is one of the most mysterious places in the world because one side of the sea is saline and another part is fresh water.

I clearly remember those times when I went to school. The gymnasium which I attended for 11 years is the best school in my town and one of the leading schools in our oblast. In 1997, there were entrance exams to this school, and I was very happy that I passed my first exam. My school time was full of emotions and energy. I was president of my class. Moreover, I participated in many school Olympiads and scientific conferences. I wrote a report about Kazakh history and culture, and I was very proud to introduce my report in the Republican level scientific conference, in which I was awarded a 1st place diploma for the best report on Kazakh history. Since that school time, I have been dreaming about studying at KIMEP. I am very glad that I won the U.S.-CAEF scholarship, which gave me such a great opportunity. At KIMEP, my life has changed dramatically. I started to face the world differently.

Now, I am a graduate student of Bang College of Business. I have a double major in Marketing and Finance. In the future, I want to work in the marketing sphere because I found it challenging in Kazakhstan. In summer time, I had an experience working in one of leading worldwide companies, Henkel and Schwarzkopf. I was working in the sales department of the Laundry and Home Care division. These short two months gave me a lot of benefits such as enhancing my communication skills and helping to put my marketing knowledge into practice. In addition to this, I was working with various programs like SAP and S1. I have realized that by doing an internship, I can recognize the basics of my future career, and I feel passionate about committing myself to a full-time job. I am an intern in an international public relations agency, Action Global Communications. In addition to this, I am working as a Teaching Assistant in the Management Department at KIMEP.

I also like to participate in and organize different events and trainings. I am a member of the U.S.-CAEF Association. Organizing Chaikhanas and different sport events like the Volleyball Tournament gave me some of the most memorable moments of my student life.



THE FOUNDATION'S FACULTY AND INTERN FELLOWSHIPS

ENTERPRISE FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

We have sponsored and delivered several faculty training development programs since the Foundation's inception in 2007. During 2010 we launched a focused 2-year faculty training program developed and delivered by Fairfield University (Fairfield, CT. USA) in response to criteria which we developed in consultation with our partner universities. The program consists of three separate intensive in-person sessions within the region and ongoing remote training and communication between the Fairfield University team and faculty participants. Twenty faculty from KIMEP and AUCA have participated. The post-session reviews confirm the value of this training to their development and professional growth to the faculty participants.

ENTERPRISE INTERN FELLOWSHIPS

Through our Enterprise Intern Fellowships, the Foundation seeks to afford its Student Fellows the opportunity to gain (1) practical work experience within Central Asia early in their university careers through our Regional Summer Internship Program and (2) a post-graduate educational, vocational and cultural experience in the United States or other countries that serve as positive examples of democratic open-market economies through our International Internship Program.

REGIONAL SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Since 2008, the Foundation has operated a Regional Summer Internship Program, which is made available on a competitive basis to a limited number of Student Fellows completing their second year of university study. Both AUCA and KIMEP require their business and economics students to undertake a formal internship towards the end of their third year as a degree requirement. The Foundation's second summer internship program, which includes orientation and support to the interns, is intended as an opportunity to become familiar with the business environment, enhance skills and lead to more informed choices in selecting the degree-required internship. The Foundation is grateful to the companies in Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic that have hosted Enterprise Summer Interns, which include ADM Capital, Asia Universal Bank, Alpha Telecom, Ardamina Textile Company, CAI Consulting, Flamingo Park, HSBC Bank Kazakhstan, International Business Council, KazInvest, Kyrgyz Concept, Kyrgyz Kredit Bank, MegaCom, National Leasing Company, Polygon International Ltd, Project Hope and Sberbank of Russia.



POST-GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Post-Graduate International Internship Program, launched in 2011, is a four month work-study program in the U.S. designed to complement four years of university study. Student Fellows who successfully complete their studies and graduate from AUCA or KIMEP are eligible to apply for an International Internship. Only six International Internships will be awarded annually. Six outstanding Student Fellows from the 2012 graduating class have been selected to take part in the International Internships in fall 2012: Akjamal Artykova, Artyom Bakulin, Kuralay Baisalbayeva from KIMEP and Andrei Leskin, Inara Zakirova, and Khislat Zhuraeva from AUCA.

The Foundation's International Interns will take part in an established and success-proven program operated by The Washington Center (www.twc.edu), Washington, DC. In addition to the vocational and educational components of the internship, Enterprise International Interns will live and participate with interns from the U.S. and other countries that have recently completed their undergraduate studies; and will benefit from events provided by The Washington Center where they will have the opportunity to build their international and professional contact network and interact with experts and leaders from public, private and non-profit sectors; and participate in other activities arranged by American Councils.

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