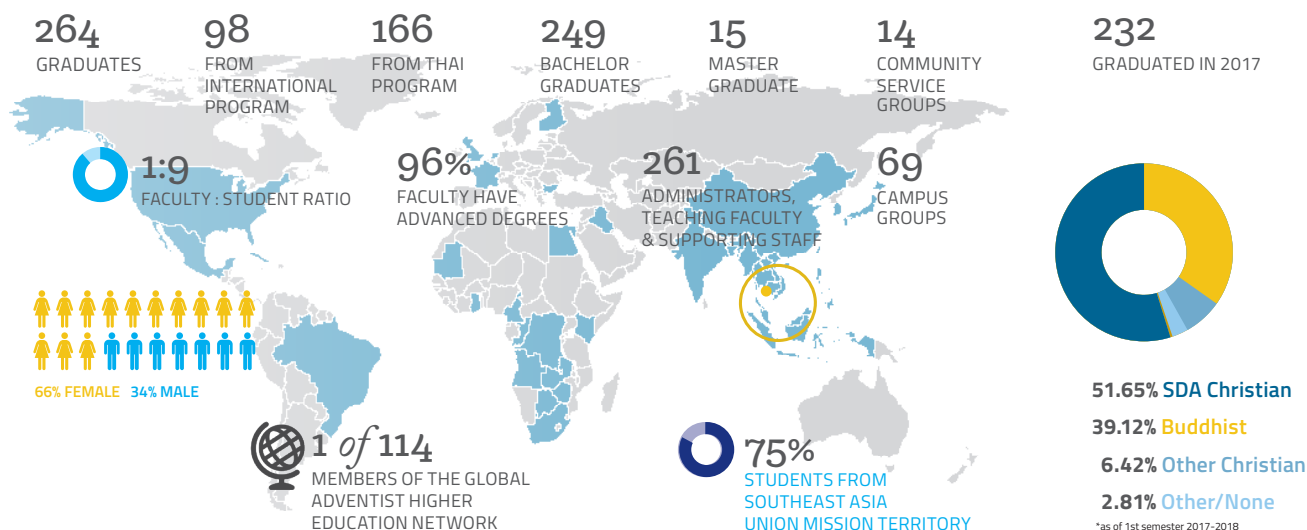


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Graduating Seniors: Last Few Days on Campus



Looking Back, & Looking Ahead

Four years is not a short period of time. We asked a few of our graduating seniors about what they learned over the years in Asia-Pacific International University.



Name: Anongnat Singkeaw
Nickname: NewYear
Major: English (Thai Program)
Country: Thailand

I have learned how to talk to people and overcome my shyness, especially when I present in classes. The teachers are friendly and are very helpful. I am so excited to finally graduate!

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Name : Daniel Sem
Major: English TESOL
Country: Cambodia

Throughout the past 4 years here at Asia-Pacific International University, I had good and bad experiences. I have learned to be humble, and to trust in God, because He provides. Now that I am graduating, I feel like I am ready to face new challenges, but I am also going to miss the times I spent here as a student, especially working with AIU Media Team. I advise all students, but especially freshmen students, to spend your time wisely, because you won't get these times again.



Name: Alek Xiandra Sarmiento Claro
Nickname: Andee
Major: Accounting
Country: The Philippines

At first, I was a bit closed but I made friends. The teachers are kind and very welcoming, and I like the environment here. When I finished my last exam, it felt like 'oh exams over' then a little later, when it really sunk in that I had completed my undergraduate years, I was like “AAAH I'M DONE”. It feels good. I learned a lot. Each year had its own twist, and the experience developed me as a person. I became better with people, and academically, I learned so much.



Name: Namthip Bumrungwong
Nickname: Nune
Major: English (Thai Program)
Country: Thailand

University life has been wonderful. I have had very kind teachers, and made many good friends so my time here has been such a great experience for me. Of course, I am happy to graduate. Finally finishing my undergraduate studies feels like one stage in your life is over. I have worries about finding a job, taking on new responsibilities, and facing different challenges. I want to be able to take good care of my family and myself at the same time. Even though there's plenty ahead, I want to spend time with friends, family, and with God.



Name: Willborn Gondolos
Nickname: Willborn
Major: Applied Theology
Country: Malaysia

My time at AIU has been fantastic. Before I was blind and now I can see, I was nobody but now I feel like I am somebody. I have learned a lot, both theologically as well as culturally. I have a clearer understanding of our mission to the world and of the different people and cultures among us.



Name: Kelvin Jameson Widjaja
Nickname: Kelvin
Major: Marketing
Country: Indonesia

My time as a student of AIU has been beautiful and full of color. I learned how to work with people from different cultures, and that has made me a better person. Finally, I am graduating! It's a mixed feeling of being excited, but also scared of the future. Recently I applied for a job, I don't know how it's going to be, but I'm hoping for the best.



Name: Nguyen Ahn Duc
Nickname: Adam
Major: Applied Theology
Country: Vietnam

Asia-Pacific International University gave me a chance to develop my skills. I've developed friendships with many friends and grown a better relationship with God. The most important thing is that this university trained me for who I need to be. Graduating, I feel excited because all this time from the past till now, I worked hard with the help of my teachers and my family and friends. They encouraged me and I feel that my hard work has paid off and I feel accomplished. My advice to others students is to take part in activities and clubs because you won't have those times again, and try to balance your time between studies and friendships.



Name: Merddano Bin Madzim
Nickname: Dano
Major: Applied Theology
Country: Malaysia

I have had the best experience as a student. I gained a lot of knowledge, made a lot of friends, and I feel I like I have matured. I can see where I am headed in the future. Graduating makes me feel excited that I have finished my education and I am going face the real life.



Name: Chanyaporn Kiatyanyong
Nickname: Choice
Major: Education Psychology - Primary Education
Country: Thailand

My time at Asia-Pacific International University has been a blessing. I joined many activities and clubs which helped me develop mental, physical and spiritual aspects of my life. The people of this school have become family. My teachers are kind and the students are friendly. Graduating is another step towards my future as a teacher. I am nervous, but I'm more than ready. My advice to freshman students is to "join as many activities as you can," and to the next graduating class, "All the best!"

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 — *Nguyen Ahn Duc*



Name: Kelvin Liew Kai Wenn
Nickname: Baymax, Panda, Doremon
Major: Accounting
Country: Malaysia

I enjoyed studying here very much. It's a different experience and you learn a lot of things not just academically but also life lessons especially spiritual lessons. If I compare my experience at AIU to my previous university I was studying, I feel more at home here, as the campus is more family-like environment. Graduating is a mixed feeling that's like 'oh I'm finally done' but I will definitely miss the times spent in class with the teachers and friends that I have, imagine all those moments where we cram for exams and last minute projects! I'm happy I'm graduating, but I'm sad that those times won't repeat again nor will it be the same.



May 16, Wednesday, 9:30 am
Commencement Service - Church

Graduands are requested to assemble in preparation for the academic procession at 8:00 am at the right-hand side of the church building (in front of the Sabbath School classrooms). Faculty will assemble in the Fellowship Hall and line up inside the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am.

Note: Graduands cannot come inside the church if they are late for marching when the program begins. They will have to sit in the Fellowship Hall.

May 16, Wednesday, 2:00 pm
Royal Presentation Ceremony – Auditorium

Graduands are requested to assemble in preparation for the academic procession at 1:30 pm at the right-hand side of the Auditorium. Faculty will assemble in the Administration Building Room (ADM 103). After the Princess leaves, please stay for photo taking in the Auditorium.

Note: Graduands need to check their temperature at the science building at 1:00 pm and get the green sticker before entering the Auditorium.

May 17, Thursday, 11:30 am
Inauguration Program of Combined Class University Gift – Walkway Between Cafeteria & Science Building

This program is to officially officiate the class gift to the University. The University administrators and board members will be attending this event. All are welcome to witness this memorable occasion.

May 17, Thursday, 6:00 pm
Graduands' Banquet – Balios Resort Khao Yai

This banquet is planned for graduating students from the Muak Lek and Bangkok Campuses. All faculty are invited to the Banquet.

May 18, Friday, 7:00 pm
Consecration Service - Church

Graduands are requested to assemble in the Robin Riches Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm in full academic regalia. The formal academic procession commences at 7:00 pm with order of marching as designated.

May 19, Sabbath, 9:00 am
Sabbath School - Church

There is no academic procession for Sabbath School but all graduands are invited to be present for the program conducted by the graduating class. (Fellowship Hall is available for graduands to gown up for the following service.)

May 19, Sabbath, 10:30 am
Baccalaureate Service - Church

Graduands are requested to assemble for the academic procession at 10:00 am in front of the Church. Please wear academic regalia. The academic procession will commence at 10:30 am sharp.

May 19, Sabbath, 12:45 pm
Lunch in the Cafeteria

Graduands should inform their guests that lunch may be purchased in the University Cafeteria. (Buy coupon early, no cash).

May 19, Sabbath Afternoon, 4:00 pm
Sacred Concert - Church

A sacred concert will be presented by the University Choir. This will be held at the Church.

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