



Students from different faculties receive their Academic Excellence Award certificate during the ceremony that was handed out by VPAA, Mrs Ritha Maidom

Academic Excellence Award Ceremony

By Mrs Sairung Ruitakarn

The Academic Excellence Awards for the 1st Semester 2020-2021 was held on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Kitti-Tassanee Auditorium, organized by the Academic Administration and Admissions and Records Office. Assistant Professor Dr Wanlee Putsom, Assistant for VPAA, gave the welcome and introduction. Mr Somporn Khajornpop, Student Activities Coordinator, assisted with translation. The deans and representatives from seven faculties called out the students' names, and Mrs Ritha Maidom, Vice-President for Academic Administration, presented the certificates to the students.

In the event, 188 students from the International and Thai programs received their academic excellence certificates and posed for a photo with Vice-President for Academic Administration. Ninety-seven students were listed on the President's List and 91 on the Dean's List.

The Certificate of Academic Excellence is awarded every regular semester based on the student's performance in

the previous semester. The awards consisted of two categories and are given as follows:

1. President's List: This award recognizes students who complete a regular semester of study with a minimum of 12 credits, attain a GPA of 3.75 or above, and receive an 'S' grade in the Seminar in Character Development course.

2. Dean's List: This award recognizes students who complete a regular semester of study with a minimum of 12 credits, attain a GPA between 3.50 - 3.74, and receive an 'S' grade in the Seminar in Character Development course.

A hearty congratulations to all the award recipients on all your efforts! You deserve success for your hard work, and keep up the good work. The Academic Administration and Admissions and Records Office continues to recognize, encourage, and support hard-working students to succeed academically.



LEFT: Assistant Professor Nguyen Thi Phuong Linh presents token of appreciation to Mr Boonmee Ngotngamwong, the workshop speaker.; **MIDDLE:** Mr Boonmee Ngotngamwong speaks during the workshop; **RIGHT:** Mr Sundaresan Mohanlingam leads the opening prayer.

Public Auditing Workshop Organized by the Faculty of Business

AIU held the first part of the two-part Auditing Workshop on February 16, 2021, in the IT 228 amphitheater for a two-hour session on Public Auditing, which hosted several attendees face-to-face session while 30 other attendees joined virtually through Livestream on the official University Facebook page. Finance personnel from at least four institutions and Accounting students from the University's MBA, International, and Thai programs also attended the workshop.

In the first part of the workshop, a former partner of a Big Four international auditing firm, Mr Boonmee Ngotngamwong, made the workshop's presentation. Mr Boonmee is a retired Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Bangkok, Thailand, with public auditing experience earned over 24 years. Professional experience of the auditor's life in a lively and interactive presentation captivated the audience.

He presented the future scenario of many changes and transformations in the auditing field with technological advancement. He reiterated that the future auditing aspirants have to adapt and qualify in a different audit professional world. At the end of his talk in the Q&A segment, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions from a career perspective on how to be successful auditing professionals.

The AIU Accounting students, alumni, and faculty members are looking forward to the second part of the Auditing workshop, entitled 'Denominational Auditing,' scheduled for March 9, 2021, which will be presented by Mr Romulo Halasan, Regional Manager of GCAS TAP Region, who is the workshop's resource personnel, and the presentation is via Zoom conference.

**On-campus attendees will meet in IT 228 during the 15:00-17:00 session.*



LEFT: AIU Student gives out event survey to the Students at the local school; **MIDDLE & RIGHT:** AIU Students presents about the small business topics to the local students.

FBA' Management Program held Academic Service at Muak Lek Local School

By Mr Sabathino Junior Pandori

The Faculty of Business Administration's Management program held its academic service on Thursday, February 18, 2021, from 01.00 pm to 03.00 pm at Thairat Wittaya 68 School, Muak Lek. The academic service was held for the local school students to learn how to be a great entrepreneur by being introduced to the steps and importance of starting and developing small businesses.

The academic service's ultimate purpose was to teach the local school students how to start a small business. The AIU students who participated in the academic service could also gain experience and interact with Thairath Wittaya 68 school's students. Most importantly, through this academic service, AIU can help share knowledge with the surrounding community and build relationships.



TOP: FAH students present during the favorite poetry evening; **BOTTOM:** FAH faculty and students sing a special number during the event

FAH Hosts 11th Favorite Poetry Evening

By Ms Iris Angelica Alvez

Have you ever wondered how to express your feelings creatively at AIU? Many people do so by painting, sketching, singing or playing musical instruments. However, have you tried expressing your thoughts, feelings, and emotions through poetry? It may not be the most popular outlet for revealing one's self, but it is the most expressive avenue to turn to whenever you are feeling distressed or overjoyed.

William Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, Edgar Allan Poe, Maya Angelou – these are just some of the many poets that molded the world of literature, and there is so much more to discover. That is why last February 18, 2021, the Faculty of Arts & Humanities, with the help of the British Literature and Introduction to Literature class, paid tribute to the world's greatest poets by hosting its annual "Favorite Poetry Evening."

The event was an opportunity for students and teachers to share their favorite poems, some by remarkable poets like William Wordsworth's "It is a Beauteous Evening, Calm and

Free," Maya Angelou's "And Still I Rise," and some by poets from their respective countries. We had the privilege to listen to poems from countries such as Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, and even an original poem by an AIMS student Nalin. Not only did students and teachers share their favorite poetry, but they also enjoyed traditional dance performances prepared by the Introduction to Literature class.

The Favorite Poetry Evening was a great way to share students' and teachers' favorite poems, as well as to speak about social issues happening in our world today through poetry. It was also a great opportunity to showcase original poems like the one we heard from Nalin.

The Favorite Poetry Evening is a pleasurable evening to share your emotions through poems, and if you have an original poems, or have a favorite poem you would love to share, we will be more than happy to hear them on our next poetry evening.

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College 101: How to Keep Growing in the Environment Away from Home

By Mr Junjun Amparo, University Counselor

Lesson Number 1: Pray for God's wisdom

After David died, Solomon was responsible for ruling as king over God's people. During this transition, Solomon did not know how to rule over people; he knew that the baton had been tossed to Him. Instead of complaining or questioning, he walked by faith and asked God for wisdom to rule the people (2 Chronicles 1:10).

God gave it to him, and now Solomon is still known as one of the wisest men ever to walk the earth. Many young people today are confused. They don't know their purpose in life.

For instance, if you are confused about what major you would take or don't know which career you will take, pray for God's wisdom. You can never go wrong with God.

Lesson Number 2: Always trust God

God instructed Abraham to leave his country and go into new territory. (Genesis 12: 1-3). So, Abraham took his family and left the land. When you don't know what will happen next, it can be a little bit scary.

If I were him, maybe I would ask God, "Lord, is there a stable internet? Or maybe do they serve chicken at the cafeteria?" You know what I mean, right? When we want to move to a new place, we want to be more comfortable. Yet Abraham trusted God.

The best thing you could ever do as a college student is to trust the Lord. Maybe you are struggling financially or suffering from stress and anxiety due to academic pressure, but don't forget to trust God.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday Class Schedule

>> March 4

Festival of Faith II

>> March 8 – 13

Pre-Registration (for Summer 2021)

>> March 10 – 12

Textbook Ordering Week

>> March 22 – 26

Last Day to withdraw from class with "W", change from Cr to Au >> April 2

Campus Calendar

MARCH 5, FRIDAY

Vespers – 7:00 pm
(Sunset – 6:25 pm)

FEBRUARY 6, SATURDAY

Sabbath School – 9 am
Divine Service – 10:30 am

MARCH 8-13, MONDAY-SATURDAY

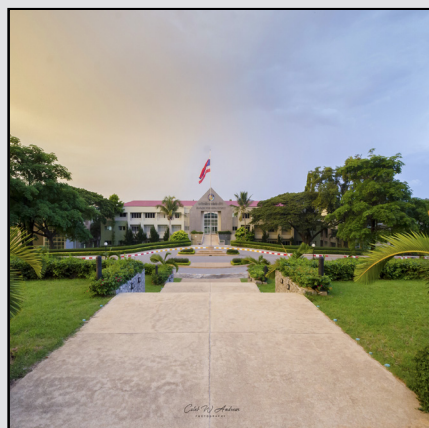
Festival of Faith II

MARCH 14, SUNDAY

Dormitory Open House

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