



Gold and Silver Medals at WorldSkills Armenia 2023

Our future tailors Mira Nersisyan and Louise Zakaryan demonstrated their professional skills at the WorldSkills Armenia competition and won gold and silver medals.



Mira Nersisyan, the WorldSkills Armenia National Competition winner, will participate in the 47th International WorldSkills Competition 2024 in Lyon. It is the 5th time that Armenian students get an opportunity to compete with representatives of 86 member countries in the WorldSkills Competition.

IMPROVET-AM: Successful and Promising Project

Within the framework of the Erasmus+ program, the promising IMPROVET-AM project, coordinated by CEPFA part-

ner SEPR, has already become a reality. SEPR, Apro Formazione, CEPFA, Gyumri State Medical College and HovakimyanLab united their efforts from France, Italy and Armenia to promote capacity building in vocational education and training. The capacity building program refers to the digitalization of the "Dental Technology" department, the establishment of personal assistance service for the elderly and in-hance-ment career guidance.

ETF Network for Excellence: Final Conference in Turin

The director of the Center, Gohar Grigoryan, participated in a conference organized by the European Training Foundation in Turin, Italy.



The purpose was to share and discuss with participants the results of the EU-funded "International Dimensions of Centers of

Vocational Excellence" program. The project is initiated by ETF's Network for Excellence (ENE). It is worth mentioning that CEPFA is the only member of ENE in Yerevan.

Strengthening Friendship...

Representatives of the RACFOA were welcomed in CEPFA. As part of the international solidarity program implemented by ACFOA, a group of CEPFA students went to Marseille, the community of Septem-Le-Vallon in August.

Our students who participated in the 44-day Artsakh war were warmly welcomed in Marseille, made cultural visits, met with representatives of various organizations, and talked to the local Armenian community. During the meetings held in Yerevan, further steps of cooperation were outlined.



Participation to ANQA Conference

CEPFA participated in the conference on "Economic Growth through Capacity Building", organized by the National Center for Quality Assurance.



The issues discussed referred to how the education system can contribute to economic growth, maintain dialogue and create opportunities for cooperation between employers and VET institutions. Yelena Martirosyan, deputy pedagogical director of CEPFA, took part in a panel discussion on "Economic development: how to bring VET educational programs in line with the needs of industry".

They are Our Future...

The event entitled "Nowadays Student is Tomorrow's Citizen" was initiated by the Students Council on the occasion of International Student Day. During the event, the discussion touched upon the topics that concern every modern citizen: ecological thinking, rules of social networks, the



role of literacy for society, rights and obligations of students, ways to overcome life difficulties. To summarize, the students promised to be consistent and put each of these topics into practice in CEPFA.

As an Introduction...

On the eve of Human Rights Day, the Legal Affairs Committee started working as a unit of the CEPFA Students Council. The Committee members conducted introductory meetings to present the students with the essence of the unit's activities and the main directions of the upcoming initiatives.

How to Train Competitive Specialists

Anush Stepanyan, the responsible for the Career Center, knows very well that the management and promotion of effective teamwork is one of the priorities for employers.



Therefore, the Career Center chose "Creating an Effective Team" as a topic to start meetings in the 2023-2024 academic year. Stepanyan succeeded in developing students' comprehension of one's role and responsibility within a team as a guarantee of strong

teamwork. The SWOT analysis used in the process helps students identify their strengths and weaknesses. These meetings are promising as they cover various topics.

Reliable Information from a Professional

Arman Aghekyan, a specialist in the field of public health, an epidemiologist of the Armavir region, presented to the students of the Center a topic that the world is focused on - "The influence of drugs on the human body." The purpose of the meeting was to provide students with reliable information. It is necessary to raise awareness among young people about the harmful effects of drugs. The students received comprehensive answers to their questions from a specialist.

Ghapama - the Treasure of the National Cuisine

To make the traditional Armenian cuisine more recognizable among Armenians and tourists, and to introduce the secrets of cooking, the Ghapama Holiday as a festive event was arranged by Yerevan Municipality and the Kentron district of Yerevan.

CEPFA participated in the fest and



offered the visitors traditional Armenian ghata, pumpkin mousse, pumpkin pie, vegetable dolma, cupcakes, rolls, etc. The Center received a participation certificate from the head of the Kentron Administrative District.

"Development and Preservation of Armenian Culinary Traditions" NGO finalized Ghapama Holiday by arranging the annual event "Around Ghapama" in Megerian Carpet Company. Besides traditional ghapama, the Center offered gourmets very original and tasty dishes.

A "Delicious" Opportunity

3rd year students of the "Pastry" department with their teacher E. Marutyan visited TadDin Chocolatier, one of the most unique chocolate production companies in Armenia.



During their masterclass, the chocolate makers presented the techniques used in the chocolate industry, shared their experience in this field, and performed the complex and interesting process of making chocolate. It was thrilling for students to create hand-made chocolate eggs with a gift inside.

Pedagogical Café: Peer Learning Initiative

Adopting the good experience of its French partner SEPR, CEPFA launched a new platform for skills exchange named "Pedagogical Café". The topic referred



to innovative tools presented at the ETF webinar. The next step has to be the introduction of new methods in teaching.

An Introductory Visit to Armenia's National Archive

The 3rd year students of CEPFA, accompanied by History teacher O. Darbinyan, visited the National Archive of Armenia for educational purposes to shape a notion of the significance and role of this unit. Students were explained the procedures of replenishment, inventory process, preservation, and use of archive funds, and had a chance to study exclusive documents.

Upcycling, or "Second Life to Out-of-Use Things"

3rd-year students of the tailors' department came up with a wonderful and unusual initiative

named "Second Life to Out-of-Use Things". They put the idea into a fashion show where they demonstrated hand-made dresses accessorized with items that had long been abandoned or hidden somewhere in the house.

3rd-year hairdressers, being inspired by their peers, took the baton and will go on with the idea of upcycling.



Dreams in CEPFA Come True

Dreams come true when one strongly believes in them, and children's dreams are the strongest in this sense. CEPFA students surprised 18 children from schools No. 60 named after Vahan Teryan and No. 34 named after Stepan Lisitsyan. Those 18 kids are among the people forcibly displaced from Artsakh. They became participants in a funny interactive event on New Year's Eve called "Santa Claus at the Crossroad of Professions". The little guests lit the lights on the Christmas tree.

