



AIS-S SPOTLIGHT

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Advice from Class of 2025

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Since it is close to the end of the school year, the journalism class decided to dedicate this newsletter for graduating students who will leave soon. In this article, you will hear advice from seniors for younger students. Some of them have been here for over 2 years and know many useful things. Read closely!

Ever wondered how to spend your time and socialize while at AIS? **Diego Ordorica Lopez** suggested, "Whether you have one year left or five, push, enjoy, and don't stress because it will go by faster than you think." This advice serves as a reminder that you can and should always enjoy the time you have. **Nicholas Tchakov** similarly advises that, "If you have only just joined and you feel like you won't have friends here, it almost always resolves itself. If you don't want to do something just do it for a minute and then decide." In other words, just be yourself and push yourself to get outside your comfort zone, it will be worth it in the end.

When it comes to academic success at AIS, **Jennet Batyrova** recommends that it is "[b]etter to do your work earlier and [not] worry about it. You probably heard it multiple times, but it's really important to keep up with your deadlines (especially for senior paper). Always ask questions, and never feel bad about it, everyone here will be glad to help you. Don't neglect your sleep." As we finish the school year and prepare for final exams, this is important advice to keep in mind. **Kateryna Pryma** gives more advice on this topic by sharing, "Prepare for AP exams throughout the whole year. Start to do your senior paper early in the year. Start preparing for humanities 3 days before the test."

Thanks to all the seniors who shared their advice and took the time to respond to the questions from the Journalism elective. To all the younger students, we hope this advice will help you in your future school years and that you will enjoy your time at AIS as the seniors have. They gave you their knowledge and experience with the aim of not repeating their mistakes.



From left: Jennet B., Yehor C., Kateryna P.

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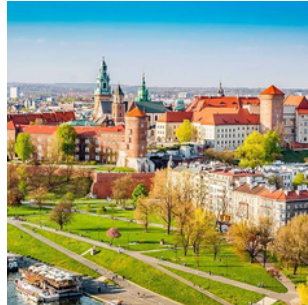


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Five Seniors' Next Steps

By, Juliana Hnidets

As the school year is approaching its end and the last few weeks pass by, the students are as busy as ever with finals, AP exams, and packing. The Journalism elective has asked some of the seniors to share their post-graduation plans to inspire the younger students. Not all of them have already decided on their future, which is okay, since it's a tough decision that sometimes takes much more than a couple of months to make. Regardless of the certainty of their plans, we wish the graduates all the best as they step into the next chapter of their lives.



Barbara Angeler: After graduation I plan to take my entrance exam for my top choice uni in Krakow (pictured on the right). Hopefully I will get in, but if not I will still enjoy my summer to the fullest and figure something out for the fall out.



Esmee Sakalowsky: I'm planning to take a gap year because I'm not ready to go to university yet. I want to explore more things and do other stuff. I'm going to Montpellier, France (shown above) for 5 weeks to do a French program for when I want to go to university later.



Kit Papesch: My post graduation plans are to hangout with the people I love a few more times and then go home. I want to see my country again and walk around familiar places again before I have to leave.



Egla Haliti: My post-graduation plans are to finish university at EU Business School in Munich (pictured above) and then continue master's studies.



Bohdan Muzhuk: I will be attending the University of Edinburgh (shown on the right) for the next 4 years after my graduation. My goal is to finish the degree in Philosophy and Politics and begin my career in the field of creative writing.

Although the plans and expectations are different for each person, they all seek to have their wishes fulfilled. For some, it's the academic success in a university, for others it's to catch up with the close ones and rest from studying. Hopefully the seniors achieve their goals and dreams as they continue on their life journey and we wish them only the best!

Best Moments from Seniors

By, *Veronika Pavilycs*

The best moments in school aren't just about grades or achievements, but also about friendships, lessons that you learn, and the memories made. In the end, we often remember a few special moments such as laughing with friends during lunch, the stage fright before a presentation, the celebration after winning a game, or the feeling of finally understanding something. These all make your school years unique and meaningful. As seniors prepare to graduate, it's the little moments that stand out the most. Here are some of the highlights they'll carry with them forever.

The shared experiences, meaningful connections, and milestones that define our time together are worth taking the time to remember. **Petar Vukmirovic** from Montenegro shared with us, "My favourite memories will be the times I spent with my friends after school, and during weekends. Just walking around, talking, spending time together. Those moments made school much more interesting." Similar to Petar, **Raina Al-Mussawi** cherishes all the times she got to spend time with her friends - whether it was during school hours, dinner, or after study hall - it had all been memorable to her. The Headmaster's Holiday declared during Fall Trimester Awards Dinner was another fond memory for Raina.



Football team from Fall 2024

Serbian native **Teodoro Savic** also shares that her favorite memories from school are the times with friends. She particularly liked the Venice Excursion of Fall 2023 for this reason. Speaking about the excursions... Ukrainian student **Yehor Cherabaiev** told us, "My favorite memory from this school was our trip to Barcelona, Spain, in February 2023. It was so much fun! Everything was so well organized, and everyone was having a great time together. The weather was perfect too - it was just so nice to be outside." AIS excursions create unforgettable memories traveling to new places with friends.



*From Left: Petar V., Teodora S., Julia M.
at the Venice excursion*

Lars Tittel highlighted how memories can be made in the simpler moments. He shares, "I enjoyed playing football with my friends and going to tournaments with them. I also enjoyed lunch when its burgers or pizza." Sharing a meal and sports memories can create long-lasting bonds. Besides these moments in or around the school, students also shared many memories in the classroom. **Niels Schmidt** speaks about the time where academics in classes brought students together. According to Niels, his favorite memory was "the non-fiction final last year. Most of the class had finished within an hour and so the remaining two hours, we just gathered in the back of the library. People talked, there was a push-up contest, it had a homey vibe that I really liked."

To the seniors: As you depart for whatever is next, we hope you remember these moments shared from their high school experience and look back on the times fondly. In the future, when faced with moments that are challenging, remember your time at AIS-Salzburg. We hope you all enjoyed it here!