

Faculty of Teacher Education Day – Multiple Celebration Occasion

The Faculty of Teacher Education Day is celebrated on October 5th, which is also the World Teachers' Day. The traditional annual festivity held to mark the occasion was hosted by the Department in Petrinja because this year we celebrate 150 years since the opening of the two-year long Pedagogy course which marked the beginning of the activity of the Teacher School in Petrinja. That is not the only anniversary celebrated by the Department in Petrinja this year; 50 years ago 97 students enrolled the first year of the full-time study at the Pedagogical Academy. A year later the Academy was moved to the new premises used by the Department even today. The tradition of the preschool education in Petrinja is some twenty years shorter than the teacher education tradition. Hence, the Day of the Faculty was an opportunity to remember that Petrinja's first kindergarten was opened in 1881/82. Ljubica Weiner-Suk founded the kindergarten and Marija Cesarić was its first preschool teacher.

A long tradition of education is our heritage and pledge to the future. The handover of the duties and responsibilities of the Dean of the Faculty as well as the dean's chain which was carried out on the Day of the Faculty is a symbolic act of vouching for the future continuation of this tradition. Professor Vladimir Šimović, who had carried out the duty of the dean of the Faculty of Teacher Education to the day, submitted a report on the activity of the Faculty in the course of his mandate. He said that as of the academic year 2006/07 the Faculty of Teacher Education has been a single integral institution with departments on three sites: in Zagreb, Čakovec and Petrinja. The Faculty has been carrying out university study programmes at all educational levels: the university study programme for preschool and early education, graduate university study for teacher education, and postgraduate doctoral study of early and obligatory education.

The report was followed by the handover of the dean's chain to the new dean, Professor Ivan Prskalo. In his speech Dean Prskalo emphasized that the duty of a dean is a great honour as well as a great commitment and that he, together with his vice-deans, would invest his knowledge, expertise and energy in order to make the Faculty of Teacher Education even more recognizable for its scientific, teaching, artistic and professional results. The Dean used the occasion to present the vice-deans: the vice-

dean for academic and student affairs Antonija Balić Šimrak, Associate Professor, the vice-dean for financial management, studies and student affairs outside of the Faculty headquarters (Department in Petrinja) Berislav Majhut, Assistant Professor, the vice-dean for financial management, studies and student affairs outside of the Faculty headquarters (Department in Čakovec) Tamara Turza-Bogdan, Associate Professor as well as the two candidates for the positions of the vice-deans, who have been elected in the meantime, the vice-dean for science, arts and international cooperation Tamara Gazdić-Alerić, Associate Professor, and the vice-dean for financial management and development of the Faculty Vatroslav Horvat, Associate Professor.

Many guests were present at the celebration of the Day of the Faculty and the handover of the dean's duty: the mayor of the town of Petrinja Željko Nandić, the deputy mayor of the town of Lepoglava Alojz Grede, the vice-rector for financial management of the University of Zagreb, Vesna Vašiček, Full Professor, the Head of Division for Higher Education at the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Anica Hunjet, PhD, the president of the Croatian Kinesiology Association, Vlatko Matijević, the president of the Croatian Pedagogical-Literary Association Nevio Šetić, Assistant Professor, the president of the Managing Council of the Croatian Olympic Academy Franjo Prot, Full Professor, the vice-dean for academic affairs at the Catholic Faculty of Theology Ružica Razum, Assistant Professor, and a professor at the Faculty of Metallurgy in Sisak Ladislav Lazić, Full Professor. They all greeted the audience and delivered their speeches.

The celebration of the Faculty of Teacher Education Day was an opportunity to present students and staff with rewards for their dedicated work at the Faculty. The Dean's award for academic excellence has been awarded to twenty-one students. Moreover, eight staff members received the award for their efforts invested beyond their everyday assignments and for significant achievements in the improvement and innovation of teaching.

The official part of the programme was enriched with the musical contributions in which the audience witnessed the artistic talents of the students and teachers of the Faculty: the student choir of the Department of Petrinja directed by their teacher Jelena Blašković, and the tamburitza band of the Department of Petrinja directed by Matija Bučar. A special surprise was the joint performance of four music teachers.

We hope that the reminder of the tradition and the past, the presented awards for excellence and dedicated work as well as the good wishes for the future witnessed at the celebration of the Day of the Faculty will be a strong motivation for the faculty and students at the beginning of another academic year. We hope that next year we will also have many reasons for celebration at the Day of our Faculty.

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Dan Učiteljskoga fakulteta – prigoda za višestruku proslavu

Dan Učiteljskoga fakulteta, koji se slavi na Svjetski dan učitelja 5. listopada, i ove je godine svečano obilježen. Domaćin je proslave bio Odsjek u Petrinji jer se ove godine obilježava 150 godina od otvaranja dvogodišnjega pedagoškoga tečaja čime je s djelovanjem počela Učiteljska škola u Petrinji. No, to nije jedina obljetnica koju ove godine proslavlja Odsjek u Petrinji. Prije točno 50 godina 97 studenata upisano je u prvu godinu redovitoga studija Pedagoške akademije, a godinu dana kasnije Pedagoška se akademija seli u nove prostore, u kojima Odsjek i danas djeluje. Tradicija predškolskoga odgoja u Petrinji dvadesetak je godina kraća od tradicije obrazovanja učitelja. Stoga je Dan fakulteta bio prigoda da se podsjetimo kako je školske godine 1881./82. u Petrinji otvoreno prvo «*dječje zabavište*», odnosno dječji vrtić, čija je osnivačica bila Ljubica Weiner-Suk, a prva odgojiteljica Marija Cesarić.

Duga odgojno-obrazovna tradicija nasljeđe je i zalag za budućnost, a svečana primopredaja dekanske dužnosti i predaja dekanskoga lanca obavljena na Dan fakulteta ujedno je i simboličan čin koji jamči nastavak tradicije i u budućnosti. Prof. dr. sc. Vladimir Šimović, dosadašnji dekan Učiteljskoga fakulteta podnio je izviješće o radu Fakulteta izdvojivši najvažnije znanstvene, nastavne i umjetničke dosege Fakulteta tijekom svoga mandatnoga razdoblja te je istaknuo da je od akademske godine 2006./07. Učiteljski fakultet jedinstvena ustanova čiji se odsjeci nalaze na tri lokacije, u Zagrebu, Čakovcu i Petrinji, a na kojoj se danas izvode sveučilišni studiji na svim obrazovnim razinama: sveučilišni studijski program za predškolski i rani odgoj, sveučilišni diplomski učiteljski studij, kao i poslijediplomski doktorski studij ranoga odgoja i obaveznoga obrazovanja.

Nakon izviješća uslijedila je predaja dekanskoga lanca novome dekanu prof. dr. sc. Ivanu Prskalu. Dekan Prskalo u pozdravnome je govoru istaknuo kako je dekanska dužnost velika čast, ali i velika obaveza te da će zajedno sa svojim prodekanima uložiti sve svoje znanje, stručnost i energiju kako bi Učiteljski fakultet postao još prepoznatljiviji po svojim znanstvenim, nastavnim, umjetničkim i stručnim rezultatima. Dekan je tom prigodom predstavio i prodekane: prodekanicu za nastavu i studente docenticu Antoniju Balić Šimrak, prodekana za poslovanje, studij i studente izvan sjedišta Fakulteta (Odsjek u Petrinji) prof. dr. sc. Berislava Majhuta, prodekanicu za poslovanje, studij i studente izvan sjedišta Fakulteta (Odsjek u Čakovcu) doc. dr. sc.

Tamaru Turzu-Bogdan, kao i dvoje kandidata, u međuvremenu izabраниh prodekana, prodekanicu za znanost, umjetnost i međunarodnu suradnju doc. dr. sc. Tamaru Gazdić-Alerić i prodekana za poslovanje i razvoj fakulteta doc. dr. sc. Vatroslava Horvata.

Svečanosti proslave Dana fakulteta i primopredaji dekanske dužnosti nazočili su i brojni uzvanici: gradonačelnik Grada Petrinje Željko Nenadić, zamjenik gradonačelnika Grada Lepoglave Alojz Grede, prorektorica za poslovanje Sveučilišta u Zagrebu prof. dr. sc. Vesna Vašiček, načelnica sektora u Upravi za visoko obrazovanje Ministarstvo znanosti obrazovanja i sporta dr. sc. Anica Hunjet, predsjednik Hrvatskog kineziološkog saveza prof. Vlatko Matijević, predsjednik Hrvatskog pedagoško-književnog zbora prof. dr. sc. Nevio Šetić, predsjednik Upravnog vijeća Hrvatske olimpijske akademije prof. dr. sc. Franjo Prot, prodekanica za nastavu na Katoličkom-bogoslovnom fakultetu prof. dr. sc. Ružica Razum te profesor na Metalurškom fakultetu u Sisku prof. dr. sc. Ladislav Lazić. Oni su se prigodnim riječima i čestitkama obratili svim nazočnima.

Proslava Dana Učiteljskoga fakulteta bila je prigoda da se za predan rad nagrade studenti i zaposlenici fakulteta. Dekanova nagrada za izvrsnost u studiranju dodijeljena je dvadeset i jednoj studentici, a za ulaganje napora izvan svakodnevnih zadataka i postizanje značajnih unapređenja i inovacija u nastavi, odnosno u poboljšanju rada Fakulteta, Dekanovu je nagradu primilo osam zaposlenika.

Službeni je program upotpunjen glazbenim dijelom u kojemu su svoje umjetničke talente pokazali studenti Fakulteta i njihovi profesori: pjevački zbor studenata Odsjeka u Petrinji pod ravnanjem profesorice Jelene Blašković i tamburaški sastav Odsjeka u Petrinji pod vodstvom profesora Matije Bučara. Posebno je iznenađenje bio zajednički nastup četiri profesorice glazbe.

Nadamo se da će podsjećanje na tradiciju i prošlost, dodijeljena priznanja za izvrsnost i predan rad te pregršt lijepih želja i očekivanja za budućnost koje smo čuli na proslavi Dana fakulteta biti snažna motivacija i profesorima i studentima u susretu s još jednom novom akademskom godinom te da će i dogodne na Danu fakulteta biti mnogo razloga za slavlje.

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