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#Alumni - Aeres UAS (University of Applied Sciences) - CAH Dronen

Graduation 2019!

July is harvest time at the Aeres University of Applied Sciences! On July 12, 2019 we had [international] graduation ceremony.

Our international alumni family is growing! We are very proud that we could award Bachelor degrees to the graduates of 4-year

international programmes (*International Food Business and European Food Business*) and 1-year international programmes (*Food Chain Management and International Animal Health & Welfare*).

European Food Business programme has its first graduate – Sophie van Dorst. The programme

started four years ago, and Sophie was with us from the very beginning.

We wish all graduates successful careers ahead! And we hope to meet you again, either as guest lecturers or cooperation partners, or even as colleagues!



Aeres International Student Fund (AISF)

The AISF provides financial support for students coming from outside the European Economic Area (EEA). The scholarship to complete a study programme at the Aeres University of Applied Sciences is €5.000,- per student and is a one-off contribution for a study programme. Students may apply for an AISF grant before they start their studies.

The contribution for Dutch students going abroad to a country outside the EEA, is €1.250,- and is meant as a one-off contribution

to a study programme or traineeship. It is also possible to become a sponsor of the AISF. You can choose to become a permanent sponsor or make a single donation to support talented foreign students to study at Aeres or enable Dutch students to go abroad.

For more information about becoming a sponsor or applying for the AISF grant, visit the website: <https://www.aeresuas.com/aeres-international-student-fund>

IT STARTED WITH A KISS...

From classmates to partners for life

In every newsletter there is a story about our alumni. This time is no exception. We travelled (*digitally*) to Germany, and spoke to the first graduates of the International Food Business programme. By the way, Aeres double degree programme International Food Business which is carried out in close collaboration with Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia (*Canada*), is celebrating its 10th anniversary next academic year!

What do you remember the most from your time in Dronten?

Katharina: Family like atmosphere, Bar 6-, lots of fun and parties, patat oorlog, vla, delicious old cheese, excursions to interesting companies, long-lasting-friendships, time in my life when I laughed the most (*mostly about Manuel*).

Manuel: Pot-lucks, cooking together with other students, cozy evenings in the student houses, study trips to Belgium, farms, practical experiences.

How/when did your relationship start? Was there a specific moment when you thought-yes, that's him/her I want to spend the rest of my life with?

K: This cannot be answered in one sentence. Me and Manuel were close friends because we were classmates. However I was the eager beaver and he was the entertainer of the class. Manuel always did a lot of fun things. I was used to this. One time, when we went to a club in Ottawa (*Canada*), he kissed me all of a sudden. I thought ok, it's one of his jokes... but from that day on everything changed. We weren't just friends anymore and I discovered all the other sides besides his comedian facet. From time to time as our relationship grew and became more complex, I knew he is the right person to be with.



Alumni: Katharina Glanz and Manuel Bosink, a couple now, will get married on 12&13 June 2020 ♥

M: I kissed my darling in a small disco in Ottawa during our study trip in the 3rd year. From that moment on, I knew she is the right one.

What have you done after the graduation?

M: We moved to Bavaria and worked there for a couple of years, then we moved to my home town (*Bad Bentheim, close to the Dutch border*) and we live there since 2017. I work as an international sales manager at a company which is specialized in horticulture lighting.

K: I have started to work fulltime for my own business (*pottery*) and coaching which will be coming up. Living far away from our families was challenging for the relationship but right now, we have found home where we are.

Do you keep in touch with other alumni?

K: Yes, we still meet up regularly with two of our Dutch friends (*former fellow students*) and one

Canadian friend. Together with their girlfriends we either meet in the Netherlands, have drinks together or we meet in Germany at our place and have talks and fun like before...

M: Yes, we meet on a regular base either in Germany or in the Netherlands. We are still like-minded. Our Canadian friends we will also see at our wedding.

What is the role of Aeres (or study time in general) to you?

M: It made me more open-minded towards different foreign cultures, which also supports me at my current job.

K: For me it mostly contributed to finding the right way for me in terms of working and it gave me a lot of background to successfully run my business. Further, I discovered my pleasure in communicating and spending time with people with other cultural backgrounds.

Any plans for the future?

K: A lot of plans, we want to revitalize the farm Manuel grew up. Further, a world trip (*work and travelling*) would be great while selling famous German soup all over the world ;-). Not to forget, little Manuel-offsprings because this would not just make me happy but it would also contribute to a fun world in the future.

M: Saving up money for a little camper-van to explore Europe with Kathi and our fox-like dog kaya.

Your wish to other alumni?

M: Dream your dream ! Never give up ! Enjoy your life!

K: Be open for changing your plans - if there are the right persons to be with, the right place to live at and the right things to work with!



Studied: from 2009-2013 International Food Business (*first students actually studying in this programme*)



Aeres visit to South Korea

Since last year Aeres University of Applied Sciences has developed a good cooperation with Chonnam National University in Gwangju, South Korea. A group of Horticulture students from South Korea followed a training for three months in the Netherlands, and it was very successful.

This has resulted in a follow-up next academic year (2019/2020), when a new group of Horticulture students from South Korea will come to Aeres UAS. In the meantime we have also received a new request for a Dairy training of 3 months for other South Korean students. At this moment we can say that our cooperation with South Korea is increasing.

Every year Chonnam University organizes Summer Session and this year they invited Aeres students to participate. Two students from Dronten and four from Almere joined the Summer School. Together with 125 other students from 30 different countries, they could follow courses like American politics, Positive psychology, Music appreciation, Advanced marketing management, Microeconomics and Field Machinery and practise of farm mechanization.

A representative from Aeres UAS International Office, Mrs. Helen de Bas also went there two weeks to accompany the students, work at the



A visit to the Royal Palace at Seoul with some of the professors (Helen in the middle)

International Office there to learn about their organization and to learn how to initiate and start a summer school. Further, to prepare the next visit of the South Koreans to our university, by learning a lot about their culture.

It was a great stay and opportunity to learn about where some of our international students come from and a chance to further develop our good relations with our partner university in Gwangju. It was a nice chance to meet some of the students again that were with us last winter!



Our Dutch students at Summer Session in Korea: from left to right: Justus, Vincent, Jacco, Dian, Lauretta and Julche.



Start of the Summer Session



Enjoying a nice Korean BBQ dinner

5 things you probably did not know about... Taco Medema



1. I play bagpipe for 7 years now.



2. I was born in Eindhoven.



3. Favorite book: Lord of the Rings by Tolkien. The first book I wanted to read in English. Skip the first 100 pages, then the pace is good. Who do I want to be in Lord of the Rings? Gandalf, the white, not the grey (for connoisseurs)



4. I am no fan of swimming, but I love water as long as I can be in a ferry across it to Great Britain.



5. I am a big fan of soccer, in particular PSV Eindhoven.



Just married

Our favorite news is when we hear wedding bells ringing or when we receive baby-news 😊

In the first weekend of July 2019, our two alumni Katti and Antoine tied the knot!

In the name of all colleagues of Aeres University of Applied Sciences Dronten, we are wishing you a very happy and blessed married life! Enjoy the ride together, family van der Velden!!!

P.S. Dronten, the place where it all began... ❤️