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The 2021 J.U.C. MEDIA, RESEARCH & WRITING AWARDS

WHEN: On FRIDAY, JUNE 4 | TIME: 10:00a.m.(EST) | 9:00a.m.(CT) | 7:00a.m.(PT) | 17:00(TR) | 19:30(IN)



Speakers



EVALUATION COMMITTEE: Prof. Edward Foster, Prof. Gary M. Grossman, Prof. Olcay Ünver, Dr. Aslıhan Çakmak, Dr. Hande Subaşilar, Bircan Ünver, M.A.

Social Media Committee:

Prof. Sebahattin Devecioglu

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**"Happiness is the universal force to be attained
as the final objective of humanity."**

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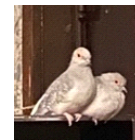
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VIRTUAL AWARD CEREMONY

PROGRAMME ~ On FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

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- **OPENING PERFORMANCE** (pre-recorded) by **ALEXANDER & ARES ECOS Brothers**
The Swan From the Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns
- **Welcome Speech by: (Mother of J.U.C.) BİRCAN ÜNVER**, M.A. Founder-President, TV Producer & Head Rep. of The Light Millennium, Charitable Global Human Advancement Organization to the United Nations Department of Global Communications
&
• **A Tribute: “John U. Culkin’s work with psychometric tests” by HANS SJÖBERG**, Author of IQ Tests & Admin, IQExams.Net
(Summary, *on behalf of*)
- **OPENING REMARKS: Mr. RAMU DAMODARAN**, First Chief of the United Nations Academic Impact initiative (2010-21).

ADEM SARI (via video): **“Homeless” “Nothingless” & “Mr. Virus”**

3 short poems by J.U.C.

- **EVALUATION PROCESS: Prof. GARY M. GROSSMAN**, School for the Future of Innovation in Society at Arizona State University, U.S.A.
- **HONARARY SPEAKER:**
Mr. DAVUT ÖKÜTÇÜ, Past President and Board Member of Darüşşafaka Alumni Association, Advisory Board Member of Darüşşafaka Association.

• **INTRODUCER & PRESENTERS OF THE AWARDS in:**

- **MEDIA**

Finalists are: Zainab Bie, High School; Ahmet Yasir Destebaşı, High School; Deepak Kumar, MBA; Korkmaz Can Sağlam, University/Freshman.

Prof. OLCAY ÜNVER

- **RESEARCH**

Finalists are: Kaif Ali, University Student; Zeynep Bayraktar, High School; Sevinç Orman, High School; Nazlı Eren, High School.

Prof. EDWARD FOSTER, President, Pioneer Valley Poetry Productions (PVPP), Poet, Publisher & Retired dean and professor at the Stevens Institute of Technology.

- **WRITING**

Finalists are: Menekşe Ezgi Akyol, High School; Sude Çapoğlu, High School; Esmâ Nur Sarı, High School; Begüm Serttaş, High School; Didem Özdemir, University Prep.

Dr. ASLIHAN ÇAKMAK, NGO Rep. of The Light Millennium to the United Nations Department of Global Communications; Chairperson, Business and Computer Science Department, Middlesex College, N.J.

- HONARARY SPEAKER:

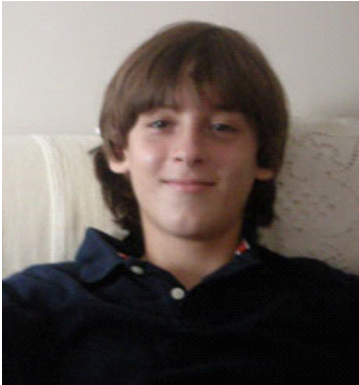
Prof. OLCAY ÜNVER, Arizona State University, Vice-Chair UN-Water (2018-2020) & Senior Water Advisor, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

- **CERTIFICATES**

- **THANK YOU S & CONCLUDING REMARKS by BİRCAN ÜNVER**

- **CLOSING: Viewing of a winning media project**

HOMELESS Poem



By **JOHN UNVER CULKIN**

In a darkened street not far from the sea,
I see a young pregnant mother with two toddlers,
bloodied, starving.

Her clothes are tattered,
her teeth yellow with breaks in between gaps.
I offer her a dollar but she turns it down.

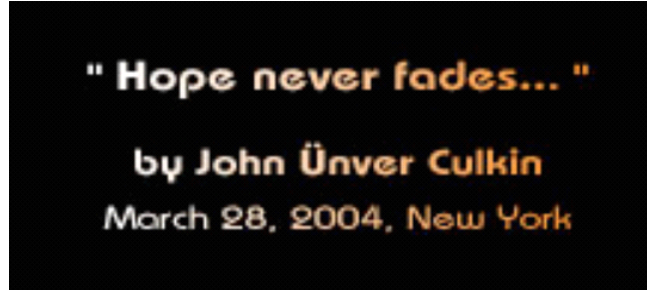
She speaks very good English but she is ready to cry...
I just wished I could have helped more.
“What else can we do to help them?”

I wonder, guilty that I having such great conditions.

Queens, January 15, 2008, Lightmillennium.Org | 21st-22nd Issue

Source: https://www.lightmillennium.org/21st_22nd/juc_homeless_poem.html

CONCEPT NOTE



Banner: Lightmillennium.Org website banner-quote, 14th Issue.

INTRODUCTION: “HOPE NEVER FADES...”

As a mother, I fully believed in my son’s untapped rich potential and intellect. I fully believed that he would eventually find a way to activate that potential and contribute to his and society’s wellbeing. . . He was a gifted student in “Aster” class since kindergarten. He gave so much importance to being intelligent at all times. Since he was 17, J.U.C. focused on these ‘self thought and designed’ IQ tests, which he shared with me from time to time with great excitement. Recently, I’ve located four of those, which are available online [ref.

www.iqexams.net]. He even had made me take his IQ test!

And now, upon his sudden departure, left with this tremendous loss and pain, I’ve been questioning, WHY am I facing this destiny? . . . WHY I am here but he is NOT anymore?

It will always be a harsh reality to accept as long as I am alive, and it is very difficult to live with this reality. . .

Unfortunately, J.U.C. (*‘Canım’*) is no longer with us in person and that is a fact and a painful reality.

With this in mind, my whole attempt is to transform my love for him along with my deep sorrow and pain into a constructive path, as his spiritual guidance helps me and makes me feel like he is watching over this project established in his name, in order to inspire talented children and youth. Consequently, I feel as if he will turn to me with a beautiful smile, and say:

“Mom, did you really create this project in my name? Thanks Mom.”

As I can almost hear his voice in my mind, and imagine hearing it for many years to come, I expect that its positive outcome will also help me hold on to life and make me happy as if he is/will be with us for many years to come, and because it would make him happy too..

Even though my hopes for his physical existence, intellect, and potential faded out, I am holding on to the hope he gave me at the age of 7. I am still inspired by him, through his words, both written in paper and in my mind, that from this point on, I will NOT only focus on him, and/or on keeping my hope and love alive for my older son and grand-children, but also on expanding that hope and love from the borders of my immediate family to underprivileged children, kids and youth, *to a global family*.

It is now my hope to be able to carry out and touch those children’s lives in positive, constructive, and inspirational ways through The Light Millennium, Inc. – A Charitable Global Human Advancement Organization.

As the saying goes: **“While one hope dies, thousands may be reborn.”**

– **Written by:** Bircan Ünver, *Mother of J.U.C.* – January 23-24, 2020 | **Edited by:** Figen Bingül

BRIEF BIOS OF THE PARTICIPATED STUDENTS

Category: MEDIA (*alphabetic order according to the last names.*)

Submission #1 – **ZAINAB BIE** (17 years old) High School, Delhi, India.

Title of the submission: “My Favourite SDG”



Zainab Bie is a 17 year old girl from Delhi ,India.

Zainab Bie has worked towards U.N. Sustainable Development Goal 3 – Good Health and Well-being, Goal 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities, Goal

12 – Responsible Consumption and Production, Goal 13 – Climate Action and Goal 17

Partnerships for Goals. Her effort is extremely valuable contribution to improve

the Air Quality in Delhi and creating a healthy environment for other school-children.

She has organized innumerable awareness campaigns and workshops to promote sensitivity among the students and make them aware about the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

She was the President of environment council at her school. Through her tireless efforts and hard work, she was successful in making DPS Mathura Road,her school a 'Single-Use Plastic Free Zone' which is a title only a few educational institutes in New Delhi bear.

Even during the global pandemic, she did a stupendous job by contributing her valuable time, in helping the needy, by running campaigns via Social Media platforms, and has excelled as a Successful Campaigner.

She recognises her duty as a citizen, a student, a mentor, an environmentalist and keeps giving back to the society selflessly.

Submission#2 / **AHMET YASİR DESTEBASI** (15 years old), High School, Darüşşafaka

Title of the submission: My Favorite SDG: Quality Education



Ahmet Yasir Destebasi was born in Ankara, Turkey in 2005. He is a 16 years old 10th grade student at the Darussafaka High School. He also attended the middle school there. This is his 6th year in Darussafaka. He says that passing the Darussafaka entrance exam changed his life. He feels that he had and still has a lot of opportunities to see the world from variety of perspectives with the help of Darussafaka and social activities that he attends. He plays the violin and had been a member of some orchestras. He is also interested in politics and has participated in some MUN conferences which aims to follow the news around the world and debate upon these issues. These participations, had given him new opportunities to learn about the events happening in the world.

Submission#3 / **DEEPAK KUMAR** (26+ years old), MBA, Purnea/Bihar, India.
Title of the submission: The Impact of SDG-4 & 6 for Betterment of Society & Youth



Deepak Kumar was born in a semi-rural area of Purnea District, Bihar, India, to a Military Family. His father served as an Indian Army officer for 26 Years and 3 days. His mother is a Social Health Worker supporting 1000s of Village Communities for Health Service & Empowering the women.

Bachelor's/Master's(Process) of Political Science from Delhi University.

He earned his MBA (Human Resource Management & Marketing) from Chandigarh University.

He started his Career in Social Work at the age of 13-14 Years old teaching Small Children. In 2013, He was admitted to University of Delhi when he started the project: "FREE Open Sky Schooling for Children of the Slums".

With the dream of teaching millions of Children, he became the founder and Chairperson of Smiles4millions Organization Registered in September 2019. Now teaching 1000s.children as for Quality Education under Sustainable Development Goals -SDG-4, Gender Equality, No Poverty, Climate Change etc. Presently he is working in India, Nepal and his model project of teaching Children became the Major for 20000 dalits Communities in Nepal and he formed Peace4dalits Foundation with Dalits Communities Leader Manoj Ram-Nepal.

He received Social Media Award from Ministry of External Affairs, China during his Media Delegation Visit to China.

Currently Volunteer of AllatraTV.

Working as Media Volunteer for URI East India, Nepal, Bangladesh.

Country Leader Global Law Thinkers Society-GLTS

The Youth Ambassador India- UNPKFC-SEA.

His Ultimate Goal is to establish the World's First Slums University for all Slums Children for their Livelihood and best Career Opportunities to eradicate Poverty, Bring Quality Education for all underprivileged children in Slums, Street, Railway Lines behind slums and rural communities in India & Nepal.

Submission #4 / **KORKMAZ CAN SAĞLAM** (21 Years old), U. Freshman .
Title of the submission: A Tribute to Beethoven & Atatürk



Korkmaz Can Sağlam began studying piano at the age of six, and gave his first recital at the age of eleven. In 2018, he was accepted as a scholar of the "Young Musicians on World Stages" project created and mentored by Güher & Süher Pekinel with financial support of Tüpraş. His recent achievements include top prize at the Franz Liszt Center Piano Competition and being awarded the Ahmet Ertegun Memorial Scholarship at The Juilliard School. Throughout the years, he played in masterclasses of artists such as Pavel Gililov, Boris Berman, Ilya Itin, Michel Beroff and Jean-Francois Heisser. He has appeared in concerts in France, Belgium, Cyprus and Italy.

After studying with Ms. Gamze Kirtıl at the Bilkent University Music and Performing Arts High School, he studied with Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Sergei Babayan at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Korkmaz Can Sağlam, continues his studies with Sergei Babayan in The Juilliard School.

Category: RESEARCH

Submission No#5: **KAIF ALI** (20 years old), U. Student

Title of the submission: Resilience of Impending Architecture Amid Covid-19 Pandemic – A Cause to Hope



Kaif Ali is a 20 years old international Award-winning Architecture student, from JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA Delhi, INDIA.

He is passionate about Sustainable Development goals (SDGs), and has worked upon them.

Recently, He has done research on Covid19 shelter and developed a project named SpaceEra which serves not only as a safe quarantine shelter but also can be used as a shelter home in flood-prone regions, and refugee shelters too.

His project is appreciated by the Government of INDIA, published in TIMES OF INDIA and he is honored as COVID19 Lockdown Hero in INDIA.

His project has also won several national and international awards and competitions.

SpaceEra's vision is acknowledged by UNHCR, UN Youth Envoy, One young world, and several international organizations.

He is currently working with Organisations of Africa to build the world's 1st and largest medical center out of shipping containers from the same concept of his project SpaceEra.

His project has also won the Climate Innovation Lab in the Asia Pacific(UNEP, UN Climate change)

He is a true inspiration for the Youth, proving that we all can achieve great heights.

Submission No#6: **ZEYNEP BAYRAKTAR** (15 years old), High School, Istanbul

Title of the submission: "The World of the Coronavirus"



Zeynep Bayraktar is a 15-year-old 10th grade student at the Darüßsafaka Educational Institutions. She is from Istanbul/Turkey. Her passion about science made her decide to participate in the competition with an essay about Covid-19. She has been concerned about this topic which affected the whole world both physically and mentally, and took lots of lives.

Another reason for her to choose this subject was to refresh her knowledge about Covid-19 by researching further.

Zeynep would like to be a doctor in the future, which is another reason why she is really interested in biological sciences. Her aim is to discover the potential causes and treatments for neurological diseases with no cure.



Submission No#10: **NAZLI EREN** (15 years old), High School, Istanbul | Title of the submission: "Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights"
Nazli EREN is from Istanbul/ Turkey. She is a high school sophomore at Darussafaka Educational Institutions. Nazli is passionate about robotics, engineering, entrepreneurship, and human rights. She aims to give equal opportunities to every girl in the fields of technology and make science accessible for all! Currently, Nazli is the Head of Public Relations at, robotics team, Sultans of Türkiye. As a teen who aspires to become an entrepreneur, she is the founder of Women In STEM Turkey Organization which is the first high school women in technology empowerment movement in Turkey! Be the change you wish to see in the world is her motivational quote and she believes that as citizens of the world we have the potential to change the world for the better!

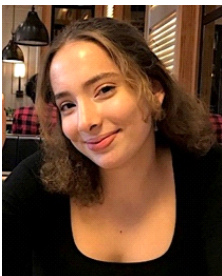
Submission No#7: **SEVINÇ ORMAN** (15 years old), High School, İstanbul.
Title of the submission: "Stem Cell: Biology to Stem Cell Therapy Challenges"



Sevinç Orman was born in Kadıköy-İstanbul, Turkey on the 10th of December, 2005. Currently, she is studying at Darüşşafaka Educational Institutions, located on the European side of İstanbul, as a 10th grade student. She is passionate about neuroscience especially in the field of "behavioral neuroscience" and wants to continue her academic life in this field. She established a non-profit organization that aims to solve the lack of employment in the field of neuroscience in Turkey. Her areas of interest are art-design, psychology, philosophy, physics, metaphysics, artificial intelligence, respectively. In the context of self-development, art studies, which started with portrait first, progressed to body anatomy. Through passion and hard-work, she opened her own exhibition at the school on first of January 2021. Besides pursuing her art hobby, she wants to examine and compare life within the framework of physics and metaphysics. She never stops questioning about the existence of the universe such as the differences between physics and metaphysics; origin of living things; destiny of human beings; if science will replace religion; if there will be a new religion based on science; whether humans created God or vice versa; the reason for people resorting to unproven religious beliefs. She will contribute to humanity by improving herself in every field and answering the questions we are most curious about "Where do we come from? Where are we going?".

Category: WRITING

Submission#8, **MENEKŞE EZGİ AKYOL**, High School,
Title of the submission: "Madam President"



Menekşe Ezgi Akyol is a student at Darüüşşafaka Highschool. She was born in 2005 and this year will be turning 16. She lives in İstanbul with her family. Her favourite subjects are Music and English. She has participated in MUN conferences and interested in politics. She plays saxophone and has taken part in her school's band for two years. She has played basketball through her middle school and her highschool years. She is currently trying to improve herself during the pandemic by painting, watching movies and researching about history. She plans to contribute to the feminist movement in the future, in order to make some changes in the World.

Submission#9, **SUDE ÇAPOĞLU** (17 years old), High School, Ankara, Turkey.
Title of the submission: "Moral Compass"



Sude Çapoğlu born in 2004 in Ankara. 11th grade IB Diploma Programme student at TED Ankara College Foundation High School. Aims at receiving scholarship to study Law in OXBRIDGE.

Member of Politics and Diplomacy Club and Global Citizenship Club (GCC). Attends MUN (Model United Nations) conferences, GCC Summits and has several awards including "Most Creative Person" and "Best Delegate".

Editor of "Quill", School English Literature Magazine.

Editor of "El Mundo de las Lenguas", School Spanish Magazine.

Editor of the 1st Edition of School CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) Magazine.

Contributor to School Magazines "Logos" (science) and "Kalem Izleri" (Turkish literature).

Completed BTEC (Business & Technology Education Council) programs of Entrepreneurship and Information Technology with distinction.

Plays performance tennis, member of Turkish Olympics Tennis Preparation Team between 2016-2018, won several championships at various age levels.

Member of School Athletics Team as sprinter.

Plays classic guitar.

Submission#13, **DİDEM ÖZDEMİR** (19 years old) University Prep., Ankara, Turkey.
Theme: "If I am President of the World."



Didem Özdemir is 19 years old, and she lives in Ankara. She graduated from Cumhuriyet Anadolu High School. She is preparing again for the university exam this year. She likes to study American Culture and Literature. She loves reading books, traveling, taking photos and videos, playing computer games, and hanging out with her friends. She has a special interest in movies and TV series.

Submission#11: **ESMA NUR SARI** (15 years old), High School, İstanbul, Turkey.

Submission Titled: "Finding the Lost".



Esma Nur Sari was born in Mersin in 2006. She started elementary school in Mersin. After losing her mother at the age of 8, she entered one of the most prestigious schools in Turkey for orphans, the Darüşşafaka Educational Institutions in İstanbul. She has been studying there for 5 years now.

In her school life, she has tried out different clubs, such as: cooking, music, Erasmus , etc. She loves improving her foreign languages and hopes to improve it by participating in different projects and competitions. She loves reading and writing, and believes that may be a positive aspect in her future. She is planning on becoming a forensic psychologist.

Submission No#12: **BEGÜM SERTTAŞ** (16 years old), High School, İstanbul, Turkey.

Title of the submission: "Our Future- Nature"



Begüm Serttaş was born in Efeler-Aydın in 2005. Currently, she is a 10th grade student in Darüşşafaka High School in İstanbul. She has two older sisters. She has been working to improve herself and determine her future goals. For her future, she is trying to gain experience mainly on her writing skills. She is determined, open minded and optimistic to achieve her goals. She wants to work in the fields of science and technology. Her areas of interest are physics, mathematics and chemistry. She is passionate about engineering. Furthermore, she is interested in researching and writing about the subjects she has been learning. She also enjoys writing about her thoughts and opinions to share with other people. That is mainly because she respects people's opinions and she finds it nurturing to come across and learn about different perspectives. She believes that various perspectives are stimulating.

OPENING MUSIC



Alexander and Ares Ecos are 17 years old brothers. They have been playing cello and Piano since they were 6 years old at The School for Strings in New York City. They have vast experience performing at recitals at their music school as soloists, as well as in festivals and chamber music. They also had the privilege of performing at Carnegie Hall several times as part of a program organized by School for Strings, as well as in churches, and private venues. They love playing their instruments and they will continue studying in the future in addition to their college studies.

BRIEF BIO OF THE HOST & HONORARY SPEAKERS

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION by **BİRCAN ÜNVER, M.A.**



Bircan Ünver is an independent TV Producer, Originator (1999), Founder-President and Head Representative of The Light Millennium, Charitable Global Human Advancement Organization (LM) to the United Nations Department of Global Communications (UN-DGC-CSO); also Executive Producer of LMTV; Content Provider at QPTV since 1992; Co-founder of the Turkish Library & Museum's vision & Ambassador of Peace and Goodwill for Anuvrat (Anuvibha) Global Organization (India); and Member of the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace (GMCoP, an NGO platform at the UN). She served in several Planning Committees of the UN-Civil Society Conferences (formerly UN-DPI-NGO), and Planning Committee of the High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace (HLF-CoP). Bircan has undertaken LM's e-publications, public programs, and LMTV Series and Specials' in its all aspects since January 2000; also its all UN related activity and programs since 2005.

Author of: "En Kutsalı Yaratmak" (1995), "Sanatın Labirentlerinde" (2016), "Işık Yollarında" (poetry, 2017) and "Bin Yıl Daha" (2020) in Turkish. Holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree from the Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University (Istanbul, 1988) and a Master's Degree (M.A.) from Media Studies of the New School University (New York City 1999).

In conjunction with the LM, Bircan currently serves as the Chair of the ATAA Committee on UN Relations and New York Region Vice President of Assembly of Turkish American Associations (based in V.A. USA); and also on the Executive Board of the World Intellectual Forum (based in Hyderabad, India). www.lmglobal.org | www.lightmillennium.org | www.turkishlibrary.us

OPENING REMARKS by **Mr. RAMU DAMODARAN**, First Chief of the United Nations Academic Impact Initiative (2010-21)



Ramu Damodaran joined the United Nations Department of Global Communications in 1996; his responsibilities in the Department have included oversight of relationships with civil society, the creative community and celebrity advocates, publications (including as Chief Editor of the UN Chronicle), the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and the United Nations Academic Impact which he was asked by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to devise and lead. He has also been secretary of the United Nations General Assembly's Committee on Information since 2011. He completed his career with the United Nations in May 2021.

His earlier Secretariat assignments included the Departments of Special Political Questions and Peacekeeping as well as speechwriting in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General. He was spokesman for the "Durban Review" human rights conference in 2009 and has fulfilled a range of speaking engagements on behalf of the Organization over his career. As a member of the Indian Foreign Service, where he was promoted to the rank of ambassador, he served as executive assistant to the Prime Minister of India between 1991 and 1994 and earlier in the Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs, Defence, Planning and Human Resource Development.

Before joining government service in India, he worked as a television news anchor, radio producer and host, and university correspondent for All India Radio and the Hindustan Times Evening News. His radio feature on university students in Delhi won the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union award. Ramu also served as President of the United Nations Staff Recreation Council.

EVALUATION PROCESS by **Prof. GARY M. GROSSMAN**, School for the Future of Innovation in Society at Arizona State University.



Gary M. Grossman, Ph.D., associate professor in the School for the Future of Innovation in Society, College of Global Futures at Arizona State University, offers more than three decades of experience in the development and management of social, education, technology, and employment and training projects in the United States and abroad.

Experienced in the administration of World Bank, U.S. Government and privately funded projects, Professor Grossman also led the development of and directed a unique transdisciplinary, transnational major in ASU's Master of Science in Technology program. This degree concentration, entitled 'Global Technology and Development' (GTD), features the combined perspectives of social science research and emerging technological models and is aimed at providing students an opportunity to explore the critical questions of globalization, commerce, sustainable development, information technology, transportation, education, and biotechnology which affect all nations. The program is designed to empower students to help guide and direct those impacts. Classes in the GTD program began as a concentration in the Master's of Technology degree ASU in 2001, became a stand-alone Master's program in 2012, and transitioned to the School for the Future of Innovation in Society in 2015.

Professor Grossman is internationally recognized for leadership in his areas of interest and has built his career on the mutuality of interests between higher education and the needs of the society of which it is a part, both in his native country and around the world. Professor Grossman was awarded two consecutive Fulbright Grants (2002-2004) and spent that period engaged in research and teaching at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. He recently returned from a sabbatical stationed in Rome, Italy, working as a Visiting Scientist with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UN FAO). His current research concerns the implementation efficacy of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) globally, with a particular focus in the nations of Central Asia and the potential contribution of the SDGs to social, economic, and political development at global, national, and community levels.

• ABOUT THE HONORARY SPEAKERS

OLCAY ÜNVER, Professor of Practice, Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering, Polytechnic School, Environmental and Resource Management Program, Arizona State University; Member, Water Policy Group & Vice-Chair, United Nations-Water (2018-2020) *Motivational Speech: "Valuing Water and the Future of the Water"*



Prof. Ünver is a global leader in water policy. He is currently Professor of Practice at Environmental and Resource Management Program at Arizona State University, and member of Water Policy Group. He served as Vice Chair of UN-Water from 2018 to 2020, and is senior water advisor to Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

In his public service career spanning three decades, he led FAO's water programs and activities, UN-Water's World Water Assessment Programme, and UNESCO's Program Office on Global Water Assessment. Prior to joining the United Nations, he was a distinguished professor of water resources at Kent State University, Ohio and President of the Southeastern Anatolia Project in Turkey, where he transformed a large infrastructure project into a sustainable socioeconomic development program. In 1999, he

was listed among the 19 “European Visionaries” by Time Magazine and was featured in New York Times for his efforts towards sustainable, human-centered development. He served as Secretary General and Vice President of IWRA, and Governor and Treasurer of World Water Council. He has served on boards and committees involving water, sustainable development, sustainable food and agriculture systems, water cooperation and policy. Olcay holds civil engineering degrees that include a PhD in water resources planning and management, master’s in urban hydrology and bachelor’s with hydraulics focus. His areas of competence include water and food security; bridging across global frameworks; governance of water-land-soil resources, and water cooperation. Olcay is an associate editor for Frontiers’ Water-Smart Food Systems and on the editorial board of Water Security Journal (Elsevier) and Future of Food Journal (Kassel University, Germany). He is a NATO Scholar, IWRA (International Water Resources Association) Fellow, and a TUBITAK (Turkish Scientific & Technical Research Council) Honor Fellow.

DAVUT ÖKÜTÇÜ, Past President and Board Member of Darüşşafaka Alumni Association, Advisory Board Member of Darüşşafaka Association



Mr. Davut Ökütçü was Born in 1946 in Diyarbakır – Turkey

After his elementary education in Diyarbakır, he was accepted to Darussafaka High School in 1958 and graduated as the first rank student in 1965. The same year he received the Fulbright Scholarship toward his Bachelor of Science degree at Robert College in Chemical Engineering. He is among the first group of students to receive Turkish Education Foundation scholarship for his graduate degree in the US. He completed his graduate study at Syracuse University in Industrial Engineering in 1971.

He holds certificates for “Population Dynamics” from Pittsburgh University, and certificate on “Communications Study” from Michigan State University. He is Fluent in English, speaks and understands Kurdish and French fairly apart from native language, Turkish.. He spent 32 years of his professional career with Koç Holding, the largest industrial conglomerate in Turkey. Among his assignments there: Assistant to The President Consumer Goods Group (1998-2003), Managing Director of Bozkurt Textile Co. (1996-1998), President of Ramerica International Inc. NY (1991-1997), Assistant to The President; Energy, Trade and Industry Group (1990-1996), Various managerial assignments with Koç Group company at Bozkurt Textile Co.; including Deputy General Manager, Technical Director, Planning Manager, Investment Management, Planning and Industrial Coordination, Production Management, Industrial Engineering functions (1971-1991)

He has also served as Board Member on several Koç Group companies namely, Arçelik A.Ş., Düzey A.Ş, Maret A.Ş., Bozkurt Tarım ve Gıda Sanayii A.Ş., Kurt Mensucat A.Ş. and Board Member of BAT Sigara.

Mr. Ökütçü is Past President and Member of the Board of Darüşşafaka Alumni Association, Advisory Board Member of Darüşşafaka Association, Founding Member Yaşar Kemal Foundation, Member of the Board of Trustees of Turkish Education Foundation (TEV), Trustee in Assembly of The Turkish American Associations (ATAA), Past President of Economic Development Foundation (IKV) of Turkey, Current Member of Turkish-US Business Council (TAİK), Member of the Alumni Association of Robert College and Member of the Alumni Association of Syracuse University.

ABOUT THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Dr. ASLIHAN ÇAKMAK, Chairperson, Business and Computer Science Department, Middlesex College, N.J.; and NGO Rep. of The Light Millennium to the United Nations Department of Global Communications.



Dr. Aslihan Cakmak is a strategic, innovative, and energetic higher-education leader who promotes continuous improvement to the quality of education at academic institutions. With a BS in Economics, and MBA, and a Doctoral degree in International Business, she has 18 years tenured experience with extensive knowledge of academic culture in multi-platform instruction where she served as a Chairperson, Faculty Lead, Director of Academic Advising, Faculty, and as a consultant to instructional staff, advisory committees, parents, students, and academic institutions.

Dr. Cakmak currently works as the Chairperson of the Business and Computer Science Department at Middlesex College. She holds memberships to organizations such as Association of International Business, American Economic Association, NJBIA (New Jersey Business and Industry Association), and Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Dr. Cakmak is the Vice President of NJCBAA (New Jersey Collegiate Business Administration Association) and she volunteers for non-profit organizations such as Healed with Scars and MCC Food Pantry.

Prof. EDWARD FOSTER, Poet, Critic, and Scholar, a retired Dean and Professor at the Stevens Institute of Technology.



Edward Foster is a poet, critic, and scholar, a retired dean and professor at the Stevens Institute of Technology. He has taught at Hacettepe University, Istanbul University, and Beykent. He edits the journal *Talisman* and is the president of Pioneer Valley Poetry Productions (PVPP), which sponsors yearly festivals of contemporary poetry. His most recent book, *A Looking-Glass for Traytors*, was published this year by Marsh Hawk Press.

Further, Foster was responsible for organizing or co-organizing several Turkish/American events with the Light Millennium.

Prof. GARY M. GROSSMAN (please the Opening Section)

HANDE SUBASILAR, PhD. Art Historian, General Secretary of The Light Millennium.



Hande Subasilar was born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey. She received her B.A. degree from Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Department of Art History and was accepted as a graduate student to the Istanbul Technical University Department of Social

Sciences Art History Program where she received her M.A. and PhD. She gave lectures at several universities in Turkey including Istanbul Technical University and Istanbul Kultur University, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University between 2005-2010. Dr. Subasilar has started lecturing at the Medgar Evers College, Department of Mass Communications City University of New York as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in 2016 and she is the General Secretary of The Light Millennium since 2014.

Prof. OLCAY ÜNVER (Please see the Honorary Speakers' Section)

Social Media: Prof. Dr. SEBAHATTIN DEVECİOĞLU, Sports Economics, Department of Sport Science & Management, Firat University, Faculty member (Elazig / Turkey)



Sebahattin Devocioğlu was born on May 19, 1968 in Elazig. In 1990, he graduated from Gazi University (Ankara) Faculty of Education, Physical Education and Sports Department.

In 1996 he earned his masters degree from the Firat University (FU) (Elazig / Turkey), Institute of Health Sciences, Department of Physical Education and Sports Program,

PhD degree from Gazi University, Institute of Health Sciences Department of Physical Education and Sports

Honorable member of UNESCO Physical Education and Sport Committee in 2005.

In 2002 he helped, and developed the Department of Sport Management at Firat University and as an Assistant Professor he became the first Chairperson of the department and pursued the position successfully until 2010.

Earned his tenure and became an Associate professor in 2013.

Visiting Scholar of Dowling College, US in 2011.

Visiting Research Scholar at The University Of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) in 2014-2015 September.

Served as an NGO Representative of The Light Millennium to the United Nations Department of Global Communications (formerly, UN Department of Public Information) in 2015.

Associate Professor at Firat University, Faculty of Sport Science, Department of Sport Management 2013-2018.

Board Member of Turkish Youth and Sports Ministry Education and Science 2018 and Board Member of Turkish Association Sports Sciences 2019.

Member of the International Catchball Federation Professional Committee.

Ambassador of EPSI - The European Platform for Sport Innovation.

WHAT IS NEXT? #2023JUCAwards #2023JUCMRWA

1. The 2023 J.U.C. Media, Research & Writing Awards — Projected next Award Ceremony Date: **Saturday. January 28, 2023;**
2. Issue a related News/Media Release, or summary of the event, post it to www.lmglobal.org and/or www.turkishlibrary.com, and share it extensively in **Winter 2021;**
3. Accept submissions via email in Word document for media project (12 font), via link or .mp4 file **by June 30, 2022;**
4. Post all submissions/make all submitted media/art projects available in **Fall 2022;** (*whether this process will be OPEN or NOT to the general public [within Board and/or potentially collaborated partners] to be determined*).
5. Announce all the submitters and/or FINALISTS in **Fall 2022.**

Related J.U.C. Book Project:

1. Compilation of J.U.C.'s ideas, both published and unpublished, for a printed-book project that will set out the ground for the Awards project; all proceeds will go to the Awards project. J.U.C.'s writings and biography will be compiled in a book, printed min. 250 copies up to 1000 copies, to be presented to all the participants/award recipients and co-sponsors of the Awards Ceremony in **January 2023**.

2. The envisioned Book project will be in 3 chapters:

- a) His early posted works along with not posted works (till age 12/13),
- b) His later ideas including AI, IQ test, story, interview, etc.,
- c) Dedicated pieces/anecdotes/memories on/about him.

Any proceeds from his book will go directly to the Awards and/or Scholarship project, which will also set out a ground and model for following years, making submitted works, awarded and selected ideas available to be compiled and printed in a book project as well. Its online version might be available following the next Awards.

2. The submitted written pieces and related news release, presented pieces during the virtual award ceremony, all together will be compiled for a book project to be printed-and-presented during the next Award Ceremony, which is projected to be presented on **Saturday, January 28, 2023**. (If Covid-19 or any other conditions caused delay, accordingly, it will be rescheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2023.)

As long as The Light Millennium, Inc. is able to secure the required sponsorship/funding, the compilation of submitted works within an ongoing book project/publication on a bi-annual ground to be presented during each Awards Ceremony will be one of the main expected OUTCOMES/ongoing products of this awards/scholarship project.

Please kindly follow related updates via www.lmglobal.org and www.turkishlibrary.us websites and through via the following social media pages:

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Or email to: JUCAwards@lightmillennium.org

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The Light Millennium, Inc. – A Charitable Global Human Advancement Organization: Has sustained a good standing as an associated NGO with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (formerly, UN-DPI since 2005):

The Organization publishes online issues, organizes public events, produces-and-presents television programs on the local channels (LMTV) and develops/presents various concepts in multi-platforms. It was introduced on the Web in 1999, and officially founded with a #501-c-3 tax-exempt status in New York in 2001 by Bircan Ünver.

The LM mainly has been focused on public awareness via multi-media platforms, has encouraged active participants from the all walks of life and promotes the following matters within its capacity as a 'rights based' organization, based on its initial Human Advancement, Democracy-Equality-Justice, Fostering World Peace, Freedom of Expression, Encouraging Intellectual Productivity, Girls-Women Rights, Cultural Diversity, Advancing Culture of Peace, and Global Connectivity...

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UPDATE – Effective on December 17, 2019

The Light Millennium Organization “**received the approval**” of the "Amended–and–Broadened” Certificate of Incorporation, and gained a new capacity towards becoming a 'service' and 'rights' based organization, effective as of December 17, 2019.

http://lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/2019-the-light-millennium-inc-csc-ny-amendment-correction-domestic-approved-on-12-17-19.pdf.

Article#3: Related Articles in the recently “amended, expanded and APPROVED” Purposes in the Certificate of Incorporation as of December 17, 2019

To promote girls-women’s and children’s rights by advocating for gender equality, quality education for all and access to schools, libraries, museums and any other educational or learning center.

Article#4: To form, operate and provide secular educational opportunities for underprivileged children and youth, by enabling access to, including, but not limited to, schools, libraries, museums and any other public or private spaces throughout the world including any location where there is agreement and cooperation from the relevant governmental authorities to achieve such objectives.

2019 PURPOSES in page 5 under section #SIXTH:

http://lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/2019-the-light-millennium-inc-csc-ny-amendment-correction-domestic-approved-on-12-17-19.pdf

2019–By-Laws: http://lightmillennium.org/501_c_3/2019-by-laws-resubmitted-page-24-37.pdf

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FAREWELL

(December 30, 2019)



For Our Sunshine

**Our sunshine,
gone too early
from this World
to light years afar
joined the Sun
reached Mars,
and joined the Cosmos...
Yet, J.U.C. is, and, will be
in our hearts and minds
until our last breath
on this planet...**

FAREWELL...
A sudden early departure of our loving Son



JOHN UNVER CULKIN IS GOING TO COSMOS...
January 7, 1997 - ∞

*"Happiness is the
universal force
to be attained as the
final objective of humanity."*

December 30, 2019

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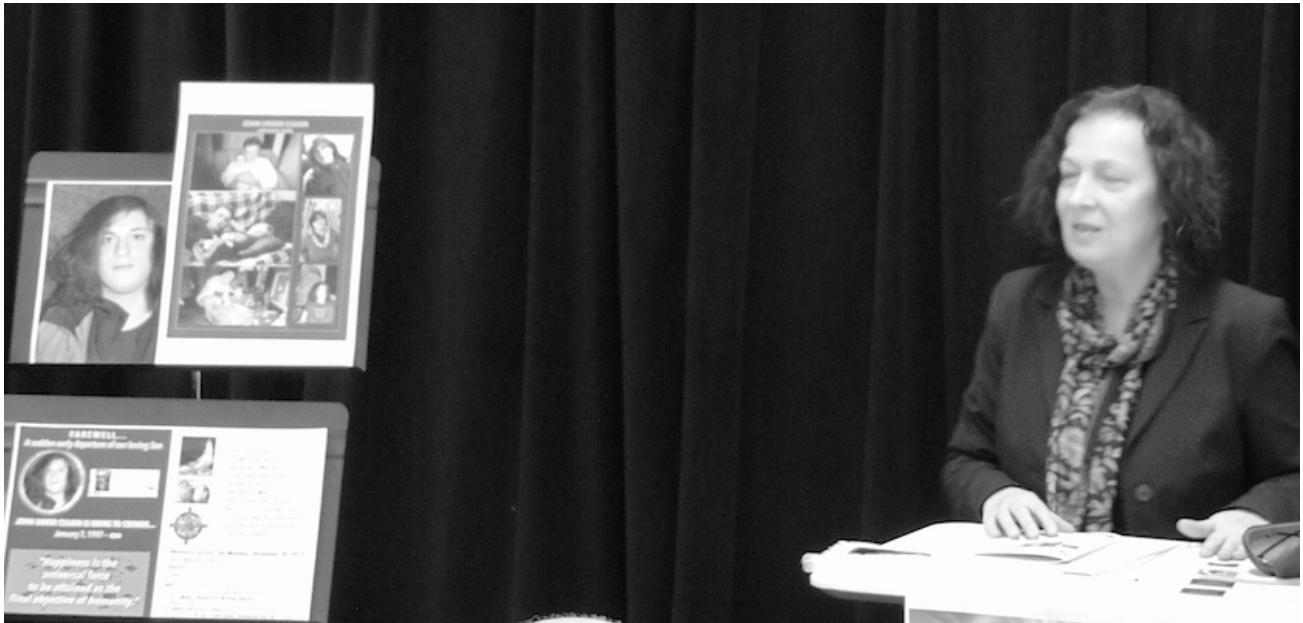
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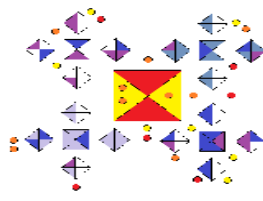
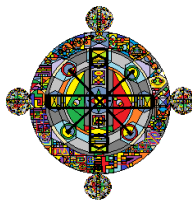
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