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In 2020 I graduated from Pavlodar Pedagogical University (PPU) with a bachelor's degree in two foreign languages. Our university offers great opportunities for student development. There are various student organizations: a committee on youth affairs, social volunteering, and others. The university holds annual scientific conferences. Starting from the second year, I took part in the university conferences. In the fourth year under the direction of my supervisor on the graduation work, PhD, an associate professor Assel Meyramovna Akhmetbekova, I acted in the Republican scientific conference 2020 in KazATU named after Seifullin and took the 1st place. Also, my subsequent articles were published in international scientific collections. I am very grateful to Assel Meyramovna for what she awakened in me a research spirit, helped to reveal my best sides, and gave me a high-quality scientific basis.

In the third and fourth courses I had professional practice at Nazarbayev Intellectual School. At first I had fear, and I wanted to choose another school, but our favorite German language teacher, Ademau Kairgeldonovna, who was responsible for the professional practice, believed in me, in my abilities. She helped me overcome my fear and believe in myself. I never once regretted choosing NIS. It was an interesting practice, full of events and competitions.

The teachers of foreign languages at the Higher School of Humanities are distinguished by their versatile and modern view of life, an excellent sense of style in clothes. They’re full of energy and creative ideas in the classroom.

The kindest and nicest teacher at our school is Darya Vladimirovna Pashkanyan. She never scolded us and so we were even embarrassed to come unprepared for class.

I want to express special gratitude to our tutor Adam Mustafayevich. My groupmates and I always remember him with a smile on our faces. In the beginning, we didn't understand our curator and did not listen to him a lot. However after some time, approximately two years, we realized that he was a teacher with a capital letter, who, above all, had high human qualities. Our tutor didn't just teach grammar lessons or tutor hours, he gave us a lot of life lessons and advice. He was always interested in what we were doing and visited us in the dorms. One of my favorite phrases of Adam Mustafayevich: “Don't worry, be happy!”

I am currently studying at the Lomonosov Moscow State University in the first course of the master’s programme in media linguistics (journalism). The knowledge and student experience acquired at Pavlodar Pedagogical University helped me to prove myself as a competitive master student with a sufficiently high intellectual level.