

# Family Day 2019:

## A small but wholesome affair

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Those who looked outside their window on Sunday April 14th might have been struck with some confusion: a bunch of parents, grandparents, and siblings were trodding our grounds and sitting in our classrooms. These eager and excited family members were here for UCU's second annual family day. This event invites family of all ages to attend our little campus for a day, to experience a typical day in the life of a UCU student. Since I missed out on the fun last year, I made sure to attend this time.

The day commenced with a walk-in brunch at Jazzmans. I was pleasantly surprised by the food arrangement. Since I'm all too familiar with Dining Hall quality, my expectations weren't very high.

Indeed, the coffee was the kind you would get when working in an office: a murky black substance. The warm bread, fresh dips, and cut-up veggies made up for it though: they were a lovely start to our day.

When brunch was finished, it was time for a campus tour. Being a UCU Ambassador myself, it was rather amusing to be on the other side of the equation for once. Our tour guide did a wonderful job and it was quite delightful for the parents to see more of campus than simply their kids' room. Even

the smallest nooks and crannies were shown, such as our little Boomerang office.

Shortly after, it was time to attend some sample lectures. This was probably what family members were most excited for. The question, "what do our kids actually learn?" would finally be answered! The two professors that volunteered their free Sunday afternoon to do this, were none other than Robert Renes and our very own Dean, James



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Kennedy. Both mini lectures were a good reflection of what an average class feels like and the professors certainly succeeded at captivating their audience: some parents were on the edge of their seat and eagerly participated.

Before the festival started there was a chance to partake in some of the committee workshops. My mother and I were a bit parched at this point, so we decided to have a drink in town instead. But when we came back, we stumbled upon a bunch

of happy-jolly parents playing board games with GameCo in downstairs Dining Hall. Needless to say: it looked successful!

We concluded our day in the BPA, where a typical UCU festival was hosted. All the usuals were present: Chris, the BarCo tap, live music, and many many fairy lights. Before the band kicked in, the organisers lovingly played some old hits from the 70s and 80s. Naturally, this led to many parents reminiscing and smiling to themselves as they entered the room.

One of the greatest parts wasn't even the day itself, but its proceeds. All money raised would be put towards the Rosemary Orr Scholarship fund, which invites people of various economic backgrounds to study here. Attendees could donate any amount they wished, but posters were hung up to inform us exactly how costly studying at this college is: one day costs €28,48 and taking a full 7,5 ECTS course adds up to €512,50.

Although the turnout of this years' family day might have been lower than last time, it did not take away any of its wholesomeness. Overall, the day was enlightening, entertaining, and simply enjoyable. If I were still here next year, I would definitely round up some more family members and attend again.