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Emanuel University, more than half of my life!

In 1994 I graduated from college, and I already had a promised job. It was the kind of job you wanted before college, comfortable, with immediate professional satisfaction. But in the fall of the same year, I was invited for an interview at the Baptist Bible Institute in Oradea, as it was called then. I had to take a friend's place for a year and just postpone my job in Iasi.

I returned home after the interview in Oradea, and I said to my wife: "You have to pack; we'll be gone in three days!" We left so quickly that we forgot to take food for the road for Neriah, our 2-year-old daughter. So I stayed for a year, then for another year, then for another four years, and that's how I spent almost 28 years of the 51 years of my life the Lord gave me until now.

The year 2001 was a turning point. I didn't have my own house, and the apartment I was renting was for sale. I was in the United States, and a friend

concluded that our place was in Oradea at Emanuel University of Oradea, as it was renamed then. After we made that decision, God took care of our home.

In 2006 and 2008, new opportunities and open doors materialized. I had received higher teaching degrees. Given my training as a classicist, I was invited to other more renowned universities with much more generous salaries.

I decided to stay at Emanuel University again, and I was not sorry this time either. I was asked by my former college classmates: “Why are you living in that small town on the border, in such a small university? Cluj...Bucharest...Iasi are yours! You could also hold leadership positions and have a convenient chair! Why?”

I replied, “Because here is my heart. I prefer to teach New Testament Greek, John and Paul, Patristics, Ecclesiastical Latin, and Rhetoric to Theology students who are ready to serve in the villages and towns of Romania and the world than to teach Cicero, Plato, and Aristotle. Here I can do what I can't do elsewhere: mentorship!”

Throughout all these years, not without trials and not without sorrows, we have remained in this place where, among declinations and conjugations, we can discuss life, marriage, work, temptation, sin, and forgiveness.

I've spent more than half my life here. I'm already among the veterans, and I hope to end my career here as long as God keeps His blessing over this place.

Prof. Marius David Cruceru
Department Director within
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Meet our professors!



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States, our father left us, and I had to start working to support my family in a new country. In 1994, at the age of 17, God blessed me with the opportunity to buy my own business, which was my official genesis in the business world.

I had the grace to grow up in the no. 2 Baptist Church in Oradea (currently known as Emanuel Baptist Church). My childhood was marked by bold prayers for Christian education. From 1999 to 2004, God gave me the grace to be a professor at the University of Akron, a secular public university in the United States. God called me back to Romania through Dr. Paul Negruț and Dr. Marius Cruceru.

I was drawn to the interweaving of biblical principles with high-class economic principles. I appreciate the quality of the students and professors that this university attracts. Most of all, however, I am drawn to the opportunities in this university to train generations of TOP and God-fearing professionals for the whole world in a century of technology.

As for my contribution to EUO, I try to serve my students by personal example, which is not perfect, but God uses every teachable moment. Second, I want to use my gift of encouragement to embolden them to become all that God has prepared for them. Third, I strive to stay connected to the everyday world to prepare students for it. Finally, I believe that the professionals of the 21st century will excel in communication, collaboration, creativity, and, above all, character.

I am married to Lois Paula since 2005, and since 2011 God has blessed us with a little girl, Evelina Delia. We enjoy traveling together, cooking, gardening, swimming, hiking, and walking in the park.

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*Laurențiu Culda,
Managing Partner at ZMURA FRESH*

My name is Laurențiu Culda, an EUO graduate, who completed a bachelor's degree in 2014, and a master's degree in 2016, both in Management, at the Griffiths Faculty of Management.

I am an entrepreneur, currently serving as a Managing Partner at ZMURA FRESH; my heart and soul project started during my days as a student. At ZMURA, we come up with healthy alternatives for meals and guilt-free snacks in the form of chia puddings. Our partners include TED'S COFFEE network and the retailers at MEGA IMAGE and Profi.

Emanuel University equipped me technically and practically for the field I studied — Management. Still, I think the main role it played at that stage of my life was shaping my character.

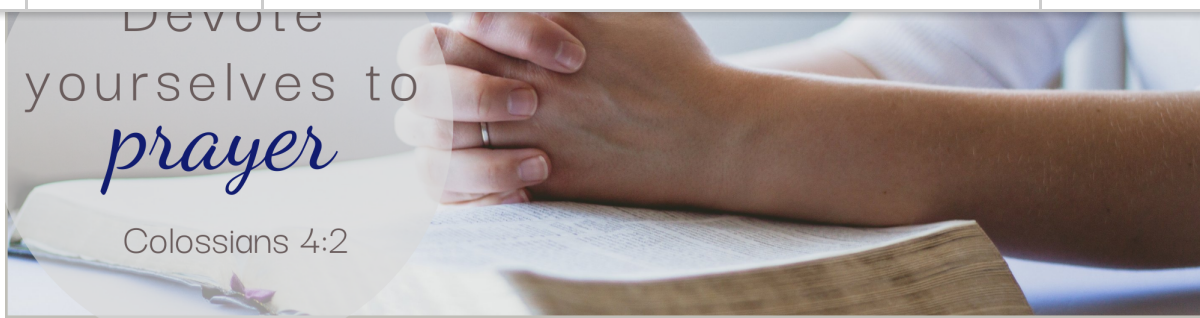
The university for a student is a beautiful stage, but it has its challenges. It is a period of transition and accelerated maturation. The fact that I had people of character around me, that I was exposed not only to the information that the teachers or guests taught us, but also to their character (not perfect, but superior to alternatives), allowed me to grow, to learn, to humble myself many times, and simply to take notes to sketch and polish what over time has become my character as an adult.

As a human species, we have the biblical calling, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” As born-again people, we have the commandment, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

For me, success means fulfilling the above two commandments: to wisely manage and invest the resources I receive from God for His praise and to preach the gospel — this is the success I want and that I fight for day by day.

**Laurențiu Culda,
Managing Partner at ZMURA FRESH**

Pray with us!



- that God may bring times of spiritual revival in Romania and in the entire world.
- that Emanuel University remains under God's protection and guidance.
- that the students and graduates of Emanuel University may fulfill, under God's guidance, the mission to which they have been called: the Great Commission.

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Throughout the year, the Scholarship Fund helps EU students by providing them with financial support as they study and volunteer. Gifts of all sizes bolster the collective strength of the Scholarship Fund and give the students the opportunity to focus on becoming the Christian teachers, musicians, social workers, business and IT leaders, and missionaries which the world so desperately needs. You can help them by joining the group of people who faithfully have financially supported the Scholarship Fund.

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