

## **Lots of Kazakh flair at the Kazakh Spring Evening**

On the occasion of the traditional Kazakh spring festival Nauryz, around 110 students celebrated in the student club "Olymp" until the early hours of the morning. This day celebrates the equinox on 20/21 March and thus the beginning of spring in Central Asia, including Turkey and other countries.

The students had put together a remarkable event: There were numerous Kazakh delicacies such as Qurt; dried cheese balls, which are especially popular with beer; Qazy, a horse meat sausage; Quirdak, liver cooked in milk with potatoes; Boursaki, deep-fried yeast dough balls (210 were eaten in no time); and of course the rice dish Plov (Pilav), which is common throughout Central Asia. The food distribution was perfectly organised by the Logistics students (Danat Bolatbek, Ismail Skendirov, Igor Pak, Malika Umarova, Azhar Tazikhan). In addition, there was a lot of Kazakh ambience with decorations, music and games.

The 25-question quiz on Kazakhstan was won by a Polish alumna, who took home a Kazakh whip as the main prize. The International Office welcomed and strongly supported the students' initiative. "Especially after the pandemic experience, it is wonderful that students can celebrate on campus again. We thank the Kazakh students for the initiative and the lovely evening," said Karin Schmidt, Head of the International Office.