

# PELEHTI 2025

BOOKLET FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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Sincerest congratulations for getting admitted to LUT and to begin your master's degree studies in environmental technology.

Currently, you are reading a magazine created just for you by Pelletti, named Pelehti. This magazine gives you an introduction to what is Pelletti and how to get started with your academic life here in Lappeenranta. You'll get to know your tutors, and other important people who are here to help the beginning of your studies to be as smooth and memorable as possible.

So, what is Pelletti and why you need to know about it? Pelletti is a subject organization, more commonly known as guild, for students in LUT, who study in the field of environmental technology, including master's degree students in sustainability science and solutions. So, you too! The most important task of Pelletti is to gather together all students from the field of environmental technology regardless of their background and everyone is welcome as they are. Pelletti organises various different events throughout the year, including parties, but also company visits and career evenings. Pelletti also organises lots low threshold events like game and movie nights and a different sports event every month. Events are an easy way to get to know other students and the student life here in Finland – which happens to be quite unique! I strongly recommend keeping an open mind and don't hesitate to try new things. I guarantee, you will find something that suits you!

Pelletti as a guild is run by student volunteers, ten board members and over twenty officers with different tasks. We have international affairs manager and international affairs officer to ensure that we have activities also for our master's and international students.

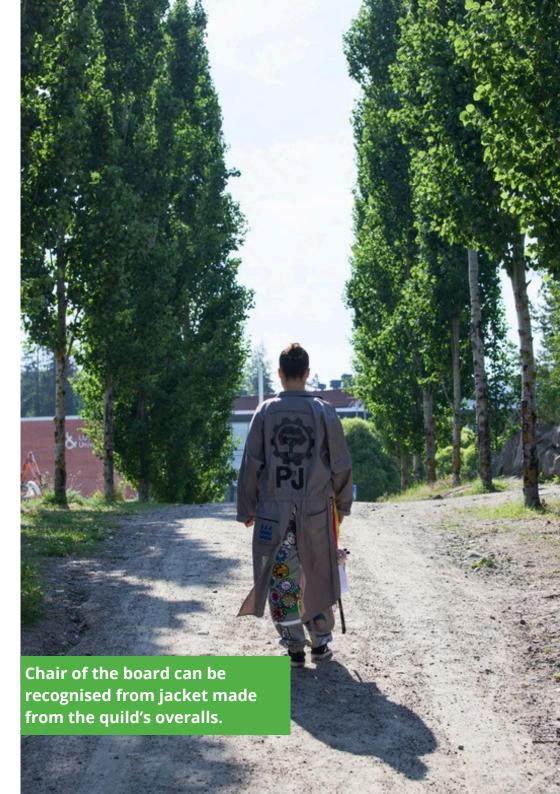
The guild also keeps in contact with other guilds, the student union LTKY and other environmental technology student guilds in other Finnish universities. Pelletti is a community, where we take care of each other and together make Pelletti what it is by being just ourselves.

Beginning of the studies and moving to a new city or a new country sure is exciting, but it can also be scary. I want you to not to worry, you will be met by a group of tutors, whose task is to help you to get started with your studies and who will be there for you the first months of your studies. In addition to your tutors, Pelletti's fresher captain is here to make sure you don't miss any events or anything regarding the student culture here. Just remember that others are maybe little scared too and you are never alone.

Beginning of the school year is just around the corner, and we're buzzing with excitement to meet you and show you this amazing community of ours. You'll recognize Pelletti members by our grey overalls and you are warmly welcome whenever you see us. All you need is an open mind, a bit of curiosity, and the courage to dive in wherever you find yourself. Most importantly, just come as you are! Once again, congratulations on your place of study and see you soon!

### Jonna Roponen

Chair of the board, Pelletti ry



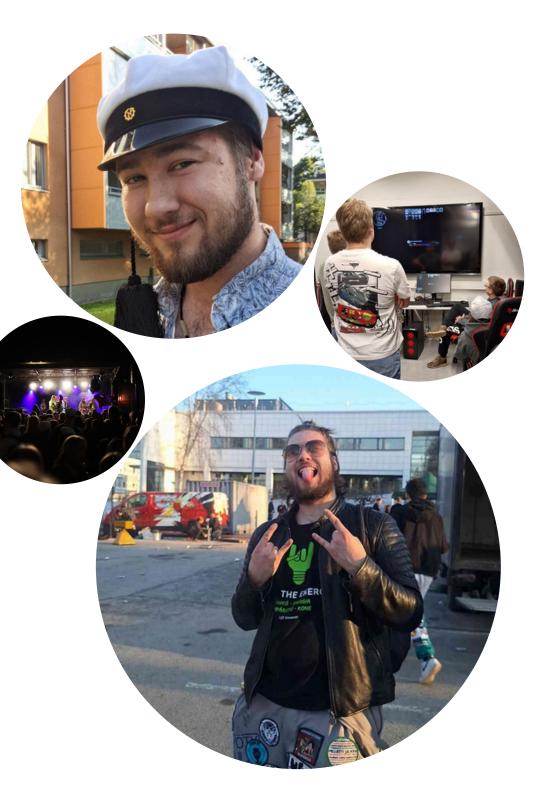


## FRESHERCAPTAINS THOUGHTS

Hi all new freshers! Congrats on being accepted to LUT University and it's so awesome that you chose to come to Pelletti! My name is Tuomas, and I am your new fresher captain. I am starting my second year studying sustainability science here in Lappeenranta, and you will recognize me by my gray FV-helmet and of course by my gray overalls. My job is to familiarize you with the local manners and with the teekkari culture, and of course always help you in any matter. Me and the whole Skinnarila are ready to take you in with open arms and great joy!

Fresher weeks start here at the last week of August and last for two weeks. You can come here already at the previous weekend to explore and get to know the surroundings and attend the Back 2 uni -event. Me and your tutors will spend a lot of time with you when the fresher weeks start, and we will get to know each other through lots of activities and get-togethers and at the same time you get to know our university and the other guilds! Studying starts in the second week, and we will help you to familiarize yourself with how the systems work, how you sign up for courses, how ordinary life starts to roll with your studies etc. When coming here, take your graduation cap, swimwear, lots of different clothes and open mind with you. Me, the tutors and everybody else are looking forward to the start of the fresher weeks and to seeing you for the first time! See you in August!

Best regards, **Tuomas Mustonen,**Pelletti's fresher captain



## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS THOUGHTS

Hi!

My name is Ville and I'm responsible for International and Academic Affairs at Pelletti. I'm currently in my fourth year of studies and really excited to welcome you to our student community.

My role is to support Pelletti's students, help with academic questions, and make sure your feedback on courses and teaching reaches the right people. I also represent Pelletti's students in both the international committee and the academic affairs committee, where we work to improve the overall student experience.

If you ever feel unsure about how things work at the university, need help navigating the Finnish education system, or just want to talk about life in Finland, don't hesitate to reach out. I'm more than happy to help, whether it's about courses, everyday life, or getting involved in student activities.

You can always contact me on Telegram at @VilleH23. I'm usually quick to reply and happy to chat.

Wishing you a great start to your studies and a memorable time here. Welcome aboard!

### Ville Haapaniemi

Pelletti's International and Academic Affairs





Name: Udeshika Liyanage Age: 32 Where are you from: Sri Lanka

Favourite place in Lappenranta: Harbour / Satama

A tip for starting your studies: Be relaxed and make friends. Enjoy the time with friends at the university. It can lead you to perform well. Together is always better than alone.

One thing I found surprisingly important at the start of my studies: Be punctual and respectful towards everyone.

Karaoke speciality: Snowman and sinhalese songs

Name: Shadika Wimalarathne Age: 29

Where are you from: Sri Lanka

**Favourite place in Lappenranta:** Any beach in summer, specially near

Fazer factory

**A tip for starting your studies:** Prioritize tasks, find the way assessment methods, and do work aiming them

One thing I found surprisingly important at the start of my studies:

Learning daily is a must without skipping any lectures otherwise quizzes will surprise you.

**Karaoke speciality:** Sadly, I'm not into karaoke.

On Wappu Eve, student year culminates as new Teekkaris get their Teekkari caps.





## RIL brings the field of built environment together!

#### Moi future teekkari!

I represent RIL, the finnish association for civil engineers. We bring together academics from all aspects of the built environment sector. We welcome you to join over 6000 of your fellow professionals in Finland.

#### So what does RIL do?

We protect the interests of our members in many ways. Our core competence is enhancing the professional skills of our members by training and networking at diverse events. In addition to continuing education, we publish numerous guidelines and manuals each year. We move the field forward with statements, projects and competitions. We also regularly bring events related to the built environment sector to Finland.



### What does the membership cost and why should I join?

RIL membership is free for students. Membership benefits include Rakennuslehti, which is delivered to your mailbox weekly, Tekniikka & Talous, an electronic magazine for students, and the magazine Rakennustekniikka. We also organize annual surveys to collect useful

information about studies, summer jobs, and the salary level of students. You can apply for a grant from the RIL Foundation for an exchange abroad or for excellent academic performance. The best thing about RIL, however, is the sheer number of diverse events that are organized all over Finland throughout the year. RIL has its own section for young adults, RIL-Nuoret, consisting of volunteers, which organizes a variety of events specifically for students and recent graduates. You will also find RIL supporting the events of your subject organization, so see you there!

#### Have a wonderful start to your studies!

Joonas Häkli Student liaison Aalto & LUT RIL www.ril.fi

Take a head start to your membership and join here!



### **TUTORS**



Name: Mohib Abbasi Age: 27

Where are you from: Pakistan

Favourite place in Lappenranta: Rantaraitti trail

A tip for starting your studies: Plan and execute, don't procrastinate.

One thing I found surprisingly important at the start of my studies:

Attending lectures in class

Karaoke speciality: Thunder - Imagine Dragons



Name: Prakriti Bhaktaraj Age: 29 Where are you from: Nepal

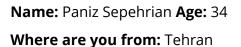
**Favourite place in Lappenranta:** Any of the walking paths along Lake Saimaa. Best spots to clear your head. Also, Myllysaari beach, because I'm an absolute sucker for sunsets.

A tip for starting your studies: Don't be afraid to talk to people first. Everybody is as new as you are. Connect and network. Get out of your comfort zone.

One thing I found surprisingly important at the start of my studies: Time management is key! Try to create a study schedule early on to avoid feeling overwhelmed. Having some kind of structure to your day (even if it's just coffee at 10 and lunch at 12). It helps a lot more than you'd think.

Karaoke speciality: "I Want It That Way." Mandatory if you're a 90s kid.





Favourite place in Lappenranta: Harbour

A tip for starting your studies: Do not stress

One thing I found surprisingly important at the start of my studies:

Attending all the seminars during orientation day and paying attention to the speakers.

Karaoke speciality: Evanescence - My immortal



Name: Tanaya Nikam Age: 22 Where are you from: India

Favourite place in Lappenranta: Lake Saimaa

A tip for starting your studies: Make sure to attend all your classes and start assignments on time. Don't hesitate to reach out to the professor or teaching assistant if you have any doubts. And remember — while studying is important, don't forget to enjoy life at LUT too!

One thing I found surprisingly important at the start of my studies: getting familiar with all the digital platforms and tools — Moodle, email, student portals — you name it. Knowing how they work early on saves you from last-minute panic and ensures you never miss an important update.

**Karaoke speciality:** My specialty is slow, emotional ballads. I bring all the feels with songs like Adele's 'Someone Like You.

## To-Do-List

- Apply for an apartment as soon as possible! You can find cheap student apartments from LOAS (Lappeenrannan seudun opiskelija-asuntosäätiö)
- You can also look for apartments from private landlords and Lappeenrannan asuntopalvelu.
- Follow eLUT-checklist for degree studies: https://elut.lut.fi/en/starting-studies
- Pay the Student Union Membership Fee. It's mandatory to be a part of student union in Finland.
- Order a student card at www.frank.fi and you can enjoy lunches at student prices right away during freshman weeks.
- Check out the freshman guide at elut.fi. You can also find programspecific study plans and other interesting reading material on LUT University's study portal.
- Do not stress! Everything related to studies will be explained in more detail when your studies start.
- Get ready to enjoy Skinnarila's warm embrace and student life!
- Ask if you have any questions! If something is unclear before the start of studies, don't hesitate to ask for help from the fresher captain or the tutors!





Name: Kaspia Tanima Age: 25 Where are you from: Bangladesh

**Favourite place in Lappenranta:** The Puhjonranta camping area, especially during summer, it's peaceful and beautiful just perfect for camping or small BBQ sessions

A tip for starting your studies: Don't hesitate to ask questions—everyone is here to help, and it's the best way to learn. And on top of everything study comes first with a better CGPA you can get different opportunities in university itself.

One thing I found surprisingly important at the start of my studies: Creating a weekly routine—it really helped me manage time and stay balanced.

Karaoke speciality: Coldplay - The Scientist



Name: Tasriba Sayanno Age: 24 Where are you from: Bangladesh

**Favourite place in Lappenranta:** The scenic lakeside path is beautiful in every season and brings a deep sense of calm, especially during evening walks.

**A tip for starting your studies:** Try to finish tasks early as it becomes much harder to catch up later. Check Moodle regularly, and don't hesitate to reach out to classmates for help. Supporting each other makes a big difference!

One thing I found surprisingly important at the start of my studies: Time management. It's not just about studying. Balancing academics with daily chores, mental well-being, and even rest or hobbies is what really helps you thrive.

**Karaoke speciality:** Coldplay - The Scientist

### **TUTORS**



Name: Wei Li Age: 36

Where are you from: China

Favourite place in Lappenranta: Prisma

A tip for starting your studies: Try to locate your classrooms ahead of

time — it makes things much easier.

One thing I found surprisingly important at the start of my studies: Lectures are available via live stream, which has been very convenient.

Karaoke speciality: I don't have one yet!



Name: Arup Das Age: 25

Where are you from: Bangladesh

Favourite place in Lappenranta: Lappeenranta harbour and Satamatie

A tip for starting your studies: Make sure you're up to speed with the

lectures covered in class

One thing I found surprisingly important at the start of my studies:

Setting a study plan

**Karaoke speciality:** Confidence is key! Even if you don't know the song, play along with the beat

### LTKY - FOR YOUR CAUSE

### Hello future Pelletti fresher,

Congratulations on your acceptance and welcome to our wonderful community here in Lappeenranta! I am Aino and I welcome you on behalf of LTKY, our university's student union.

LTKY exists for every one of our students - all LUT degree students are members of LTKY, which means we represent almost every LUT student. We have many member benefits, for example, you can have a coffee at the office located in the student union house during its office hours, use the exam archive or buy a songbook, Punamusta for sitz parties. The student union's goal is to improve the lives of students through both advocacy and student culture. We monitor the interests of our students in courses and lobby for our students' voices at the local and national level. We ensure that our students' rights are not trampled on or any of our students are harassed. On campus, we also run Aalef's restaurant Yolo and a small kiosk, "Meidän Kioski".

One of LTKY's most important tasks, in addition to advocacy, is also maintaining and developing student culture. The first organization that you will become familiar with is your own guild, Pelletti. Each field of study has its own guild, the purpose of which is to unite and help students studying in the same field. The guilds also all have their own colored overalls, their own guild rooms on campus, and of course their own traditions. There are a total of fourteen guilds at LUT and numerous hobby clubs, whose activities you can participate in according to your interests.





LTKY also organizes many activities itself during the year together with the guilds, such as the famous Suomen Pisin Wappu (Finland's longest Wappu, a month of celebrating Wappu!), wellbeing weeks in autumn and spring, and many other traditional events. So remember to enjoy everything that Lappeenranta has to offer you. However, remember to also take care of your own well-being and ask for help when you need it. LTKY is here for you at every turn of student life! To stay up to date with news and also lighter content, take over the following channels:

Website: Itky.fi

Events at Skinnarila: https://t.me/SkinnarilaBot

Instagram: @ltky\_insta

Wappu's Instagram: @suomenpisinwappu

Instagram of guild olympics: @guildolympics\_ltky

Facebook: LTKY

I study communication sciences and my third year is starting in the fall. In 2023, I was the founding chair of Dominus ry, which is a guild for our social scientists. This year, I am on the board of LTKY and got to know Pelletti through being a guild "godparent" - you are in such good hands surrounded by wonderful people in Pelletti! My favorite thing about Lappeenrantan is that we are close to nature and especially the jogging trails here near the campus are nice. Sitz parties are definitely my favorite event. Welcome to Lappeenranta, see you soon!

### With sunny greetings, Aino Räsänen

Aino works as the communications representative in LTKY's board, with elections as her other area of responsibility. You can always come and pull her by the sleeve in the hallways or approach her in other ways (TG: @ainorasanen, email aino.rasanen@ltky.fi).

### **TEKNIIKAN AKATEEMISET - TEK**

Hey new fresher of Pelletti!

Welcome to Lappeenranta to be a part of our Teekkari community. The Tekniikan Akateemiset, more commonly known as TEK, takes care of all teekkarit (techology students) in Lappeenranta as well as elsewhere in Finland. TEK is an advocacy and service organisation for experts in the field of technology. We have about 80,000 members, one-third of whom are students. Almost 85% of Teekkaris are apart of TEK! Most of our student members study in the technical field and graduate as a Master of Science in Engineering. Our mission is to support you so that you can achieve interesting summer jobs during your studies, as well as get the best possible skills to succeed in working life once you graduate. We also support teekkari culture as well as guilds and student organizations in organizing student activities, such as various events. As a member of TEK, you will also be part of a community of technology experts. Located on the Lappeenranta campus, TEK-Lounge is a comfortable space for members, available for study and leisure.

On the upper floor of the Student Union Building, you will also find plenty of TEK-built group work space, as well as a room for a proper break exercise. TEK membership is free of charge for the student, and as a student member you will have access to many useful and valuable services! Become a member of TEK free of charge at www.tek.fi/liity-student. What, then, is the writers role? As the name implies, the most important task of a TEK guild contact person is to communicate between TEK and Pelletti. In addition, I will keep TEK-info for you freshmen already during the first weeks of studies here on the shores of Lappeenranta. It is a good idea to join TEK immediately so that you can enjoy membership benefits already in the early stages of your studies. I hope you have a nice and relaxed summer.

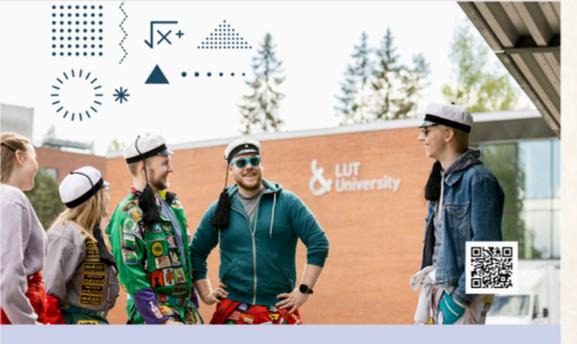
See you on the fresher weeks!

Best regards, Kia "Dille" Dillström



### Student member services include:

- TEK-magazine delievered to your home, a magazine-like member magazine published five times a year
- TEK's workbook, a very useful guide to job searching, can be found at www.tek.fi/tyokirja
- Free and events targeted for students
- TEK-Lounge services on campus
- Salary asvice and student salary recommendations



### Congratulations Fuksi!

Become a student member of TEK! Membership is completely free, and includes a host of services to help you not only work in Finland, but to thrive here. These include guidance on how to summer job hunt, recommendations for your salary, as well as legal aid to check your first contract or to later protect your rights.

TEK is a community of around 80,000 university students and graduates in the field of technology. We strive to ensure that our members have the best working conditions possible, in order to help them solve the major issues of our time; from climate change and natural resource scarcity to artificial intelligence.

Find out more at www.tek.fi/en/students or join www.tek.fi/en/join now!

Best regards,



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### SUOMI-TEEKKARI-ENGLISH DICTIONARY

G Cafe Bar G, pub located near Ylioppilastalo

Kilta Guild, which is organization for students in the field of study

Kiltis Shorten for Kiltahuone (Guild room), Pelletti's own club room

Kylteri Nickname for economics student

LTKY The Student Union of LUT University

Moska Card game played in Pelletti's guild room

Noppa Nickname for opintopiste, which translates to course credit

Pelletti Guild for environmental technology students.

Pelehti The info booklet for the new Freshers, one you are reading right

now

PK5 Punkkerikatu 5, popular weekly sauna location

Skinfo Skinnarilainfo, website, which provides menus of lunch

restaraunts and bus timetables to University

Skinnarila's spirit, values and good will that lives among

henki students of Skinnarila

SVV Skinnarilan Vapaa Valtio, which is Skinnarila's campus area's

playful name as its' own nation

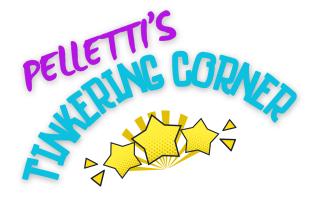
Teekkari Nickname for engineering student

Yhviläinen Nickname for social and communication student

Yolo Shorten of Ylioppilastalo, Student Union house

Ymte Shorten of ympäristötekniikka, environmental technology

Ymteläinen Environmental technology student, like you and I





### DOES THE BLOOD OF A CHEMIST FLOW IN YOUR VEINS, OR ARE YOU PERHAPS A BORN BUSINESSMAN? TEST WHICH GUILD YOU BELONG TO MENTALLY!

### What kind of student are you?

A: I study as efficiently as possible

B: I keep the balance between studying and free time

C: Studying is the priority of my life

D: I don't really put much effort into studying

### How do you spend your free time?

A: I'm always at work

B: I'm hanging out with my friends

C: At home reading for an exam

D: Relaxing alone

### What's your favorite color?

A: Yellow

B: Grey

C: Pink

D: Orange

### Do you prefer large or small groups?

A: The more people, the better.

B: Being in a small group is more comfortable

C: I like being alone.

D: It doesn't matter

### What's your motto?

A: If you never try to chase your dreams, you'll never catch them either.

B: For the best in the world

C: Never say never

D: YOLO

### Most fl answers:

You're mentally a Pelletti member. There are many different kinds of people among us and we are lucky to have you as one of them.

#### **Most B answers:**

You're mentally a Pelletti member. All of us are unique in our own way and it is great to have you among us.

#### **Most C answers:**

You're mentally a Pelletti member. There are as many persons among us as there are members. Welcome to Pelletti!

#### Most D answers:

You're mentally a Pelletti member. It is a pleasure to have new personalities with us!



#### What color are Pelletti's overalls?

A: Green

B: Grey

C: White

D: Red



#### What is moska?

A: Card game played at the guild room

B: Name for the students who hang out daily at the guild room

C: Dust gathered in the corners of the guild room

D: A board game that is played at the Guild Room

### In what year was Pelletti founded?

A: 2001

B: 2011

C: 2010

D: 2002

### LUT is an abbreviation of words:

A: Lappeenranta University of Technology LUT

B: Lappeenranta-Lahti-Kouvola-Mikkeli University of Technology LUT

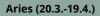
C: Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT

D: Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology, comprehensive school-kindergarten LUT











You're already waiting for school to start like the moon to rise. It feels like the ground is burning under your feet, and you can't wait to meet the other freshers. However, be sure to maintain your composure if you do not immediately find the right class on your own.

> Tree: Scots elm Flower: Tulip **Event: Fresher Orienteering**

> > Leo (23.7.-22.8.)



You're open-minded about your new hometown. You are full of energy and enthusiasm. You're looking forward to freshman weeks and your first year, and I'm sure you'll enjoy it. However, remember to leave room for those around you as well.

> Tree: Bird cherry Flower: Sunflower Event: Grayest day of the year

Sagittarius (22.11.-20.12.)



You start school with a positive mindset. You are looking forward to studying as well as the adventures of student life. You will surely live a memorable fresher year thanks to your openness and charisma.

> Tree: Grey alder Flower: Wild pink **Event: Fresher excursion**

Taurus(20.4.-20.5.)



You may be skeptical of your new hometown, but you adapt to Lappeenranta better than well. The intensity of fresher weeks may upset your calm soul a bit, but with the right ratio of fun and rest you will do very well.

> Tree: English oak Flower: Dog violet **Event: I love Mondays**

Virgo (23.8.-22.9.)



You're already thinking feverishly about your classes. You wonder how to get an A grade and attend events at the same time. Remember that not everything has to be perfect. Your future fellow students will be able to appreciate your accuracy.

> Tree: Maple Flower: Chrysanthemum **Event: Powicup**

Capricorn (21.12.-19.1.)



You have been waiting for the program and schedule of freshman weeks since the reception of the place of study. I'm sure you'll be very successful in your studies, thanks to your conscientious nature. Your friends will also thank you for your organization skills and ideas.

> Tree: Pine Flower: Poinsettia Event: Karjalan Appro

Gemini(21.5.-20.6.)



The beginning of school will make you jump from enthusiasm. You can't wait to talk to your new classmates. But remember also to give others the floor. You will enjoy Lappeenranta very much.

> Tree: European ash Flower: Geranium Event: Fresher sitz-party

Libra (23.9.-22.10.)



You had hard time choosing a place to study and ended up making the right choice! You may already be looking forward to meeting your new friends with a little excitement. You have also started the selection of your first day's outfit well in advance.

> Tree: Basswood Flower: Hortensia Event: Suit up

Aquarius (20.1.-18.2.)



You are open-minded and that is also an advantage when starting school. You are innovative and have a lot of good point of views. They will carry you a long way in studies as well as in the student community.

> Tree: Silver birch Flower: Lent lily Event: Back to Uni

Cancer (21.6.-22.7.)



You may have already planned what you are going to do in your first few days. Remember, in the rush of freshman weeks, your plans may go up again. As a caring and gentle person, you will succeed.

> Tree: Sorbus Flower: Rose **Event: Fresher Olympics**

Skorpio (23.10.-21.11.)



You are already looking forward to pondering the dramas and patterns caused by the small circuits on Lappeenranta. You may be an advisor to your group of friends and sometimes you may immerse yourself in relationships rather than in school. Remember to study too!

> Tree: European spruce Plant: Pelargoniums **Event: FinnHits**

Pisces (19.2.-19.3.)



You dream a lot and may have already created an ideal picture of the events of fresher weeks. Lucky for you, what you imagine is becoming a reality, as you have chosen the best student city and community of all, where life is just the

> Tree: Black alder Flower: Water lily Event: Lounge party

