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Upon completion of his diplomatic tenure Mr. Pashayev returned to Baku to establish the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, which has grown under his leadership from the training center for diplomats into a full-fledged university with four schools, offering graduate and undergraduate degree programs, including in computer science and engineering.

A scholar himself, Hafiz Pashayev received his bachelor degree in Physics from the Azerbaijan State University in 1963 and joined the Physics Institute of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, advancing from the position of the researcher to the head of the Metal Physics laboratory over the years. He got his PhD in Solid-State Physics in 1971 and full Doctorate in 1984. In 1975-1976, he became a visiting researcher scholar at the University of California, Irvine.

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