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Anatolia School of Business Entrepreneurship Hub Established at ACT



Participants in the John & Mary Pappajohn Business Plan Competition

A promising new Entrepreneurship initiative forms the basis for the Anatolia School of Business Entrepreneurship Hub, announced in February 2014. As Greeks struggle to find their way into a new economic paradigm, the American College of Thessaloniki has committed its resources and knowhow towards the education and training of a new generation of business leaders and pioneers to take the country forward.

The innovative new programs have the support of major donors and include cooperation with the ALBA Graduate Business School of the American College of Greece. Through the invaluable support of John Pappajohn and The Hellenic Initiative, Anatolia School of Business, in cooperation with ALBA, has initiated VentureGarden, the first comprehensive process for nurturing entrepreneurs. The program's unique combination of training, support, and mentor-

ing is aimed at helping Greeks of all ages begin their journey towards entrepreneurship with the optimum foundation of knowledge and training. "VentureGarden is an initiative which aims at helping people that are interested in achieving a successful entrepreneurial course in a constructive way," says Dr. Fanis Varvoglis '74, Chair of the Anatolia School of Business. "Entrepreneurship is not just a way of earning a living; it is mainly a way of thinking. It paves the way for self-expression and creativity, while it greatly contributes to the economy's development and the improvement of society's quality of life."

The partnership with ALBA's Graduate Business School and the Hellenic Initiative is a ground-breaking model for cooperation in the Greek business community. VentureGarden encompasses a twelve-month hybrid academic & experiential training period, with tailor-made course plans to suit each individual's goals and



experience. In addition, the Anatolia School of Business has built a strong support network of Mentors and Professionals in Greece and the United States to facilitate the needs of all VentureGarden participants. This support will be a catalyst for the growth of new relationships and knowledge exchange, as they pursue their dreams of becoming a business with global opportunities. "We are working at a feverish pace to develop the program and support solutions for all those who wish to create new businesses – even on a global scale!"

Along with the VentureGarden launch, the official start of the Anatolia School of Business Entrepreneurship Hub began with a call for entries to the John & Mary Pappajohn Business Plan Award, which has been a supported program at ACT for many years. After a hiatus, the Award has returned with a vengeance, being open to willing and aspiring entrepreneurs, with \$5,000 granted to each of the 5 winning entries. Applications for the contest totaled 139 – and included innovative ideas for businesses in twelve sectors of the Greek economy. Following a rigorous four-phase process including evaluation, presentation, development and presentation and final judging, the awards will be announced in June of 2014.

With these initiatives and more to come, Anatolia is set to play a leading role in the race to transform the Greek economy, and bring the country forward out of crisis.



Alumni Supporting the School - Class Challenge

Anatolia's alumni have a long and proud tradition of supporting the school's objectives, and their generous assistance has often been a key factor in the realization of many goals and strategic objectives for the institution. With the economic woes of recent years in mind, an exciting initiative has emerged to assist the increasing number of students with financial needs. A number of Anatolia's top-

ranking pupils, including those who excel in extra-curricular activities, have received support crucial for them to continue their education through the Class Challenge. Generations of Anatolians, from 18 different Graduating Classes, have joined in the project, demonstrating the loyalty they feel towards their school through their participation in the fundraising efforts and, in turn, winning the deep gratitude

of the faculty, administration and especially students for this significant contribution to a very worthy cause. So far, the Classes of '63, '65, '66, '71, '72, '79, '80, '87, '88, '90, '91, '93, '94, '99, '01 and '12 have set the standard for philanthropy at a new level, and look towards additional Classes joining with them in substantially supporting the institution that has provided them with so much.

Anatolia College Institutional News

President's Club: Welcoming the New Members

The annual Board of Trustees meeting on campus is a golden opportunity to honor the new members of the President's Club. The President's Club represents the Institution's highest level of recognition and consists of a group of supporters who take a leading role in the future of Anatolia College, encouraging the Institution's excellence in education and providing financial resources to help the school achieve its mission. The new members President Vlachos welcomed in 2013 include:

Steve Arigides '68, Tasos & Christina Ioannidis, Chris Kaskavelis '86, Kostis Karatzas '02, Melathron Food Services, OPAP SA, Vangelis Pateras & Mina Nomidou Patera '79.

During the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting in Thessaloniki, President Vlachos will welcome this year's new members:

Athanasios Berberidis, Aris Chadjiko-smas, Dimitrios Gortzis, Lidl Hellas, Leonidas Mavroudis '84.

CTY Greece Progresses Rapidly

Over a three month period – December 2013 to February 2014 - more than 1500 students from all over Greece participated in talent identification testing in 12 different cities across the country - twice in Athens and Thessaloniki - for the Center for Talented Youth (CTY) Greece at Anatolia College, with 12 public universities offering their facilities. CTY Greece, funded by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, will run in partnership with Johns Hopkins University.

The Center's outreach activities began at the end of 2013, with an organized communication and information campaign throughout Greece, to present the program and the participation requirements. In collaboration with Regional Directorates of Primary and Secondary Education of Greece, Anatolia College hosted major events in Thessaloniki, Larissa, Patra and Veria, which resulted in increasing awareness of CTY among parents, the media, local authorities and the community as a whole.

In view of the establishment of the Center for Talented Youth (CTY) Greece at Anatolia



From the Presentation of CTY at Washington, DC. Christos P. Panagopoulos, Ambassador of Greece to the U.S.A.; Elaine Hansen, Executive Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY), Amalia Delicari, Program Officer & Public Affairs Officer, Stavros Niarchos Foundation; and Dr. Panos Vlachos, President of Anatolia College.

College, four of the High School faculty and the Director of CTY Greece, Antonis Apostolou spent their summer at Johns Hopkins University, attending an intensive five week training program in order to become familiar with the philosophy and proper implementation of the program.

Anatolia's senior administration travelled to Baltimore in the Fall of 2013 to formally present the Center for Talented Youth in the city where the program was born. Amidst warm wishes from the assembled crowd of academic and political guests, Johns Hopkins University CTY gave the stage to its newest partner – Anatolia College – to explain the highlights and importance of establishing such a pioneering program in Greece and the Balkans.

On March 18th, 2014 Anatolia College and Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY) held a reception at the Greek Embassy in Washington D.C. to introduce the new Center for Talented Youth Greece at Anatolia College to the local community. The main speakers of the event were: Christos P. Panagopoulos, Ambassador of Greece to the U.S.A.; Elaine Hansen, Executive Director of CTY; Amalia Delicari, Program Officer & Public Affairs Officer, Stavros Niarchos Foundation; and Dr. Panos Vlachos, President of Anatolia College.

Institutional Governance and the Trustees of Anatolia College

June's 2013 Annual Board meeting also provided a backdrop for the presentation of Trustee Serge Hadji-Mihaloglou's '60 new book: "Institutional Governance and the Trustees of Anatolia College", which uses Anatolia College as a case study to examine the issue of non-profit governance, and serves as an introduction to the structure, composition, culture, and challenges of the Boards of Trustees governing American non-profit organizations.

Casting a critical eye upon the responsibility of institutional leadership, Mr. Hadji-Mihaloglou noted that "the key to successful governance in a school such as Anatolia is a Board that sets a strategic direction for the fulfillment of the institution's mission, and supervises the faithful and responsible implementation of policy." He added that the "systematic, logical and transparent" ap-



Trustee Serge Hadji-Mihaloglou '60 with President of Anatolia College Dr. Panos Vlachos

plication of these policies at Anatolia – through strategic planning, systematic monitoring, staff evaluation, and thorough economic analysis – could serve as

a 'best practices' model for the Greek education system overall.

The book's prologues by Thessaloniki Mayor Yiannis Boutaris and Aristotle University Law Professor Anastasia Grammaticaki-Alexiou underscore the contribution of this original work. The book was also formally presented on June 1st, 2013, at Anatolia College, by Professor Van Coufoudakis, President of the Hellenic Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (H.Q.A.), Rector Emeritus at the University of Nicosia, Cyprus, Dean Emeritus College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University-Purdue University. A review (in Greek) in Armenopoulos, the Thessaloniki Bar Law Journal, Issue 5, May 2013, was written by Dr. Constantine G. Hadjiyannakis, Lawyer, Former Professor at Pantios University.

Procter & Gamble for the Boarding Department

Procter & Gamble Greece began a valuable new initiative this past year, by providing in-kind support, including shampoo and other personal care products, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies, to meet the year-long needs of Anatolia's 30 boarding students. Under the auspices of Procter & Gamble's CSR program "Comforts of Home," this generous sponsorship had a significant impact on reducing the students' cost of living, and helps to further the school's mission of support.



New Scholarships from the Latsis Foundation

In further recognition of Anatolia's leading contributions in the educational sector, the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation has increased its initial support, which began with one full scholarship in 2012, with 2 more 50% scholarships. And in order to bring the amounts up to 100%, the foundation has invited additional organizations and individuals to join this funding effort, an action that will also signal the start of new collaborations and broaden the school's potential donor base. Evidence of Anatolia's high level of excellence in education, programs, and organization, along with the school's efforts in expanding its horizons, provided the impetus for the new grants, which will be available for the 2014-2015 school year.

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New Scholarships for 2014-2015 Continuing the Anatolia Legacy

For more than 50 years, Anatolia College's Scholarship program has provided an outstanding opportunity for more than 1,000 deserving students to pursue their education, and this year is no exception. The 2013-2014 academic year finds more than 200 of our Gymnasium and Lykeion students receiving partial or full aid, a number which is not so surprising given the current economic conditions faced by many families. Anatolia offers both full and partial need-based and merit-based scholarships. For the coming school year, the Institution is pleased to announce a record number of options available to our incoming freshman First Year Gymnasium class:

Need and merit based:

9 scholarships to cover 75%-100% tuition
20 scholarships to cover 25%-75% tuition

Merit-based:

17 scholarships of 10%: for those students with the highest Entrance Exam Score, regardless of family financial circumstance.

Tuition & Board:

5 scholarships of 100% for students whose permanent residence is in Western Macedonia, Thessaly, Lakonia, and the island of Lesbos. These are decided upon need-basis and cover the total cost of tuition and housing in the school's Boarding Department.

This coming academic year it is estimated that approximately 30% of all the incoming class will be recipients of various types of the scholarships described above.

The Responsibility of Giving: Donor Interview with Dr. Eustace Theodore

Editor's Note: Dr. Eustace Theodore is a founding principal of eAdvancement, and spent most of his academic career at Yale University in a variety of teaching and administrative positions. After retiring from Yale in 1997, Dr. Theodore became the seventh President of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). His Father, Demetri Theodore, graduated from Anatolia and was able to build a long and successful life in the United States. Upon his retirement, Demetri Theodore established an endowed scholarship for Anatolia students, in the hope that his own 'small gift' could continue the tradition of growth and education which he himself credited to Anatolia.

Your father's moving story, and his own career in education, provides a great illustration of the power of knowledge to change lives. What role did Anatolia play in your father's desire to pursue his life in the United States?

For Demetri Theodore, Anatolia was a lifeline, first in what was then Turkey— ancient Greece—and then in Thessaloniki.



Prof. Demetri Theodore and his wife, Nicoletta Theodore

With war and devastation all around him, Anatolia and his studies sustained him, gave him hope and a road to follow. In today's terminology I suppose Demetri was a 'geek', someone that found his pleasures in books and education. Anatolia provided the setting for him to expand his world and imagine what might be possible if he could somehow get to America. Once he made that leap, with the strength of his Anatolia education supporting him, he achieved all that he dreamed of— further studies, a doctorate in economics and a post as a University professor.



Dr. Eustace Theodore discusses his father's legacy to Anatolia

Why is an Endowed Gift your preferred form of support?

Permanence was very much a characteristic of the first Dr. Theodore. Demetri saved rather than spent; this was the reason he had money with which to start the Demetri Scholarship. He taught during a time when professors were not well paid, but his frugal ways made the difference. When he established the Demetri Scholarship he wanted it to serve many students, not just those in school at the time. As an economics professor, Dr. Theodore valued the power of capital appreciation; the history of the Demetri Scholarship corpus reinforces his wisdom in this regard. If he were alive today he would encourage fundraising focused on endowment rather than current need, though he would recognize that both are required.

Did your father see his legacy in the long-term as a paradigm for giving to Anatolia?

When one looks up the word 'modest' in the dictionary there should be a picture of my father next to the standard definition. He chose to call the scholarship by just his first name as he never sought a legacy beyond the family.

For him it was enough to have achieved his dream of contributing to the world as a teacher and scholar, to have enjoyed many years of marriage to his wife Nicoletta and to have seen his two sons grow and become contributing members of society.

What would please him most is the knowledge that others now have joined his effort to support Anatolian students, students who can be more than they might otherwise have been, thanks to Anatolia — just as was the case for him.

How does your family view the Demetri Scholarship?

Those members of the family and our dearest friends who have joined us in celebrating St. Demetri Day each October with a gift to the Demetri Scholarship program do so as a way of recognizing our good fortune and Anatolia College's role in making it so.

For without Anatolia College my brother and I would literally not exist, nor would we have the relationship with the friends who now support this cause. Members of the family that now number in the hundreds would never have been helped in their desire to come to America.

Those who give each year want others to have the same good fortune in life, which was my father's motive in creating the Scholarship in the first instance. We may never know all of the wonderful stories that his sacrificial gift generated, but we do know there are stories thanks to the generosity of our family and friends, generosity that built a powerful endowment that will continue to support Anatolia students forever.

KOHA – an Innovative Library Management System



For most of us, libraries mean one thing: Books. Searching for titles, whether in an online database or just browsing the spines along the shelves, is an expected and enjoyable part of the Library experience. Anatolia's libraries and Librarians are one of our institution's treasures — a source of knowledge and help for students, staff, and alumni alike. But how many of us think about the systems that run behind the stacks; and how all this information is tracked and managed?

A recent initiative by Anatolia's IT staff has ushered in a new era to the library management process by

building an in-house version of the industry-standard KOHA system. Used at institutions small and large alike, the KOHA system is based on an open-source UNIX code that is so adaptable that it meets the particular needs of each host. Thanks to a great initiative taken by the College's IT department, Anatolia now has its own version of KOHA up and running, a development effort which was completed within record time and at no cost to the institution. The system is a major step in the modernization of the library installations, and will carry the school far into the future. But this innovation is not limited within the confines of the school, as Anatolia has extended its KOHA hosting opportunities to the wider community. The Thessaloniki Photography Museum and the Society for Macedonian Studies are the first organizations to become partners, and without a doubt they will soon be joined by many more institutions which can benefit from this advance into the future.

Anatolia Community Offers Support

As a not-for-profit institution, Anatolia College relies on a diverse pool of supporters to meet the financial targets necessary to fulfill its educational and social mission; and the many branches of the 'Anatolia Family' play an important role in this process. Alumni, friends, parents, students and employees, both individually and through their associations, contribute in a variety of ways to the school's successful efforts to meet the needs of both the organization and its students.

The Alumni Association of Anatolia College ("SAAK"), offers one full scholarship and financially supports 5 additional students in

their efforts to complete their studies. The Athens Alumni Association of Anatolia College also offers one full scholarship and provides funds to support the School's financial aid program. In addition, the Association of Friends of Anatolia College ("AFAC") offers financial support to 6 high school students.

Many of the Parents Associations of the Elementary, Middle and High Schools made important contributions to the Scholarship Program as well as supporting initiatives to cover logistic needs. Finally, the fifteen-member Anatolia Student Councils donated proceeds from events to the Scholarship Fund; and the school employees' union also participated in fundraising activities.

Anatolia College Institutional News

Anatolia's CSR Efforts Continue to Build Bridges and Help the Community

Our school's commitment to community welfare extends far into the wider community involving students, staff, alumni and friends who continue to give their time and energy to a variety of initiatives. This year's projects placed an emphasis on the physical environment, along with the continuing support for our charitable causes.

Fundraising at Record Levels

More than \$26,000 was raised for various charities as the result of activities across the institution – including the Annual Christmas Bazaar and our 3K Run. Organizations supported by funds include orphanages, the Community Medical Exchange, the Nonprofit Foundation "Desmos" and Arsis (Aid for Young Women).

IB Students Help with School's Facelift

12 Anatolia IB students joined forces with 12 students from Toronto's Upper Canada College, and 15 students at the 18th High School of Toumba (Thessaloniki) for a two week "school renewal" project. Together, the student team managed to transform the latter's aging school premises into a welcoming and creative environment. Walls were painted inside and out, and the school's field was cleaned and yard equipment painted and replaced. Planter-boxes (constructed from recycled tires) were filled with flowers, and benches and tables constructed to produce a new seating area. Besides creating a new physical environment, the



3 K Run

students built a bridge between people, places, and schools – learning from and with each other the true value of teamwork. The efforts were supported with help from the Municipality of Thessaloniki, which supplied planting materials and flowers, and earned the deep appreciation of the entire school community. High School Principal, Fotini Nikolaidou sent a message of thanks to Anatolians, expressing the gratitude



of the students who participated and emphasizing the overall value of the experience as a great lesson in teamwork and positive change: "These two weeks of cooperation between our three schools will be remembered as a one-of-a-kind experience that led to new friendships and learning from, and acceptance of, each other's views."

ACT's Service Learning Lends a Hand

80 ACT students pulled on their gloves and got down to work in the 'Gardens of Pasa' (Ano Poli area) to help transform a rundown park into a bright and friendly space. Organized by the YMCA as part of their "I'm a citizen, not just a resident" campaign, the project resulted in more than 30 large bins of litter being cleared from the area over the course of the two day work effort!

Elementary Students: Second Beach Clean-Up

For the second year running, Anatolia's youngest students returned to the shores of the Soufouli area (Kalamaria) to clean up the beachfront. With the help of HELMEPA (the Greek Marine Protection Union), the Municipality of Thessaloniki, and the US Consulate, our AES pupils managed to fill 60 large bags of rubbish – including 40 with recyclable materials – and leave behind a lovely walking path by the sea.

teAch: Contributing to Educational Society

The fast-changing role of technology in the

classroom constituted the theme for this year's teAch symposium. Anatolia College Faculty and Staff presented workshops for teachers and trainers on topics covering the expanding and creative use of technology in the learning environment: through music (Soundscapes) photography, language instruction, experiential learning methods, and more. Conference attendees (from public and private schools throughout the area) spent two days exploring the use of iPads, Youtube, Skype and other tools as vehicles for encouraging more active and creative forms of teaching and learning alike. Parallel workshops gave a hands-on introduction to the use of MacBooks, Prezi, and teaching with the resources of TED-Ed. In addition, valuable information was presented on such challenging issues as school-bullying and community development initiatives.



ACT students in action

Philanthropy Begins at Home: Interview with Mrs. Zoe Psarra Papageorgiou

Mrs. Zoe Psarra Papageorgiou was born and raised in Thessaloniki; she has lived and worked in Greece, the United States, and Germany. As President of the Antirida Volunteer Association - founded to support in every possible way the Papageorgiou General Hospital, patients and their families - she devotes her attention to the organization and administration of the group's volunteer-based activities. The Hospital is supported by the Papageorgiou Foundation which also donates generously to the Scholarship Program of Anatolia College.

Antirida, (the Associated Friends of the Papageorgiou Hospital) was established in 2011. What particular needs inspired the founding of your organization and the projects you initiate?

Along with doctors, administrators, and members of the Hospital community, the founding members of Antirida perceived the need and room for a volunteer-based organization. We envisioned a team of people whose primary role was to support the patients and their caregivers with a spirit of humanity, solidarity and sensitivity. The volunteers can be found throughout the facility, beginning at the Hospital entrance, where they provide assistance to patients with wheelchairs, in the offices and clinics everywhere in the hospital, as well as in the X-ray and testing areas. The objective is to provide help wherever needed, in-

cluding simple companionship or child-minding, always with a smile.

Anatolia's IB students recently served as Antirida volunteers under the auspices of the Anatolia Service Learning program. How do you characterize the results of this relationship with Anatolia? Do you find there is common ground between our institutions?

Anatolia responded immediately to our call for cooperation, sending many students from both the IB program and regular HS, to serve as volunteers. This year, Anatolia students can be found almost every weekend engaged in many creative activities throughout the hospital – filling the pediatric wards with their generous and cheerful contributions, and playing happily with our smallest patients. I believe that the volunteer experience will play a great role in building their character.

The Papageorgiou family is also known for its support of educational activities, and in recent years the Papageorgiou Foundation has given a significant number of scholarships to Anatolia College. What is the inspiration behind the provision of scholarships?

The objective of all our actions, and the institution's main priority, is to assist and support the younger generation, especially the many talented



Mrs Zoe Psarra Papageorgiou and volunteers from Antirida. Photo: Aris Rammos

choose this region, and what has the local community's response been?

Six years ago the Papageorgiou Foundation chose to give a scholarship to a child from the Sitista area, where Nikos and Leonidas Papageorgiou are originally from. The scholarship has been designated to cover the full cost of tuition, room & boarding expenses for a student for all six years of the Gymnasium and Lykeion. We are very pleased to say that this year our first scholarship recipient will graduate from Anatolia!

This year, the Papageorgiou Foundation has offered another scholarship, this time for the child of an employee of the Hospital. How did the staff respond to the opportunity?

We were happy that the hospital staff embraced this initiative from the Papageorgiou Foundation, which will also cover the full tuition for a student (as the child of a Hospital employee), for all six years of their Gymnasium and Lykeion education, beginning in September 2014. This particular scholarship will be reviewed for renewal on a yearly basis, and require that the student achieves and maintains a high GPA (18.5 in the Gymnasium and 18 in the Lykeion years). We do not place any special emphasis on the family's origin or financial situation, but stipulate that one parent must be an employee of the Hospital in order for the child to be eligible to apply.

One of the scholarships you offer is targeted at a student from Western Macedonia. Why did you

High School News

Panhellenic Rankings Show Senior Excellence

2013 Examination rankings demonstrate once again that Anatolia's students have earned many of the top slots in Greek universities - 20 in the top 10 percentile, and 3 First Places!

Overall, 180 Anatolia students were awarded places in Greek Higher Education institutions - 170 at universities (AEI) and 10 at technical colleges (TEI). These results included 105 placements in Professional Schools (Medicine, Law, Philology etc):

Medicine	17
Pharmacy	4
Engineering	52
Law	9
Philology	4
Political Science	8
Economics/Business/Finance	11

ACMUN = Diplomacy in Action

Anatolia College was alive with Diplomacy in late February, as the campus welcomed twenty three visiting schools, from as near as Thessaloniki and as far as Turkey, Italy, Lebanon, Denmark, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Israel to the 9th Annual Anatolia College Model United Nations conference. Over 500 participants—delegates, administrative and security staff, press, and advisors—took part in an exciting weekend that examined topics such as international security concerns related to the Swat Valley, the reform of the International Monetary Fund and its global economic consequences, the question of the suspension of human rights for national security purposes, intellectual property rights in the pharmaceutical industry, and the issue of increased world military funding in relation to establishing international security.

During the Opening Ceremony, delegates were addressed by Ms. Suzanne Inzerillo - Acting Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki. Guest Speaker of the event was Mr. Nikolaos K. Margaropoulos '82 - Director and Chairman of the Legal Committee of the World Federation of Consuls (FICAC), and Honorary Consul of the Philippines.



ACSTAC Extending the Borders of Science Education

More than 1,000 students from Greece and beyond came together for the 4th Anatolia College Science and Technology Annual Conference, which has now gained national and international recognition from such distinguished bodies as CERN, the Greek Ministry of Education & Religion, the European Physical Society, and the Hellenic Physics Society.

This year's conference theme "Humanities meet Science" set the backdrop for a wide range of topical presentations and activities in the fields of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math, Informatics, and the Humanities. All together, 158 projects were showcased along with 27 posters, and 44 exhibitions, in a weekend filled with investigation and excitement.

In keeping with the conference theme, this year saw ACSTAC inaugurate the IDEAS animation competition. Video and animated films explored various scientific discover-

STEM Expands its Horizons



With the award-winning Pre-Engineering weekends as its backbone, Anatolia's STEM activities are set to extend to even more advanced activities and offer the program throughout Greece and Southeast Europe, with plans under way to launch a parallel version in Moldavia in August 2014. The Pre-Engineering program, targeted at students with a proven

interest in the applied sciences, has been recognized for its innovative approach to education and will be included in the book 'Innovations 2014', to be published later this year in the USA.

Other STEM innovations in the works include the Center for Green Education - the first such institution to exist at the High School level- and, for the second time, Anatolia joins only 4 other European schools participating in MIT's international Synthetic Biology competition iGEM.

And perhaps the biggest innovative development comes with the implementation of STEM-net, which will allow the tracking and evaluation of all Anatolians' participation in STEM activities, and qualify them as candidates for 'Assistant' roles in the various aspects of the program - an important factor in their personal and academic development, possibly leading to them being given priority or preference with their US and EU college scholarship applications.

EXAPOT Takes Over Europe

Anatolia's IB students demonstrated Peak Performance with their participation in the 24th "European Company of the Year 2013", organized by Junior Achievement - Young Enterprise Europe (JA-YE Europe), in Wembley (London) 17-19 June, 2013. But the kudos don't stop there!

Our IB students' company, RevoRootion Inc., produces EXAPOT, a 'smart-watering' system that works by monitoring the temperature and moisture fluctuations in the soil, to achieve zero-wastage in water supplies. The product was granted the team distinction of the "Financial



Management in Business Award," while Team President Domniki Athanasiadou was placed first among the 17 individual Leadership Awardees, ahead of 250 other participants!

US College Counseling Office News

This year the USCCO continued to spark interest in our students' plans towards college and pre-college activities. 278 students attended 8 information sessions, over 300 applied to various programs, and almost 70 students will finally go to the States for a summer program, attending universities such as the University of Michigan, Stevens Institute of Technology, Harvard, Tufts, Lehigh, Boston, Brown, Northwestern, McNeese State and Purdue Universities, and Smith College among many others.

Eva Kanellis, Director of US College Counseling, shed light on how these programs have grown over the past few years, reaching students who are not only US bound for university but also genuinely interested in improving their English and developing relationships with students and faculty outside Anatolia. "This program was designed to familiarize students with US institutions. The numbers were very high this year but due to the crisis not all students could go. We have recently refocused a bit to include meaningful opportunities in Greece, including internships, mentorships, and selected classes at ACT. Non-US bound students appreciate this opportunity just as much as our students who are interested in furthering their education in the US."



Dr. Haido Samara, ACSTAC Coordinator; Professor Demetrios Christodoulou; Theodore Filaretos, Vice President for Secondary Education; Dr. Panos Vlachos, President of Anatolia College

ies - ranging from those of Ancient Greece to the present day. (All entries can be seen on the MoViE site: <http://cicero-movie.edu.helsinki.fi/>). A live debate between 12 different schools was also featured, with an innovation being that the debate platform took place online - via Skype!

Local partners NOESIS (the Science Center & Museum of Technology) and KangarooMath assisted in the sponsorship and organization of the Math & Logic competition which tested the critical thinking skills of 186 teams from Greece and abroad.

ACSTAC is known for its impressive keynote speakers; and this year was no exception. The opening address, delivered by ETH University of Zurich Professor Demetrios Christodoulou, explored the issue of the Time/Space Continuum. Additional speeches were made by leaders in the fields of Robotics, Geopolitics, and Religion. ACSTAC is supported by many local companies and prominent Anatolia Alumni, and receives its basic funding from the Minneapolis Foundation (Helen E. and Daniel T. Lindsay Family Fund).

Elementary School News

Trustees Initiate a Match Challenge to Expand the Kindergarten



Preparations and planning are under way for the fully-funded expansion of the Kindergarten facility, following the encouragement and support received from Trustees during the November Board meeting. In an effort to encourage third-party donors to support this important project, the Board Members established a Match Challenge thereby doubling the amount raised

to \$200,000. The relevant construction and related works are slated to take place in the summer of 2014. This two-month window leaves little room for delay, so detailed planning and on-time execution will be essential. It is expected that last year's increased K and Pre-K enrolment demand will be repeated so that the new places created by the expansion will be filled immediately.

Grandparents visit the Elementary School



Grandma & Grandpa go – Back to School! The desks and chairs of Anatolia Elementary School's classrooms had some new occupants on October 1st, when our pupils' grandparents came for a visit to share their memories and enjoy a day with the 'new generation.' Supported by the Elementary School Parents' Association, the day's events featured songs, presentations, and a video about the history of AES. For grandparents, teachers, and students alike, it was a fine day to remember the past, and look forward to the future.

Smoking? Anatolia Says No Thanks!

Songs, artwork, video and theatrical skits filled the air at Anatolia during early December as Anatolia Elementary students joined together in an "Anti-Smoking Week."

These activities were part of the ongoing efforts of HEART (Hellenic Action through Research against Tobacco), a Greek anti-smoking program led by Prof. Panagiotis Behrakis. The program's emphasis on educating youth about the dangers of smoking struck a chord with our young students and their response was overwhelmingly positive and creative,



according to Dr. Behrakis, whose visit to the school was a highlight of the week's activities. "Their work (and their teacher's support) showed great enthusiasm and dedication to solving the smoking problem." In a country where smoking is often considered a de-facto habit starting from the teenage years, healthy life-choices must be taught and emphasized from a very early age in order for progress to be made in curbing tobacco use. Anatolia's youngest students proved through their creativity, humor, and actions that anti-smoking education can not only be healthy, but fun!



Director of the HEART II program at the BioMedical Research Institute of the University of Athens, and Adjunct Professor, Harvard School of Public Health, Dr. Behrakis' with President of Anatolia College Dr. Panos Vlachos



Elementary students raise funds to protect the bears

Our first, second, and third-grade Anatolia Elementary students put their imagination and hearts into a very worthy cause under the auspices of the wildlife welfare program "A Bear in my Classroom." The Arktouros organization is known throughout Greece for its environmental activities, which have a strong educational component that seeks to spread the word – and spread the work! – about wildlife conservation. AES students, in partnership with the Visual Arts department of the High School and IB program, successfully produced a beautiful calendar filled with images that deliver a message of hope and care for endangered Greek bears. Proceeds from the calendar sale were given to Arktouros as a contribution towards the continuation of their operations.

Dr. Stamos Karamouzis New Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the American College of Thessaloniki

Professor Stamos Karamouzis was appointed in January 2014 as the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the American College of Thessaloniki. Previously Dean of the School of Computer & Information Sciences at Regis University in Denver CO, his 30 years of educational experience has seen him undertake faculty and administrative service at institutions throughout the United States, including the College of William & Mary, Tulane University, Loyola University New Orleans, and Texas A&M, as well as the University of Macedonia in Greece. Prior to his career in academia, he conducted basic and applied research at NASA's Langley Research Center where he also served as a Resident Research Associate of the National Research Council. Professor Karamouzis has had works published in the areas of artificial intelligence, educational technologies, and the impact of technological innovation on society. He holds a doctorate in Computer Science from the College of William & Mary and is a graduate of the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at Harvard University.



ACT Unzips Creativity

In the first week of December 2013, the Anatolia School of Business, organized the "Creativity Week" which was a series of seminar events and workshops on the topic of creativity that took place in Thessaloniki and Athens.

The week began with a "Stretching Creativity to its Limits: Strategies to enhance Creativity" workshop. Dr. Mario Varvoglis, Creativity Catalyst and trainer in innovative thinking, was the lecturer. The workshop participants, both in Athens and Thessaloniki, were mainly business leaders, coaches and consultants and received a Certificate of Participation.

On Tuesday, December 3rd, 2013, the event entitled "Unzipping Creativity: The secrets of creativity revealed in a way you have never heard before" took place at the Helexpo-Ioannis Vellidis Congress Center with over 300 participants. Dr. Mario Varvoglis, George Adamantides '90 and Rebecca Salmona, Creative Director and Account Director, respectively, of Bold Ogilvy advertising company, and Akis Sakellariou '79, the famous actor, were the event lecturers. Its purpose was a practical approach to creativity, from the different viewpoints of a trainer, a creative team and an artist. The coordinator was Dr. Fanis Varvoglis, Chair of the Anatolia School of Business. The collaborating partners were the American



Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) and the student-run organization AIESEC, supported by the Biennale of Contemporary Art. The Media sponsors were TV 100 and FM 100.

Making a difference

"My favorite part in volunteering was working one on one with Konstantinos. He reminds me of myself when I was young and I wasn't focusing... Teaching math in this environment took me into a real situation, which I liked..."



Martin Gamboa, one of the 184 U.S. students studying at ACT during the Fall 2013 term, spent three hours a week in the west-side school district of Thessaloniki, where he volunteered as a teacher's assistant in a special education class at the elementary level. Martin is pursuing a degree in Secondary School Education at Boston College. Teachers and school children in the 3rd Public Elementary School of Stavroupoli will remember him for teaching them breakdancing figures and basketball turns during recess and most impressively for jumping over the head of one of their teachers who was standing upright. Spyros, the cab driver that often drove Martin and Anna Cho - also from B.C. - to their service site, remembers him for his incredible ability to pick up the language and converse comfortably in Greek in his short three-month stay.

New Summer Program at ACT



The American University, based in Washington D.C., in collaboration with ACT is developing a new pre-freshman summer program for the summer of 2014, which it hopes to expand in the future. A small group of 10 students will be arriving in Thessaloniki on June 27th and staying for three full weeks.

These students will be chaperoned by their Phi-

losophy professor, Dr. Andrea Tchemplik, from the Department of Philosophy and Religion at A.U. Dr. Tchemplik has been to Greece several times in the past, loves its history and culture and is eager to co-teach a course in collaboration with ACT faculty. The students will be visiting Vergina, Mount Olympus, Delphi and Athens. They will also be exploring the city of Thessaloniki and its historical sites.

ACT "Bring me Back" Video Contest has a Winner!

The ACT "Bring me Back" video competition for study abroad alumni offered an opportunity of winning a summer semester at ACT. The initiative aimed at creating viral awareness and further promoting ACT's program in the US. The winning video, created by Study Abroad Alumna Carlyn Loutos, had more than 5,000 views on Youtube.

Interview with Boarder Alumnae Nina Ioannidou and Magda Bakali



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Nina Ioannidou ('07) is currently pursuing her PhD in Sweden, although her research and work takes her all over the world. A wandering intellectual, a polyglot and a polymath, her interests include: Political Theory, International Relations, Blogosphere/Public Sphere, Russian Politics and Economics. She holds a Masters Degree from Central European University and her graduate research can be found on line under the title "Re-discovering the Political: The Prying Actions of Russian Bloggers". Her writing can be found at intellectum.org.

To all the friends of Anatolia College, my fellow "boarders" and dear supporters,

Today most of the people I meet try to figure out how to earn a living first, while they leave the most prominent question of 'how to live their life' for later. Thankfully enough, I discovered what kind of person I wanted to be at the age of twelve when I was admitted to Anatolia. Personally, apart from its beautiful ambience and the great variety of activities that the school offers, I was greatly influenced by the people who shaped my under-

standing during my Anatolia years. Arbitrarily, if I had to come up with a lesson I have learned from my time at Anatolia that I would like to pass on, it would be: let others have the same experience, where they learn that the world is full of inspiring, creative and dedicated people.

As for the Boarding School and whether it prepared me for the US College adventure – it definitely did: mainly because a hard-working ethic had already been instilled in me, along with a positive outlook towards the world. During College, I didn't think twice about volunteering, studying abroad and talking with people freely regardless of their political, social, and ethnic backgrounds. Anatolia prepared me to be open to a plurality of voices and simultaneously confident of my own; to be open to new experiences and extract from them the qualities I wanted to cultivate such as courage in tough times, intellectual prowess and the ability to have a vision leading to the world's improvement. Thus, I volunteered for UN and diplomatic organizations in Russia and Cyprus, studied Russian Politics in Budapest, learnt about German culture in Fulda, traveled to Australia and New Zealand to become aware of their understanding of intellectual life; and so much more that wouldn't have happened if I hadn't been a Boarding student first.

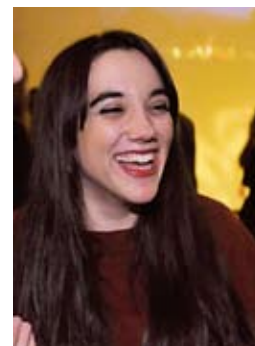
And here comes the part I detest the most as it is the "advice-giving" section, but even if I don't like giving advice perhaps I can share a thought I have been pondering over in recent days. Be wholeheartedly and unconditionally present during your time in Anatolia's Boarding School because this is the best way to imbibe all these little miracles that happen to us when we go to classes, talk to classmates and discuss/debate ideas. And all those little miracles dovetail into an unforgettable learning experience – where we all learn to be our own selves.

My love to all the beautiful people that taught me how to think, forgive and embrace. I owe you too much of me.

Sincerely,
Nina Ioannidou
MA International Relations
and European Studies
Sidney, NSW Australia

Magda Bakali ('07) graduated from Bard College, NY in 2011 with a B.A. in Politics and International Studies. During her College years, she interned at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs and at the New York Community Media Alliance in New York. Shortly after graduation, Magda started working at Bard College and over a year ago she joined Bard's Human Resources team. Her biggest dream is to live in Istanbul and pursue a graduate degree in Turkish and Ottoman Studies. On weekends, she leaves the upstate New York woods where she currently resides, to take Turkish Language lessons in NYC.

How did your years at Anatolia shape you, and what were the key lessons you learned as a 'boarder' at Anatolia?



Anatolia, who said that my wonderful parents took the risk of trusting total strangers to raise me. My parents were always by my side and these "total strangers" became my second family, nurtured me and worked hard to make sure I kept moving forward, learning and growing. I feel that I am carrying a piece of every single person who lived with me in that dorm, and every single counselor and director. The challeng-

ing academics and the great activities that I as a student and a boarder attended contributed to who I am today and where I stand. To be honest, I do not think that I would have managed to get into Bard College and complete my studies in the United States if it was not for Anatolia. I believe that the school and the people who work closely with the boarders are sources of inspiration to be better students, better citizens, better friends and better parents. That's the greatest lesson I learned.

Did your experience as a Boarding student assist your transition to College Life? In what ways?

It definitely did. I was already used to sharing my space and having people around me 24/7. I know that living with other people is a big deal for most College students but for me it was not an issue. Anatolia's Boarding Department felt like home and my co-boarders like a second family. My experience as a boarder taught me to think and act both independently and collectively as a member of a team. These are invaluable life skills that I was lucky to acquire before I even got to College. Anatolia was my comfort zone. Therefore, I was challenged, mainly emotionally, when I was separated from the people I shared so much with for so many years. It was indeed one of the hardest endings, in some ways even harder than life after College, when I had to find a job and take on more responsibilities.

What advice do you have for future Boarders at Anatolia?

I cannot emphasize enough what a life-changing experience Anatolia is for the children who attend it. I hope that the school is still offering a good number of scholarships to students from different parts of Greece. It's more important now than ever. I would advise future boarders to take full advantage of the endless opportunities and resources the school offers to them and immerse themselves in dorm life as much as possible, because the relationships they will build in that dorm will stay for life. And the memories are priceless. I hope that s/he will be as proud to be an Anatolian boarder as I am.

Boarding Department Reunion

April 12 gave Anatolian Boarding graduates the chance to return – for the second time! – to their educational 'roots'. A highlight of the day's activities was the basketball game played between Boarding Alumni, in memory of their beloved advisor Mr. Giorgos Kassapidis. The players showed their continued loyalty to the school by raising money for electrical equipment, thereby contributing to the Boarding Department's facilities upgrade. The day ended with plans for the next reunion – in 2016 – and a pledge to maintain and enhance contacts with their former companions.

