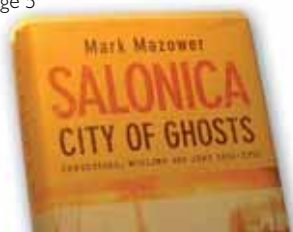


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Gifts Received, Ground Broken!

Major gifts have recently been made to Anatolia for construction of a new classroom annex and for renovation of the school's principal soccer and track field. Gifts for the former have come from Alex Spanos, well-known businessman, philanthropist, and 2004 ACT Commencement speaker; Anatolia Board Chairman George Bissell; prominent philanthropist Michael Jaharis; the U.S. government's USAID/ASHA program; Trustee Stella Gogou '71 and her husband Alex Papadopoulos; and from Anatolia's Friends Association. Major support from the Anatolia Alumni Association in Greece has led the way for renovation of the athletic fields, with other donors joining in. Both projects were announced in the Winter 2005 issue of *The Anatolian* as needing support, and both are now underway.

"The quick response to our needs from generous friends of the school both new and old is a tremendous shot in the arm," comments President Richard Jackson. "It's great to see support coming from both Greece and America for important capital projects."

The new classroom building, adjoining Ingle Hall, will include eleven classrooms, a home economics room, and an indoor exercise room. Classrooms will be equipped with electronic equipment such as data displays and projectors. Some of the classrooms will be built so that they can be converted into science labs if future need arises. Additionally, renovations to the lower end of Ingle Hall will include the Deans' offices and main reception area.

Donor Stella Gogou and her husband Alex live in Lowell, Mass., but they have chosen to send their three children – triplets, moreover – to Anatolia, where they have just completed 7th grade in the First Gymnasium as boarding students. "Our children have had a wonderful year," says Stella. "They are getting a classical Greek education and also the benefit of experiencing Greece from within." Stella and Alex are taking advantage of an opportunity to name the classroom they are funding. Other classroom naming opportunities are still available, and funds are



At work on the new Classroom Annex

still needed to complete construction and outfitting of the building. Prospective donors, please take note!

Improvements to Anatolia's main athletic fields are off the drawing board and into the laying of turf and track. "This is the biggest direct investment in the school the Anatolia Alumni As-

sociation has made," notes Anatolia Alumni Association President and Trustee Angelos Papaioannou '69. "The new soccer and track field will help promote the ideal of 'Νους υγιής εν σώματι υγιεί' – 'a sound mind in a sound body'. For the school itself, this means sound finances, and we are glad to be of help."

ACT and Hellenic College To Begin Cooperation

The American College of Thessaloniki (ACT), Anatolia's U.S.-accredited college-level division, and Hellenic College, a liberal arts college in Brookline, Mass., administered by the Greek Orthodox Church of America, have initiated cooperation in a broad array of fields. The idea is to extend the range of offerings available to students at both colleges and to enhance the bi-national character of both institutions, giving each a second physical "home" in the other's country. The non-binding agreement, ratified by the Anatolia Board of Trustees May 14 and accepted by the Hellenic College administration following their May 20 Board meeting in Boston, culminates one and a half years of discussions between ACT and HC.

"The two institutions complement each other in a variety of ways," notes ACT Provost Stephanos Gialamas, who

worked with Dean Lily Macrakis of Hellenic College on early stages of the agreement. "One is a Greek college in America, the other an American college in Greece. ACT's greatest academic strength lies in its Business, Technology and International Relations programs, while HC's lies in its humanities programs such as English, Classics, Elementary Education, Psychology, and Religious Studies. Each can serve as the portal for study abroad by students enrolled at the other school, further internationalizing students' undergraduate academic and cultural experience.

"At ACT we have already seen how attractive the opportunity for Greek-American students to re-hellenize and deepen their command of the Greek language is. Conversely, Hellenic College

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Dollar's Slide Hits Scholarship Funds

The dollar has been almighty for so long, relative to European currencies, that it is sobering to face the fact that it has lost almost a third of its value against the euro over the past three years. While Anatolia's tuition revenue comes from student fees in euros, in the area of endowed scholarship funds its revenue is in dollars and its expenses are in euros. And that is where the fall of the dollar hurts.

These endowed funds produce dollar returns, and these returns have been hard hit once the conversion into euros is made. The net result is that Anatolia's scholarship endowments are being stretched simply to continue the 151 scholarship holders at the High School and ACT. Unfortunately, the number of new scholarships for entering students, which had been growing to record levels, has had to be sharply cut back. Last

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School's out! Anatolia Elementary successfully completed its first full year of operation under Anatolia management.

Anagnos Foundation Boosts Scholarship Aid



Author and Anagnos Foundation Trustee Nicholas Gage meeting with President Richard Jackson and Anagnos Scholars on a recent visit to campus.

The Michael Anagnos Schools Foundation has recently increased its support to Anatolia. In addition to the three students at the High School, two ACT undergraduates, and three MBA students at ACT who are current Anagnos Scholars, the Foundation will be sponsoring additional students in all of these divisions, plus the Anatolia School of Management Assistants.

Chiefly benefiting the Epirus region of Northern Greece, the Foundation was set up to honor one of Epirus' most celebrated sons. Michael Anagnos, born in Epirus in 1837, came to the U.S. and became Director of the Perkins School for the Blind and a leading member of Boston's Greek-American community. Among other activities, the Anagnos Foundation assists students of Greek nationality with family from Epirus who have economic need and the intent to pursue careers in Epirus. The Epirot Association of Northern Greece and other groups help identify candidates for the Foundation's support.

President Jackson On the Road

Anatolia's President is very much involved in the day-to-day running of the various divisions of the school, but, like other college presidents, he frequently travels, too. He has been to the States twice in the past several months, meeting with Trustees, alumni, donors, foundation and government officials, and faculty job candidates, while also negotiating cooperative agreements between ACT and U.S. institutions and fulfilling speaking engagements. He also travels fre-

quently in Greece and recently attended the meeting of the Association of American International Colleges and Universities (AAICU), of which he is currently Vice-President, in Lugano, Switzerland. In February and March his U.S. travel took him to Boston, New York, Princeton, Washington, Nashville, and Miami. "Wherever I travel in the U.S., I find intense interest in what we are doing at Anatolia and ACT. Americans recognize that these are unique institutions that help build a foundation of friendship and understanding between Greece and America. ACT's role and the role of other U.S. colleges in the greater Balkan region is also appreciated – and deserves to be so to a still greater degree. I deliver the message that supporting American educational institutions abroad is one of the best investments our country can make, and that individuals, foundations, and government in partnership can

President Richard Jackson observes, "Epirus is one of the poorest regions in Europe and in great need of citizens with the kind of education that Anatolia and ACT can provide. We are delighted to be partners with the Anagnos Foundation in this enterprise."



Former ACT Anagnos scholar Panagiotis Kouyias in front of the hotel he manages in Konitsa. For hotel information, visit www.kougias.gr

Niarchos Foundation Builds Anatolia Partnerships

In September 2005 two Greek ACT students will be chosen for a 2 + 2 program in collaboration with New York's Marymount Manhattan College, with travel, lodging, and full scholarship funded by the Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation. After two years at ACT's Thessaloniki campus, students will complete their B.A. degrees in Psychology or English at MMC. A second grant will allow one ACT Greek student per semester to study at MMC over the next two years.

In another Niarchos-funded development, a senior Anatolia English class will be collaborating with New York's prestigious Manhattan Theatre Club in a project that will see the Anatolia students write a short play for performance by an American school, while the Anatolians put on a play by their collaborators in return. The two classes, on different continents, will communicate on-line and through the

videoconferencing facility at ACT's Stavros S. Niarchos Technology Center in the Bissell Library.

"One couldn't ask for a better partner," observes Anatolia President Richard Jackson. "The Niarchos Foundation has not only responded to our needs, they have created new opportunities for us. They look for potential synergies between the organizations they support, and we are fortunate enough to be involved now in several such ventures with them."

President Jackson was one of the featured speakers at a May international conference in New York for Niarchos grantees and leaders in education and other fields. The President spoke on "Technology and Education" and reported on the ways in which the Niarchos Center has transformed offerings in diverse fields at ACT, from library science to politics to multimedia studies.



Multimedia class in the Stavros S. Niarchos Technology Center



President and Mrs. Jackson visiting the Parthenon and 42-foot tall statue of Athena in Nashville.

make – and have made – a real difference in this part of the world."

In Nashville, "the Athens of the South," President Jackson met with Dr. Gordon Gee, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, to explore the idea of ACT becoming a study-abroad venue for Vanderbilt students. It was in Nashville that President and Mrs. Jackson visited the full-scale replica of the Parthenon, complete with imposing chryselephantine statue of Athena, absent from the original since the 3rd century A.D.

The President gave two invited talks in New York in early May, the first at the conference convened by the Niarchos Foundation, on the subject of technology, the second at the Institute of International Education's Community College Seminar, where he spoke about ACT. He plans to return to the States in October for trustee meetings in Boston and further outreach on behalf of the school.

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High School News

Anatolia Students Excel at Harvard MUN

For the seventh time in the past ten years a delegation of students from the Anatolia High School and IB Program traveled to Boston to participate in the annual December Harvard Model United Nations conference. Faculty member Dr. Elias Kalambokis accompanied the students. Once again, it was a fabulous experience, thanks in no small part to the help of Anatolia's Office of the Trustees in setting up a rich program of activities for the group.

The students had a chance to explore Boston and Cambridge in the days prior to the conference. They visited the New England Aquarium, the Museum of Science, the Museum of Fine Arts, the MIT labs and the Harvard campus. They got a tour of the State House from Representative Ted Speliotis and made an appearance on the Greek Program of the BNN cable channel. They attended a private reception at Neiman Marcus featuring the Greek jewelry designer Constanti-

no, arranged by Trustee Betty Georgaklis, and a concert of Greek songs alumni living in the Boston area showed how strong graduates' bond with the



The Anatolia HMUN delegation in front of the Massachusetts Statehouse

presented by the MIT Greek Student Union. Meetings with many Anatolia school is and provided the current Anatolians with valuable information about

life and studies in the States.

Another highlight of the trip was a reception at the Greek Consulate, where the students had a chance to meet and chat with Consul Konstantin Bikas and Anatolia Board Chairman George Bissell, who generously sponsored their trip. A visit to Thayer Academy in Braintree to explore the possibility of student cooperation in science projects was also something special.

The HMUN conference itself was held at the Park Plaza Hotel. With previous experience at Greek and European MUNs, the Anatolians distinguished themselves as mock-representatives of Italy and Amnesty International. More than 100 American schools and 20 international schools participated in the conference, which led to wonderful exchanges both mock and real.

Special thanks to Richard Donovan and Tina Papadopoulos of the Boston Office for making the trip such a success!

Continued U.S. Success for I.B. and High School Seniors

Again this year, the roster of U.S. college acceptances for students from Anatolia's International Baccalaureate Program and regular High School is one to be proud of.

Seniors will be attending Princeton, Yale, MIT, Brandeis, Grinnell, Albion (2), Northeastern, the University of Pennsylvania, and UCLA, the majority with scholarships. Last year's list included Harvard, Stanford, Princeton, Dartmouth, Brown, Barnard, Grinnell, Beloit, Babson, and Penn. Besides placing students in some of America's finest liberal arts colleges, Anatolia has also succeeded at the world's top-ranked research universities.

Most members of the class of 2005 will go on to study at top Greek universities, but those who choose to study abroad are sought after by the foreign schools they apply to. "American colleges and universities recognize that Anatolia students have something exceptional to contribute to a U.S. campus community," says U.S. college counselor Eva Kanellis. "Their rigorous academic preparation, their Greek identity (in most cases), and their ability to negotiate languages and cultures set them apart." U.S. alumni and friends of Anatolia, please welcome our latest U.S.-bound graduates.

Mrs. Antigone Raphael Celebrates Her 95th Birthday

Together with her children Lois, Charles and Ted, Mrs. Antigone Raphael celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday on March 14th. The family gathered in her honor for a luncheon at the Dearborn Inn in Michigan. Mrs. Raphael is a generous longtime donor to Anatolia and the proud sponsor of the Northfield Mount Hermon Summer Program for Anatolia students. She relishes the letters and comments from students who have benefited from the educational experiences she has provided.

A deeply religious person who knows the lasting value of education, Mrs.

Raphael believes that God is keeping her on this earth to continue her support for important causes. Recently her son Charles, a trustee of Albion College, visited Anatolia on behalf of Study Abroad Programs and the possibility of creating a Raphael Scholarship for Anatolia graduates at Albion. One consequence of his visit is that two 2005 Anatolia graduates will be receiving Albion scholarships beginning in September. President Jackson has expressed his gratitude for the generosity of Mrs. Raphael and for continued family involvement in the life of Anatolia.



"What? No coffee!?" A scene from the Drama Club's triumphant revival of "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"

Commencement Speakers 2005

ACT, June 29:

Dr. Thomas Lelon, former President of Hellenic College

High School, June 30:

Dr. Maria Mavroudi '86, Historian and MacArthur Fellowship Winner



Fall, Macedonia Hall

Winter (Oh, it sometimes snows in Thessaloniki)



Spring, in front of the Eleftheriades Library



Summer (on the way) at ACT



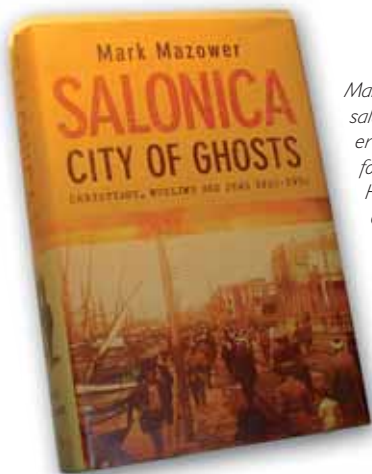
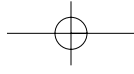
Archbishop Iakovos, 1911-2005

The passing of Archbishop Iakovos on April 11 was mourned by Anatolians as well as by members of the Greek Orthodox church and civic and religious leaders worldwide. Iakovos, who was Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America from 1959-1996, was a great supporter of education and served as an honorary Anatolia College Trustee for many years. He also conceived and brought to fruition Hellenic College, with which Anatolia has just concluded an association.

His 37 years as Archbishop were marked by his leadership in the areas of religious unity, revitalized Christian worship, and human and civil rights. At a time when many American clergy remained aloof from the American civil rights movement, he marched

hand in hand with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Alabama, in 1965, a historic moment which was captured on the cover of Life Magazine. He was awarded the US Congressional Medal of Honor in 1980 by President Carter.

In a statement, current US Archbishop Demetrios, also an honorary Anatolia trustee, hailed Iakovos as "a superb archbishop who offered to the church an intense, continuous, multifaceted and creative pastoral activity." Anatolia President Richard Jackson adds, "Archbishop Iakovos did much to strengthen the bonds between the United States and Greece. He was a true friend to Anatolia who will be remembered on this campus as a tireless champion of faith, justice, and learning."



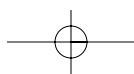
Mark Mazower's acclaimed new history of Thessaloniki has recently been published by Harper Collins (UK) and Knopf (US). Mazower, a former Dukakis Fellow at ACT, is Professor of History at Columbia University and Birkbeck College London.

From the exhibition of photographs by Robert McCabe, "Greece: The Innocent Years, 1954-1965" in the Eleftheriades Library, recently published in book form by Pataki Editions.



60 Years

Participating in ceremonies marking the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz at the Holocaust Memorial in Thessaloniki on January 27, President Jackson laid an Anatolia wreath in memory of the 50,000 Jews from Thessaloniki who were lost in the Holocaust. Included among the latter were Anatolian alumni, and also participating in the ceremonies were Anatolians who were among the few survivors of the Nazi death camps to return to Thessaloniki. A vibrant part of Thessaloniki's history for over 500 years, the Jewish community has since the 1920s been closely linked with the history of Anatolia College. Anatolia is currently conducting research into the fate of its Jewish graduates of the pre-war years.



ACT news

One ACT Student's Journey (continuing)

It's not every day that an ACT senior is accepted at Harvard Business School. In fact, of the 900 acceptances that Harvard mails out every year to applicants worldwide, only ten or so go to students who are just completing their undergraduate studies; most successful applicants have been in the workforce for several years. This year, 24-year-old ACT senior Alvis Matlija '05 was one of those exceptional students, but then again, he is in many ways an exceptional undergraduate. For the record, he was also accepted at the Johnson School of Business at Cornell and has been wait-listed at other top US business schools.

He grew up in a town in the northwestern corner of Albania, just south of Serbia-Montenegro and not far from the Serbian province of Kosovo. In 1999, the year of the Kosovo crisis, he had just graduated from high school. Suddenly, northern Albania was overwhelmed with refugees; a million of them swarmed across the border. "I saw a great deal of suffering. It was a shocking experience," he says. Because he could drive and had learned to speak English, he was in a position to offer his services to Mercy Corps, a Portland, Oregon-based NGO providing relief services to the refugees. He worked for the organization

for the next two years, acquiring increasing responsibility, serving as a monitor of refugee camps and liaison with the engineering teams working on rehabilitation projects.

Then he decided it was time to get an education. Among Greek and Balkan universities he chose ACT for its American ethos and because he was offered



ACT senior Alvis Matlija

a full-tuition scholarship. "ACT opened my eyes," he explains. "Without these four years at ACT, I wouldn't have developed the understanding of the world I have now." Majoring in business with a computer

science minor, Alvis has also managed to learn Italian and Greek. He is currently acquiring Chinese, on his own. "I think I'm going to need it in the future," he explains.

He has also acquired valuable work experience while at ACT. He has held internships with the school's TFC Project Unit, with the Thessaloniki-based Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe, and, last summer, for Mercy Corps itself in Oregon, which gave him his first taste of life in the US. His ambition in life: non-profit management in an international framework.

Tall, handsome, hard-working, and modest, Alvis has made the most of his time at ACT. He says he particularly values the small classes, the excellent professors, and the personal contact he has had with faculty members. As for the impetus to apply to Harvard and other US business schools, and support in the application process, he singles out Technology and Science professors Costas Vezerides and Emmanuel Maou, TFC project manager Ioannis Tsorbatzoglou, and Eva Kanellis, the school's American college counselor. "Where I am now would have been beyond imagination four years ago," he says. "ACT has made it all possible." Congratulations and best wishes, Alvis!

ACT and Cisco Take it up a Notch

Any modern organization of any size will tell you that one of its key players is the person responsible for designing and maintaining its computer networks. For several years ACT's Technology and Science Division has been cooperating with Cisco Systems, one of the world leaders in networking equipment and systems, to train students to assume such responsibilities.



Now the successful joint venture has taken another step forward with the establishment at ACT of a Regional Academy for the Cisco Networking Academy Program. ACT will become the only such regional academy in Northern Greece, further strengthening its position as the leading technology institution in the area. This development will also allow ACT to further expand its offerings in the domains of wireless networks and security.

Congratulations to...

- ACT Professor of Philosophy Vincent Mueller, recently awarded a 3-month Stanley J. Seeger Visiting Fellowship in Research at Princeton University
- Archak Khoren Toghramadjian, ACT class of 2003, recently nominated to be Orthodox Bishop of Armenia.



ACT now has cooperative study-abroad agreements with 13 US colleges and universities

Gialamas Takes Top Spot at ACS Athens

ACT Provost Stephanos Gialamas has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer at the American Community Schools of Athens, effective this July. He has ably served ACT as Provost at a critical time for the school, as ACT has sought to redefine its mission in light of the needs of its Greek, Balkan, and American student constituencies.

Student enrollment has increased in every term of Gialamas' two-year tenure, with significant jumps

in the number of American study-abroad students. Provost Gialamas has also worked to strengthen ACT's outreach into neighboring countries such as FYROM and Bulgaria, signing articulation agreements with their top high schools. He has also been a strong promoter of instructional technologies at ACT's own campus, and was one of the architects of the recently announced agreement between ACT and Hellenic College. All at ACT wish him well in his new position.

Small College, Big Impact: Life After ACT

A term or year at ACT can have long-term, life-shaping consequences. Here are four stories from ACT study-abroad alumni that show how it happens.

Zack Stratis, 1983-1984

Simply put, ACT put me on track with my destiny. I was going to school to become an architect, but I felt confused about my career choice. A friend of our family suggested that I study at Anatolia in Greece where I could travel and take time to think.

Everything at ACT was all new, yet somehow I had come home. I studied Philosophy, Western Civilization, International Relations and Business in vigorous and stimulating classes, all nurturing my creativity. Inspired by my International Relations professor, Dr. Theodore Couloumbis, I confided in him about the conflict I felt in my desire to serve society in some way, but also my ambition to make movies. He smiled and simply said "Where is the conflict? What better way to reach as many people as possible than with film? Make movies that change lives and you can't go wrong."

I knew I had been given the break I needed to think. I returned to the U.S., and in 1987 completed a BFA in Film and Video. My senior thesis film won numerous awards in festivals around the world, and in 2000 my first feature film, "Could Be Worse!" premiered at Sundance. ACT taught me to see the world in a more global way and it will always be an important part of who I am!

Johanna Sofianou Quattrucci, Fall 1992

"Get to know the locals and immerse yourself in the culture": this piece of advice proved invaluable to me as I studied at ACT. I met as many natives as I

could and found true family in Greece, meeting cousins in Athens that I had never met before and also falling in love with the Tsiouri family, with whom I maintain a friendship to this day. On each of my excursions through Greece, someone would offer me a helping hand just because I was a student in a foreign country. I have never forgotten the warm hospitality extended to me, and I vowed that I would return the favor to international students I met when I returned to the U.S.



Upon returning home, I was accepted at Brown University for Modern Greek. I am now a Modern Greek instructor and I also teach Greek dancing. I have a better understanding of my heritage because of my experience at ACT, and I rely on this experience to educate my own students about Greece, its people and culture. I truly believe that my life has been enriched through my participation in the study abroad program at Anatolia.

Doug Landfear, Spring 1993

My experience of ACT was, in short, the best time of my life. From the moment I stepped off the plane in Thessaloniki until the moment I returned home, I was stimulated: physically, mentally and emotionally. My time in Greece was one of joy, laughter and exploration.

For me, ACT was the springboard for many more years of travel and work abroad. Since ACT, I have worked abroad in London for two years and in Sydney, Australia for three; in addition, I have traveled in Southeast Asia and South America.

Living abroad was the most wonderful thing that I did during college and I would wholeheartedly recommend ACT and Greece to anyone!

Dena Xifaras, 1997-98

I really came into my own as a Greek-American woman at ACT. I loved walking the streets of Thessaloniki and having the natives look at me as though I were a native because of my physical appearance: dark hair, olive skin, chestnut eyes, prominent nose. I fit right into the school and the culture. The best thing I did was get involved in clubs and sports; I became friends with many wonderful people. I was out on my own completely and I relished my independence. ACT taught me the responsibility I had for cultivating a life and a person I was proud of.

I had come to ACT with my boyfriend of three years, Michael Papadakis. Wanting full immersion in Greece, we amicably decided that it would be best to set our relationship aside while at ACT. About six months into our stay, Michael and I felt content with our personal growth and the "Thessaloniki lives" we had built for ourselves. We decided it was time to refocus energy onto our relationship.

In April, we went away to the beautiful island of Skopelos and fell in love all over again, sunbathing on deserted beaches, enjoying quaint dinners at seaside tavernas, moped rides with my arms

clutched around his waist, sunsets and the sea breeze. Michael and I returned to the US after eleven months in Greece, having discovered a real treasure in one another and our shared heritage. We have been together ever since.

Last June, we found ourselves in Greece once more, visiting Monembasia, the village where his father lives (about forty-five minutes from my father's village). We were walking up the cliffside towards a castle overlooking the water when Michael said, "Dena, I have a very important question to ask you." The expression on his face told it all. We relished the moment as two children of Greece, reflecting on the idea that perhaps our ancestors had enjoyed this very same spot generations before us. When we marry this summer we will have delighted in a decade of adventures, love and growth together, in which ACT has played an integral part.

Dena and Michael will wed at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church in Massachusetts this July. We wish them all the best for a lifetime of romance! Our thanks to Maureen Fish of Anatolia's Boston office for reporting these stories.



ACT and Hellenic College To Begin Cooperation

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has a beautiful campus to offer just outside of Boston, one of the most popular destinations for Greek students studying in the U.S. Even Boston and Thessaloniki are complementary, cosmopolitan cities steeped in American and Greek history, respectively."

The first phase of the agreement, which can be implemented as early as the Spring 2006 semester, calls for an exchange of students completing junior and senior years at the partner institution. Students would continue to pay home campus tuition, and both institutions will gain a powerful recruitment vehicle to further expand enrollment. Thus, students from ACT interested in a wide range of liberal arts majors would travel to Hellenic College in Boston, while Hellenic College students would complete degrees at ACT in Business Administration, Computer Science and International Relations.

Phase two of the affiliation will provide that students, unable for financial or personal reasons to study in Boston/Thessaloniki for two years, will have the opportunity to opt for a joint degree program. Since Hellenic College degrees in designated areas are recognized by the Greek Government as equal to those of Greek public universities, a joint degree program of this kind could have long-term implications for the accreditation status of ACT as well. "The idea of consortial relationships among colleges in the same region has gained wide currency in American higher education," notes Anatolia President Richard Jackson. "In the present case, it's the synergy of our missions that has brought Hellenic College and ACT together. I think it promises to be a productive relationship for both institutions."

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year, for example, 25 scholarships were granted to entering students in the High School; this year the figure is 9.

The fact is that the number would be lower but for the generosity of donors who have stepped up to meet the need. Stavros Constantinides, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the most prolific donor of scholarships in the school's history, has given two new scholarships, one for the High School and one for the I.B. — his 51st and 52nd such gifts to Anatolia. The Anagnos Foundation has also increased scholarship support (see related article, p. 2), as have a number of other private donors.

Anatolia and ACT spend more than \$1 million per year on scholarship assistance; the scholarship program seeks out the best and the brightest students in Northern Greece and beyond, those who would otherwise be unable to afford an Anatolia or ACT education. Perhaps no aspect of the school is closer to the heart of its mission. Currencies may rise and fall, but it is worth remembering that all scholarships begin with the impulse of generous donors to give lifetime opportunities to deserving students.

Mount Athos Comes to Anatolia...

Something happened at Anatolia's Church of the Three Hierarchs this past winter that to those not present to witness it, might have seemed little short of miraculous. One week the walls of the Church were bare; the next, they were partly covered with glorious, glowing, hand-painted frescoes, ordinarily the work of many months.

The frescoes were painted by four monks from the Koutloumousio Monastery on Mt. Athos, the Holy Mountain, the autonomous religious district of Greece located on a peninsula about two hours southeast of Thessaloniki that is home to twenty monasteries. The monasteries of Mount Athos are famous for their religious art and for continuing a tradition in icon painting that dates back more than a millennium. Koutloumousio Monastery was itself founded in the 10th century.

Not only were Anatolia's frescoes painted by monks from Koutloumousio, they were painted at the Monastery itself – on canvas. The painted canvas was brought to the Church of the Three Hierarchs by the monks and applied to the interior walls.



The painting technique used is that of the Byzantine Cretan School of the 16th century, as in the main church of the monastery itself. The choice of figures depicted was based on the themes of education and the city of Thessaloniki. Approximately one third of the church has already been covered, with the remainder scheduled for completion later this year. The result is already breathtakingly beautiful and spiritually uplifting.

The installation of the frescoes is the most recent event in a series of developments that have brought Anatolia and Koutloumousio together over the past year. Anatolia and ACT staff have visited the Monastery to observe the monastic community in accordance with Mount Athos regulations; student groups are to follow. Priests from the Monastery have performed holy services and liturgy for major religious



festivals at Anatolia. A year ago the Monastery honored Anatolia by displaying in the Church of the Three Hierarchs the Holy Relics of St. George. Separate agiasmos ("blessing") services were held in the Church

we have been proud to have an especially beautiful church on our campus, the gift of the family of our late Trustee Theodore Alexiades. It was a great honor to have Ecumenical Patriarch Vartholomaios visit the Church two years ago in the presence of the donors, and the gift of the frescoes by the monks of Koutloumousio is a further priceless offering to our school."



for students, alumni and members of the larger Anatolia community on the day the relics were displayed. This was one of the few instances in which the relics of St. George have been venerated outside Mt. Athos.

"Orthodoxy is a powerful force in Greek culture worldwide," comments Anatolia President Richard Jackson. "Since 1996



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