



The Manoogian Voice

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A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School

A Science Fair Golden First

Freshman Romana Svytko Wins First Place in Metro Detroit

“It is with great pride and pleasure that we announce the outstanding achievement of Romana at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit,” said Mrs. Lisa Ogiemwonyi, Romana’s freshman science teacher. Romana, a ninth grader, was one of 15 students representing the Manoogian School. Her project involved analyzing vitamin C content of various fruits and vegetables. “We are thrilled about the great news. Romana’s first-place win among 1,500 participants brings great joy to our school community,” said Manoogian High School Principal Dr. Hosesep Torossian. The competition took place at Cobo Hall on March 21 and the Awards Ceremony was held at the Detroit County Day School on March 26. Romana will now participate in the State Science Fair in Flint on March 31.



Pictured are Mrs. Lisa Ogiemwonyi, Romana Svytko, and Dr. Hosesep Torossian.



High School Science Fair winners.

Ferhadson, Dolores Duduman, Kristina Mkoyan, Omar Acho and Salam Chalabi. The United States Air Force awarded certificates of achievement to Sali Kesto and Melanie Shammami, while the Society for In Vitro Biology recognized the outstanding achievement of Nayiri Kaissarian. Congratulations to all! *(See the list of award winners on the next page.)*



Middle School Science Fair winners.

A.G.B.U. Education Director Visits Manoogian School

Mr. Artoun Hamalian was recently appointed Director of the Central Office of the A.G.B.U. Education

Department in New York. In the course of his worldwide visits to A.G.B.U. Schools, Mr.



Hamalian spent the week of February 5 through 9 in Michigan. During his stay, Mr. Hamalian became familiar with the Manoogian School’s overall academic process and the ongoing concern of meeting charter requirements. During the meeting with the Armenian language/history faculty members, a number of key issues concerning the Armenian program were addressed.

In his meetings with the School Board members and administration, Mr. Hamalian reassured them of A.G.B.U.’s commitment to pursue educational excellence. He noted the Alex & Marie Manoogian School as one of the well-established educational institutions. He also confirmed his belief that, “...Manoogian School has all the characteristics of becoming a model and experience base for other Armenian schools that need to become more inclusive and diversified, to keep pace with the changing needs and expectations of our communities and the new generation of parents.”

Science Fair Winners

continued

6th Grade

Ari Sagherian
Lilit Kazazian

Honorable Mention

Maral Toukhanian
Sara Klein
Michael Hami
Amanda Ferhadson
Zena Atcho
Solomiya Suvka

7th Grade

Lena Ferhadson
Ani Karibian
Hripsime Mamassian
Damaris Duduman

Honorable Mention

Inna Mirzoyan
Stavros Yuhana

8th Grade

1st – Linda Kalfayan
Carolyn Philip
Garen Gilbert
2nd – Arsen Melkonyan
Anahit Movsessyan
Yaroslav Shtyha
3rd – Rayden Shemmammie
Artak Movsessyan
Julian Jarbo

9th Grade

1st – Dominique Duduman
2nd Tie – Arick Flesch
Kristina Mkoyan
3rd Tie – Romana Svytka
Nina Ferhadson

10th Grade

1st – Dolores Duduman
2nd – Abigail Newman &
Michelle Colfescu
3rd – Ramia Hadad &
Salam Chalabi

11th Grade

1st – Nayiri Kaissarian
2nd – Angelica Terhune
3rd – Anastasiya Amyelina

12th Grade

1st – Maria Yuhana &
Simon Melkonian
2nd – Alexandra Terhune
3rd – Lisa Shekerdeman &
Tamar Djaridjian

2007 Future City Competition

Students at the A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manoogian School participated in the Michigan Regional Future City Competition, sponsored by the National Engineers Week Committee. Like last year, the Manoogian School's team came away a winner, receiving the 2007 award for "Best Incorporation of Plastic Materials," sponsored by the Society of Plastic Engineers.

The Future City Competition's main goal is to promote math and science to youth in a unique and fun way. The by-products of the experience are numerous and include teamwork, writing skills, public-speaking skills, hands-on problem solving skills and a tremendous amount of confidence and pride.

The Manoogian team, with its mentors Dr. Hosep Torossian, Mr. David Collins and Mr. Mike Arzoumanian, contemplated the rebuilding of Gumry – the earthquake-devastated city in Armenia.

"The energy, dedication and excitement that our school's team displayed in the Future City Competition was impressive," said Dr. Torossian. "Their victory is something about which the Manoogian School community can feel justifiably proud." On this occasion, we present sincere congratulations to the mentors and especially student participants Hagop Krikor, Masis Rizko, Ani Karibian, Linda Kalfayan, Garen Gilbert, Elliot Stepanian, Carolyn Philip, Nicholas Aznavour, Harutyun Gevorgian, Damaris Duduman, Rachel Newman, Jessica Ferhadson and Artak Movsessyan for their dedication and hard work.



Manoogian School Dance Troupe Performs

The Manoogian School was invited to perform, by the Bloomfield Hills Andover High School Foreign Language Department as part of their Cultural Awareness Week. The fifth- and eighth-grade students danced their traditional dances. Mrs. Nayiri Karapetian gave a brief history of the school, introduced the students and explained the movements and their history for the various dances. The school has invited us back again for next year's "cultural week."



Two Jump to Next Level

Mrs. Marlene Baker, our school's *Reader's Digest Word Power Challenge* sponsor is pleased to announce that eighth-grader **Elliot Stepanian** was qualified to advance to the State Championship level of the *Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge* competition. Elliot competed with other 6th, 7th and 8th grade champions from schools across Michigan at the State Championship event on March 19.



Congratulations to junior **Melanie Shammami**. She is a Gold Medal Winner in Nursing Assistance and Creative Problem Solving at Oakland Technical School in Royal Oak. In April, she will advance to the next level of competition held in Traverse City.



Recognizing Academic Achievement – 1st Semester 2006-2007

6TH GRADE

Administrator's List

Ari Sagherian
Zena Atcho
Lilit Kazazian
Solmiya Svytka
Amanda Ferhadson
Raha Richardsaon

Honor Roll

Oleksandra Grygorenko
Vonica Sallan
Razi Antoon
Lara Demirjian
Merna Antoon
Arev Vandevelde
Maral Toukhanian
Lucene Gilbert
Oleksandra Sakhapova
Tatevik Khachatryan

7TH GRADE

Administrator's List

Ani Karibian
Inna Mirzoyan
Damaris Duduman
Sevan Markossian

Honor Roll

Hripsime Mamassian
Volodymyr Pikh
Stavros Yuhana

8TH GRADE

Administrator's List

Carolyn Philip
Khrystyna Bezkosta
Olha Foroshivska
Linda Kalfayan
Arsen Melkonyan

Honor Roll

Rachel Newman
Jessica Ferhadson

9TH GRADE

Administrator's List

Omar Acho
Dominique Duduman
Romana Svytka
Vartan Kurjian
Kristine Mkoyan
Dro Bush
Arick Flesch
Luai Kesto
Nina Ferhadson
Monica Shammami
Rima Saghumyan
Nicholas Naoumi

9TH GRADE

Honor Roll

Julia Papiyants
Cardall Rabban
Fallon Brewart
Raymond Konja
Arev Tossounian
Ryan Kallabat

10TH GRADE

Administrator's List

Zara Gilbert
Dolores Duduman
Abigail Newman
Natalie Pope
Vazken Bassmagian

Honor Roll

Sara Bryant
Sarine Dakissian
Olivia Hosmi
Razmig Dawidian

11TH GRADE

Administrator's List

Nayiri Kaissarian
Sali Kesto
Angelica Terhune
Yana Lapytska

Honor Roll

Vazken Hartounian
Vanessa Daoud
Melanie Shammami
Pavel Oganyan
Vahan Bush

12TH GRADE

Administrator's List

Maria Yuhana
Oleksandra Goysan
Alexandra Terhune
Halyna Chaykivska
Inna Marynyak
Tamar Djaridjian
Lisa Shekerdeman

Honor Roll

Zaven Bush
Tamar Avakian
Ivan Castorena
Maryna Skoblyak
Darisha Cop

Raising Cultural Awareness

On Monday, March 5, the Center for Charter Schools hosted Dr. Hosesep Torossian, who led an informational session on Armenian culture for Center staff.

Dr. Torossian drew from his own cultural, educational and international experiences in leading this session. "Dr. Torossian is a dynamic school leader, and I am very pleased that he is available to share his knowledge and experience with our team," said Jim Goenner, Executive Director of the Center for Charter Schools. "Dr. Torossian's session helped us gain a deeper appreciation of Armenian culture and an increased understanding of the value and challenges of cultural education in a diverse educational setting."



Manoogian Welcomes Visitors

On Tuesday, March 13, local author **Virginia Haroutunian** met with teacher Anahit Toumajan and her eighth-grade students who read the book, *Orphan in the Sand*. Ms. Haroutunian spoke about her mother – an Armenian Genocide survivor featured in her book – and her mother's experiences. The students engaged in a lively discussion with the author.



On Friday, March 16, Farmington/Farmington Hills State Representative, **Aldo Vagnozzi**, made a special visit to the Manoogian School. After meeting with students and reading a story to the Kindergarten class, Mr. Vagnozzi joined the school for its annual Michink.



Ms. Cheryl Phillips from Masco Corp., who is a board member of the Michigan Humane Society, invited **Mr. Ron Blauet** and his dog, Chip, to visit elementary students. Mr. Blauet spoke to the students about animal safety, being kind to pets and care and feeding of pets. Ms. Phillips also brought her cat, Carleton, to visit and the students enjoyed petting both of these animals.



Ladies' Luncheon "Michink"

Manoogian School's annual Michink was held on Friday, March 16. It was organized by Mrs. Dakissian, Mrs. Silva Hovig Sagherian and Mrs. Arsho Djardjian.

The luncheon had more than 100 guests in attendance. Some of the elementary classes performed songs and recited poems while the dance troupe performed.

The guests enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies. The lunch consisted of Lenten delicacies such as sarma-dolma, ich, tahinov kofte, spinach pies, muhamara, salad, humos and hadig. A lot of preparation and hard work was put into this affair.

The luncheon made a profit of \$2,400. Manoogian School would like to thank the following people for their food and/or monetary donations:

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| Gina Bedirian | Hasmig Mardirossian |
| Mislehem Bedrossian | Viva Philip |
| Terri Blohm | Betty Sagherian |
| Lucene Boghossian | Rostom & Silva Sagherian |
| Linda Darian | Vartouhi Shekerdemanian |
| Anita Djaridjian | Hasmig Shirvastian |
| Haigan Ferhadson | Cindy Stepanian |
| Judy Kadri | Ani Tombouljian |
| Sonia Kalfayan | Hosep & Shoghig Torossian |
| Dyana Kezelian | Ani Vartanian |
| Sona Malkadjian | Mike Arzoumanian |

Manoogian Winter Sports

Boys Basketball

The Boys Basketball team ended the season with a thrilling 65-62 win over Connor Creek East.



The boys tallied a final record of 6-10 for the winter sports season. James Dodd led the Cougars in points and rebounds as juniors Garo Demirdjian, Alex Kurjian and Razmig Dawidian also contributed to the team's success. Kaz Lukowski was the squad's lone senior and will surely be missed.

Girls Volleyball

The undefeated Girls Volleyball team completed the winter sports season with a win over Star International Academy. In addition to being unbeaten in match play, the girls also never



lost more than one game to any team they faced. The Cougars were led by Anastasiya Amyelina and Inna Marynyak.

*Remember to Visit Manoogian School's Web Site:
www.manoogian.org*



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