



The Manoogian Voice

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

Manoogian School Names Principals



On behalf of Manoogian teachers, High School Head Teacher Judy Kadri (center) congratulates newly appointed principals Dr. Hosep Torossian and Ms. Dyana Kezelian at their April 5 meeting.

Following are excerpts from an April 4 statement made by Dr. Richard Marburger, chairman of the Manoogian School Board of Education. This statement officially announced that Ms. Dyana Kezelian will head the lower school and Dr. Hosep Torossian will head the high school as principals.

"...To maintain total credibility and due diligence in establishing the structure, it was essential that a search for a principal be conducted and outside candidates considered...The search led us to conclude that our current structure is the best for the A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School. This structure has Ms. Dyana Kezelian heading the lower school and Dr. Hosep Torossian heading the high school...We will provide the title of principal to each and monitor carefully the ongoing success of the joint leadership."

Seniors Look to the Future

This year's Manoogian School seniors are headed toward a bright future after graduation.

Members of this year's senior class have been accepted at a number of schools, including University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, University of Michigan – Dearborn, Boston University, Wayne State University, University of Detroit – Mercy, Hillsdale, Wheaton, Cal State, Oakland University, Central Michigan University, and Baker College.

Several students received impressive scholarships. Reyna Harabedian was awarded a full four-year scholarship to the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. Naro Babaian received a full four-year scholarship to the University of Michigan –

Dearborn. Melene Hajakian received a \$10,000 annual scholarship to Illinois Institute of Technology. Albert Antonyan received a \$16,000 annual scholarship to University of Detroit – Mercy. As summer nears and more financial aid awards are announced, we expect even more good news.

The school's administration, faculty, and staff are extremely proud of Manoogian's seniors as they make plans to continue their educations. Dr. Hosep Torossian, principal of the high school, says, "This is the largest class ever to graduate from our school. Trying to keep 30 students on track to graduation has been a challenge, but this class has not only made it worth the effort, but they've also made it fun."

Math Stars at Manoogian

Mathcounts is a nationwide math enrichment program for middle school students. This year, eight students participated in the local competition held on Saturday, February 11, at Lawrence Technological University.



Manoogian School Mathletes, from left to right: Carolyn Philip, Inna Mirzoyan, Damaris Duduman, Vartan Kurjian, Jessica Ferhadson, Sarine Arslanian, Dominique Duduman, Linda Kalfayan, and math teacher and Mathcounts advisor Karen Golasarian.

Special congratulations are offered to Dominique Duduman for being named one of the top students of the local Oakland Chapter Competition.

Students Commemorate Armenian Genocide

A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School commemorated the Armenian Genocide on Monday, April 24.

High school students started the day by turning in their “Armenia: Past, Present, Future” projects, and middle school students submitted their “Genocide in Me” projects. These projects offered students an opportunity to reflect upon Armenian history and culture.



Students from grades 6-12 gathered in the multi-purpose room to watch an Armenian Genocide documentary by Andrew Goldberg, which aired a few days earlier on PBS.



Mrs. Kalfayan’s 5th grade class took a trip to downtown Detroit to visit the Gomidas monument, where they laid flowers.

At 11 a.m., all students proceeded to the back of the high school building for an annual tree planting. This year, the tree was donated by Ms. Tamitsa Dakissian and her daughter, Sarine, in memory of their beloved husband/father Koko Dakissian. Reverend Father Diran Papazian officiated, and Mr. Souren Arahamian, a survivor of the Genocide, attended the ceremony and had lunch with the students. Everyone was invited to the lunch afterwards, which was hosted by the PTO.

Naro Babaian Wins UM-Dearborn Student Leader Scholarship



On April 11, Manoogian senior Naro Babaian attended the Recognition of Excellence program at the University of Michigan – Dearborn, for receiving the Distinguished Student Leader Scholarship. This full four-year scholarship to the University of Michigan – Dearborn is awarded to high school seniors for significant community service in underserved or disadvantaged communities and academic achievements. At the event, Naro met the school’s chancellor, vice-chancellor, dean, and current students.

Language Awards at Wayne State University

Wayne State University’s Department of German and Slavic Studies awarded books to high school students who displayed excellence in Armenian, German, Polish, Russian, and Ukrainian. The book award recipients in Armenian were Paul Dawidian and Ani Toumajan.

Seniors Take a Memorable Trip to Washington



at the U.S. Botanical Garden. On March 27, students had the opportunity to meet with representatives for one-on-one discussions to

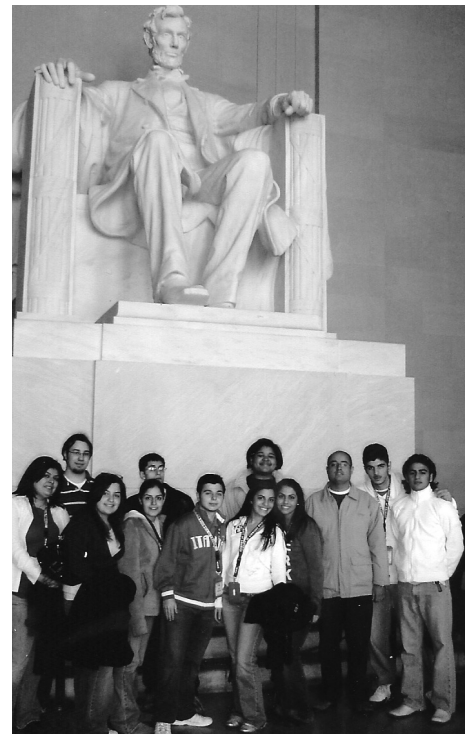
On March 26, a select group of 12th graders arose in the early hours of the morning to travel to Washington, D. C., with chaperones Mr. Sebouh Avedikian and Ms. Judy Hovnan. The students were eager to attend the Armenian Assembly's 2006 National Conference and Banquet co-hosted by AGBU and the Eastern and Western Dioceses of the Armenian Church of America. The Manoogian School was the only school participating in the conference. The speakers were the Foreign Minister of Armenia, U.S. congressmen, and Armenian community leaders.

This National Conference officially opened on March 26 with a welcoming reception

promote Armenian concerns. Students met with their state representatives Joe Knollenberg, David Law, and Paul Condino, as well as attended meetings in the offices of our Michigan senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow. That evening, everyone attended the Assembly Banquet. The next morning, the group ventured off for a last chance at sightseeing before departing for home that evening.



Manoogian students with Congressman Joe Knollenberg in his Capitol Hill office.



PTO Corner

Ice Cream Social



On Friday, March 31, the PTO held an evening ice cream social in the multi-purpose room. This event was aimed to raise funds to buy books for the Manoogian library.

While the children and parents made and enjoyed their own sundaes, PK-3 teacher and elementary librarian Mrs. Jackie Kaschyk read stories to the group. She read *There's a Dinosaur in My School*, *Trucks*, and many others. During the social, books were available for purchase at the Usborne Book Fair. Everyone loved the delicious sundaes and hearing some great stories...all for a great cause!

Armenian Stars of Tomorrow Delight Student Audience

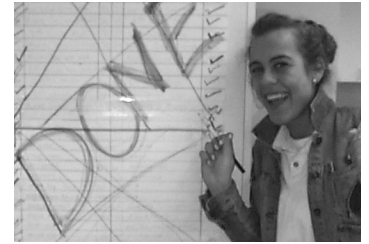
On Friday, March 31, six talented young artists from Gumri, Armenia, aged 9 to 14, called "Young Stars of Gumri" visited Manoogian School. These talented musicians gave a performance at the school, after a successful concert a few days earlier for the Detroit Armenian community. They were accompanied by Gurgen Hakobjanian, artistic director of the "New Names" project, which was developed to discover and nurture young musical talents, and their instructor Tigran Hovhannisian.



Thirteen-year-old pianist Hripsime Aghakarian, ten-year-old vocalist Anna Avdalian, fourteen-year-old kanonist Kristeneh Simonian, thirteen-year-old vocalist Maneh Galanian, fourteen-year-old violinist Sasha Atanian, and twelve-year-old Arsen Gevorgian exhibited a professional presence beyond their young age. They charmed the Manoogian audience with their exuberant interpretation of Armenian and international favorites.

Manoogian students enjoyed the phenomenal performance and wished the visitors good luck in their musical careers.

No More Deadlines!



Although the yearbook committee will miss the fun of creating a book of memories, the stress of meeting deadlines is completed, and they are all anxious for the arrival of the Manoogian YEARBOOK 2006!

The yearbook staff would like to thank all of those who supported the yearbook with donations and advertisements. They would like to recognize the generosity of:

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