



The Manoogian Voice

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

Manoogian Seniors Attending Lawrence Tech

A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School seniors Vatche Bassmagian, Avak Kahramanian, and Mihai Untea have been attending Lawrence Technological University for more than a month as part of a partnership program between the two schools.

Entitled **INSPIRE** (Inspiring and Nurturing Students – a Partnership for Innovative and Rewarding Education), the new program offers Manoogian seniors the opportunity to take courses at Lawrence Tech for college credit.

According to Bassmagian, he and his classmates began taking courses at Lawrence Tech during the first week of February and the three are pleased with their situation.

The partnership was made official January 25, during a signing ceremony at Manoogian School. The ceremony included comments from Dr. Charles Chambers, president of Lawrence Tech.

In attendance were Dr. Lewis Walker, executive vice-president and provost of Lawrence Tech, Manoogian administration, board members, PTO members, faculty and staff, as well as Lawrence Tech faculty and staff.



(Above) Dr. Nadya Sarafian poses with Vatche Bassmagian, Mihai Untea, and Avak Kahramanian, who are attending Lawrence Technological University under the new INSPIRE Program, as well as Dr. Charles Chambers, Lawrence Tech president.

(Below) Manoogian School and Lawrence Tech administrators complete the signing ceremony connecting the two schools.



PTO Corner

The PTO announces an Art & Literacy Contest in April for middle school students only.

On Friday, March 11, the PTO's Ladies Committee organized a traditional Lenten luncheon, celebrating the Armenian "Michink." Organizers included Tamitsa Dakissian, Seta Arslanian, Arsho Djaridjian, Jean D'ark Mouradian, Ani Vartanian, and Silva H. Sagherian.

The PTO would like to remind staff and parents of the following functions and meeting dates:

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
Family Fun Night –
Mexican Fiesta

THURSDAY, MAY 19
PTO meeting
(for the purpose of elections)

FRIDAY, MAY 20
PTO lunch

Your 2004-2005 PTO Board:

Barb Oknayan, *president*
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vice president
Laura Lucassian,
recording secretary
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corresponding secretary
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advisor

Third Big Fat Installment Getting Closer

Believe it or not, consistently warmer weather is just around the corner, so it must be time for the third edition of the A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School Big Fat Armenian Party.

Mark your calendars immediately for May 20. This year's event will again be held at the St. John's Recreation Center.

According to Barb Oknayan, Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) president, and key organizer for the event, with the event right around the corner, the PTO is looking for as many helping hands as it can get.

Oknayan said that she hopes silent-auction donations will top the number received last year – 167.

Those whose efforts were greatly appreciated in 2004 included the Detroit Red Wings, WJLB-FM, Athens Coney Island, and Papa Romano's.

This year the PTO will gladly accept assistance from organizations, companies, and restaurants, as well as individuals.

Many items have already been donated from some very generous sources. These include artwork from Art Leaders Gallery, as well as items from Franklin Covey, Mattress and Futon Shop, West Smith Jewelers, Kramer Jewelry, Inc., Buddy's Pizza, and Sweet Lorraine's.

Several individuals got into the act of giving early, including Dr. Barbara Kuczynski, who donated Fendi sunglasses. Also, Maral Mamassian and Sue Atwell donated decorating services for one special occasion or holiday event.

According to Oknayan, last year's event raised \$16,000, earmarked for school improvements. More than \$24,000 total was raised during the event's first two years.

Tickets are \$50 and can only be purchased in advance – no tickets will be sold at the door. Contact the school at (248) 569-2988 for more information.

Student Earns Honor For Hard Work

Manoogian School junior Nadiya Burda was nominated for an "Outstanding Student Award" for Excellent Academic Achievement and Excellent Attendance at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast in Royal Oak.

Burda attends the Health Cluster program at the school and was nominated for the honor by her instructors.

The four Oakland Schools Technical campuses practice Career Focused Education (CFE), which is, according to the school, designed to help students explore their interests and aptitudes, enabling them to make informed career choices.



Recognizing Academic Achievement 2nd Marking 2004-2005

H I G H SCHOOL

<p>Administrator's List</p> <p>12th Grade Vatche Bassmagian Oleksandr Boyko Avak Kahramanian Michael Untea Jessica Yaldo</p> <p>11th Grade Albert Antonyan Naro Babaian Saro Babaian Paul Dawidian Rami Hadad Melene Hajakian Reyna Harabedian Harout Hartounian Eros Marogy Benjamin Newman Vali Toma Ani Toumajan Zena Yaldo</p>	<p>10th Grade Tamar Djaridjian Lisa Shekerdeman Alexandra Terhune Ksenia Vandalov Maria Yuhana</p> <p>9th Grade Carol Chang Reem Hanna Vazken Hartounian Nayiri Kaissarian Sali Kesto Alec Kurjian Jeremiah Newman Angelica Terhune</p> <p>Honor Roll</p> <p>12th Grade Yevgenya Arushanyan Christina Carter Olivia Hereford Vitaliy Marynyak Aleksandr Osipov Dmytro Pivtorak Ulyana Pysarenko</p>	<p>11th Grade Nadiya Burda Keisha Jackson Sharletta Johnson Steve Oganyan Vasyl Vegerzhynskiy</p> <p>9th Grade Anastasiya Amyelina Michael Kalfayan Kristyn Thomas</p> <p>Citizenship Award</p> <p>12th Grade Yevgenya Arushanyan Vatche Bassmagian Christina Carter Avak Kahramanian Aleksandr Osipov Jessica Yaldo</p> <p>11th Grade Naro Babaian Saro Babaian Paul Dawidian Rami Hadad</p>	<p>Harout Hartounian Jeffrey King Benjamin Newman Ani Toumajan</p> <p>10th Grade Tamar Avakian Sosi Magerdich Inna Marynyak Alexandra Terhune Ksenia Vandalov</p> <p>9th Grade Anastasiya Amyelina Carol Chang Reem Hanna Brooke Henley Nayiri Kaissarian Jeremiah Newman Angelica Terhune Kristyn Thomas</p>
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M I D D L E SCHOOL

<p>Administrator's List</p> <p>8th Grade Zara Gilbert Joshua Klein Abigail Newman Lucig Palanjian Christina Shabo</p> <p>7th Grade Sarine Arslanian Dolores Duduman Nina Ferhadson Arick Flesch Luai Kesto Vartan Kurjian Haigan Tcholakian</p>	<p>6th Grade Dominique Duduman Jessica Ferhadson Linda Kalfayan Anahit Movsesyan Carolyn Philip Rayden Shammamie</p> <p>Honor Roll</p> <p>8th Grade Vazken Bassmagian Sara Bryant Sylvia Hanna Ernest Morris</p> <p>7th Grade Kristine Mkoyan Nicholas Naoumi Julia Papiyants Artur Zmiyov</p>	<p>6th Grade April Chang Garen Gilbert Arsen Melkonyan Alexander Naoumi Rachel Newman Lisa Yaldo Sara Zouzani</p> <p>Citizenship Award</p> <p>8th Grade Salam Chalabi Zara Gilbert Ernest Morris</p>	<p>7th Grade Nina Ferhadson Arick Flesch Vartan Kurjian Saro Magerdich Rayme Meti Christopher Pope Artur Zmiyov</p> <p>6th Grade April Chang Linda Kalfayan Carolyn Philip Khrystyna Trush</p>
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Manoogian Students Are Full of Accomplishments

Several Manoogian School students achieved academic success recently. Below is a short description of what each student accomplished:

Abigail Newman, an eighth-grader, advanced to the State Championship round of the Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge, making her a Grade Level Champion.



Newman

complete a 10-week internship with one of the Fortune 1,000 companies. According to INROADS, upon completion of the internship, Carter will have a position waiting for her at the corporation of her choice. Carter will be attending the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor this fall.

Senior **Christina Carter** has been accepted into INROADS, a program for minority high school seniors, as well as college students, planning to pursue a career in business, engineering, computer and information science, sales, marketing, allied health care, health care management, or retail management. As an intern, Carter will eventually



Carter

Several middle and high school students participated in the American Mathematics Competitions Tests, sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America. Winners included middle-schoolers **Nicholas Naoumi**, first place; **Razmig Dawidian**, second place; and **Sylvia Hanna**, **Joshua Klein**, and **Vartan Kurjian**, all tied for third place on the AMC 8 test. **Nayiri Kaissarian**, **Vazken Hartounian**, and **Alexandra Terhune** were first, second, and third respectively on the AMC 10 test.



From left to right: Untea, Kaissarian and Naoumi

Mihai Untea, **Harout Hartounian**, and **Melene Hajakian** finished first, second, and third respectively in the AMC 12 test.

Events Calendar

Friday, April 22
Armenian Genocide
90th Anniversary

Sunday, May 15
Khunjooyk

Friday, June 3
Field Day

**D A T E S T O
R E M E M B E R**

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