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Anatolia Recognizes Four Key Benefactors with the Carl Compton Award

In a gesture of appreciation and recognition for their long and generous support, Anatolia College is honoring four of its most steadfast benefactors: Mr. George Bissell, Dr. Stavros Constantinidis, the Papageorgiou Foundation, and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation.

This marks the establishment of a new award, The Carl Compton Benefactor Award, that will be given to individuals, families, and organizations who have made an outstanding contribution to the institution.

The award is named after the prominent educator, mentor and 5th President of Anatolia College, Carl C. Compton, a visionary who dedicated his life to serving our society through his educational and humanitarian work.

Our recipients this year were chosen for the significant commitment, leadership and generosity they have shown to the College. Each of our donors has set an example that demonstrates the importance of supporting the institution's mission of educational excellence and social responsibility.

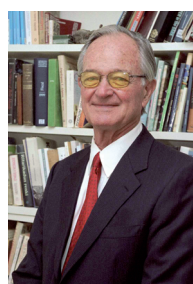
All of our honorees, profiled below, have played an instrumental role in Anatolia's success and will certainly remain a force well into the future. They will be formally recognized with a ceremony this June.

Mr. George Bissell

In addition to the Bissell Library, which bears his name, George Bissell has worked tirelessly on behalf of Anatolia for half a century serving as a Trustee since 1965; thirteen of which as Chair



of the Board (1993 – 2006). Mr. Bissell's personal legacy is defined by his strong leadership and systematic work on behalf of the school as well as his exceptional generosity.



"As someone who has been involved with the school for a long time I can say that those of us here in the United States are very concerned about the situation in Greece today. We have great sympathy for the Greek people – they have endured quite a lot

of hard times over the last centuries, but somehow managed to emerge and recover. My experience with Anatolia began 50 years ago, and I was drawn to the fact that a small endowment – \$700,000 at the time – for a school that was located in Greece but incorporated in Massachusetts, could do such good. Of course the fund has grown substantially since then, but as the Board we can, and must, do more to communicate the need to give to Anatolia. Over my five decades I have benefitted greatly from the deep and lasting friendships I have with my Greek colleagues, and the years of successful cooperation and achievements we have forged. I think it is

vitaly important for Anatolia's Board of Trustees to keep a long-term view and vision for the future. We also need to maintain a focus on doing our best to provide the finest educational opportunity for Greek youth. The Board can help with a strategic perspective and by making every effort to show that there is no real end to the need for support – the support that is necessary to close the funding gap and also reach out to needy children".

Dr. Stavros Constantinidis

As an Anatolia alumnus, donor, and longstanding Trustee, Dr. Constantinidis has helped the school grow into a world-class institution via his steadfast financial support, as well as his dedicated stewardship on the Board of Trustees.



"I enrolled at Anatolia College during World War II, but just as we were ready to begin school the Germans arrived, and our school was turned into the Command HQ for the Aegean. Directly after the Germans departed, a small but dedicated group of students decided to come together and clean up the school. One day soon after, Dr. Compton arrived. The school's American style – the teaching and atmosphere, with young faculty coming from the States – was a very fresh new

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Educating Across Cultures: Anatolia College in Turkey and Greece

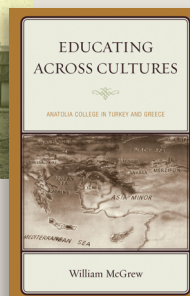
A book by William McGrew

Anatolia's long and exciting journey as an educational institution forms the central theme of Dr. William McGrew's new book *Educating Across Cultures: Anatolia College in Turkey and Greece*. Dr. McGrew, who served as President of Anatolia College for a quarter of a century, details the extraordinary challenges faced by the institution, whose existence has spanned three centuries and two continents, and survived three wars.

The book, published in America by Rowman & Littlefield, begins in Boston in the early 19th century, and follows a team of American missionaries as they set out to bring Protestant Christianity to Turkey, a journey which changes its thrust from primarily religious objectives to educational focus in the waning years of the Ottoman Empire. From its campus south



of the Black Sea, Anatolia College grew to become one of the leading educational centers in north-central Turkey serving a vast hinterland and providing instruction to both boys and girls (rare at the time) as well as a Kindergarten, a School for the Deaf, a Seminary, a Hospital, and an Orphanage housing more than 2,000 children.



The expulsion of Turkey's Christian population following the first World War sent the school westward, and in 1924 Anatolia College reopened its doors in Thessaloniki.

Its relocation in newly independent northern Greece brought new challenges to the institution as it moved after a decade in temporary quarters to its present Pylea campus, one of the finest in the country, overlooking Thessaloniki. The College's closing during World

War II and the Nazi occupation of its campus proved only a hiatus in its steady progress. Over the following decades, Anatolia continued to surmount political and economic hurdles while

expanding its educational outreach to both elementary and higher education, and serving a broad and cosmopolitan student body. Throughout its long and often precarious journey, Anatolia strove to uphold the ethical principles and educational values which inspired its founders and their successive leaders up to the present day.

McGrew's book provides fascinating new insights to several areas of study: the American Missionary movement, the Armenian Genocide, the Greek-Turkish conflict, both World Wars, and the continuous evolution of educational philosophy in a cross-cultural environment. Seen through the lens of Anatolia's development, these events take the reader on a personal journey through the landscape of history.

Anatolia College Institutional News

A New Year for CTY Greece

The Center for Talented Youth at Anatolia College in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University and funded exclusively by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, began its second year of operations by awarding honors to the highest scoring students from the previous academic year. The award ceremony, which took place in Athens and Thessaloniki, set the stage for a new round of academic excellence for the CTY Greece initiative.

The formal introduction of this year's program, which took place in separate events in Athens and Patras, outlined a rich array of learning goals. Two separate Open Days organized this year in Athens at the Hellenic Cosmos Cultural Center, allowed 5th-10th grade students to discover and display their talents in hands-on workshops. The second Open Day was made possible through the generous support of Lidl Hellas, which offers for a second year a significant number of scholarships for the Summer Program.

The first of a virtual series of CTY lessons, delivered throughout the school year, included a 3-month online course in Scratch Programming language (developed by MIT), followed by an additional 3-month course in Web Design. The CTY Greece Weekend Program was inaugurated in March in Larissa, where 16 students

followed a stimulating course on Game Theory and Strategic Thinking; It then continued with weekends in Athens (Science and Engineering, Cryptology) and Thessaloniki (nine courses).

Summer is when CTY Greece really takes off,



and this year will be a great continuation of the 2014 success.

The three-week daily Summer Program for 5th and 6th graders will allow students to choose from four modules: Science and Engineering, The Magic of Mathematical Thinking, The Sensory Brain, and the Author's Workshop.

Students from 7th through 10th grades who are chosen to attend the three-week residen-

tial program at Anatolia can study Cryptology, Biomedical Studies, Game Theory, Engineering Design, Chemistry & Society, Computer Science, Genetics, Philosophy and Microeconomics.

Entrance exams took place in more than 14 cities in Greece, and saw more than 1,700 pupils take the test.

CTY Greece is featured in Niarchos Foundation Documentary

On Friday January 30th, a new documentary film from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation premiered at the Thessaloniki Concert Hall. The film details the results of the Niarchos Foundation's €100 million Anti-Crisis Initiative.

CTY Greece is funded exclusively by SNF and was honored to be featured as one of the indicative examples of their support.

Partnership with AUTH

Anatolia began a significant new cooperation with Aristotle University's Center for Electronic

Governance (AUTH CEG), entering into a partnership which will surely have a great impact on the pedagogical and technological levels for both institutions. CEG personnel designed and adapted audio-visual and e-learning material to be used in the Introduction to Web Design course offered by CTY Greece, and offered their technical assistance with the program's e-learning platform. Concurrently, the CEG supports the technical infrastructure of Center for Talented Youth at Anatolia College with the provision of virtual hosting through the CEG Datacenter.

From left: Dr. Panos Vlachos, Anatolia College President with Mr. Periklis Mitkas, Aristotle University Rector



HELMEPA Exhibit @ ACT

ACT's Bissell library hosted the exhibition of the new campaign of HELMEPA (Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association) under the title "Educational Community and Public Awareness Campaign on the Marine Environment, Shipping and Sciences". The program with support from Lloyd's Register Foundation is designed for primary and secondary education teachers



and students across 14 cities of Greece.

The exhibition presented in Thessaloniki was under the auspices of the City of Thessaloniki and was attended by more than 1,300 school students from all over Thessaloniki, and accompanied by a seminar for educators titled "Oceans and People: Ensuring a Viable Future." The opening featured comments from Dr. Panos Vlachos, President of Anatolia College, Mr. Dimitri Mitsatso, General Director of HELMEPA, Mr. Theodosi Stamatello, Hellenic Lloyd's S.A. Area Marine Manager, and Mr. George Dimarello, Counselor to the City of Thessaloniki's Department of Environment and Transport.

Honors were given to (among others) U.S. Consul Mr. Robert Sanders, and Mrs. Maria Dokopoulou (representing the Ministry of Culture, Education and Religion).



Independence Day Parade in NYC

Anatolia college students gave a new flair to Greek Independence Day with their participation in the annual March 25th celebration, organized every year by the Greek-American community in New York. Our students represented both Anatolia College and their homeland in one of the biggest Greek-American events to be held in the USA, tak-

ing part in a parade of color, dance and music along Manhattan's 5th Avenue. The event was attended by noted figures from the American and Greek-American communities, including New York Governor and Parade Grand Marshall Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Bill de Blasio, and numerous political and community leaders from the greater area.

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Kissinger & Cyprus: a Study in Lawlessness

Anatolia College was proud to support an event featuring Mr. Gene Rossides, Founder and former President of the American-Hellenic Institute, who presented his new book Kissinger & Cyprus: a Study in Lawlessness examining the role of Henry Kissinger in the events before, during, and after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Kissinger, one of America's most famous and controversial Secretaries of State, played a piv-

otal role in the political and military developments surrounding the instability and ultimate overthrow of the Makarios government. Rossides, who was born in New York and educated at Columbia University, served as Assistant Treasury Secretary in the Eisenhower and Nixon administrations. He founded the American-Hellenic Institute in response to the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, and has received numerous awards and recognitions for his efforts

to inform and motivate the world regarding the Cypriot issue. The event included remarks from such important figures as General Ilias Leontaris, Honorary Ambassador Alexandros Mallias, AHI President Nikos Larringakis and Ioannis Tsobatzoglou, Vice President for Operations and Planning, Anatolia College, who praised the efforts of one of the Hellenic-American community's most active advocates.

The Importance of Giving
Dr. Stavros Constantinidis

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experience for us. Even volunteering was part of the environment; we all pitched in to help out the community, including distributing clothing with the UNRA. The scholarship program has its roots in these years. The financial manager gathered several local business leaders together and proposed they help Anatolia through scholarships. My father was among them, he agreed to five scholarships and I have continued on from there; this year is the 58th. I feel very strongly that scholarship recipients should not know the identity of the individual donors; rather they should understand that the aid is a result of all the efforts the school engages in to ensure a strong scholarship program - and an institution worthy of beneficence. In other words, their loyalty and sense of gratitude should be directed towards the school. Our scholarship students have always shown impressive results - many of them have become leading figures in their professions both here and abroad. Anatolia has reached the peak of educational excellence here in Greece. Now, the school is only limited by the complexities of the country itself - the conflict between our twin tendencies towards beauty, or sacrifice, and extremism, or self-importance. One of Anatolia's greatest contributions to our society is the balanced, democratic environment the school offers. Teaching our students to

open their minds and use the strength of their character to achieve their goals - this is how we can make positive change in society".

Mr. John Zervakis
for the Stavros Niarchos Foundation

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation is one of Anatolia's major benefactors, having provided exclusive funding for the founding of the CTY Greece program, as well as making a substantial contribution for the construction of the Stavros Niarchos Technology Center in the Bissell Library. Additional major support for the school includes funds for student programs, scholarships, and other capital projects.



"Anatolia and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation share several common values, and one of the underpinning principles for both organizations is education. In seeking to provide access to education, both entities are also invested in pursuing innovative ideas and sustainable partnerships that will have a larger impact in the future and on society-at-large. Along with a quality education, Anatolia College instills a strong sense of social responsibility in its student body, which

—we believe—will be practiced and shared throughout their lifetime. This outcome realizes and reinforces the Foundation's goal to support organizations whose work and actions have the potential to significantly contribute to building a better tomorrow for all. Thus, in addition to the four program areas of focus which are arts & culture, education, health & sports and social welfare, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation has responded to urgent and extreme needs all over the world by providing emergency relief grants, including two grants of €100 million each to alleviate the socioeconomic crisis and address youth unemployment in Greece. It is important to note that it is not the Foundation's intent to replace the State, but rather to complement its actions to the extent possible. In this regard, we believe strongly in encouraging a culture of giving, and we have to remind everyone that it is our birthright. Philanthropy, a Greek word, deserves a place in our lives along with democracy. We need to raise awareness of the needs and educate people that the consequences of giving pervade and benefit beyond the intended recipient".

Mr. Nikolaos Papageorgiou
for the Papageorgiou Foundation

The Papageorgiou Foundation has supported Anatolia College for many years, both through

Scholarships as well as funds for educational technology, including the Elementary School's Smart Boards.



"My first exposure to the Anatolia experience came through my grandchildren, who studied at the College and showed me what an exceptional and groundbreaking institution it is. The Papageorgiou family, through our Foundation, has always placed special emphasis on the values of

social welfare and service to the community, including our projects in support of the Greek Diaspora in Germany, and our own ANTIRIDA Volunteer organization at the Papageorgiou Hospital here in Thessaloniki. We wanted to offer an opportunity for educational excellence to children from Siatista, our home village, and thus it was decided that the best way to accomplish this was through the donation of scholarships to Anatolia. In connection with this support, we hope that those students who receive our assistance will take the initiative to pursue and fulfill their goals and dreams, and to develop their personal strengths fully, in order to broaden their horizons and further serve their communities in whatever capacity they can".

Ladder of Knowledge – A work of Art to Support Scholarships

Anatolia alumna and well-known Greek jewelry designer Katerina Ioannidis designed the "Ladder of Knowledge" as a work of art to support the Scholarship Program as it recognizes the enduring journey of Anatolia students.

The stairs symbolize the primary, secondary and tertiary divisions of Anatolia, and the form

– the letter A – bears witness to the first initial of our institution as well as the standard of excellence which the organization and our students all strive for. The "Ladder of Knowledge" was presented during last year's Christmas Bazaar. All proceeds went to support the scholarship program which has played a central role in the school's development.



New Scholarships for the 2015-2016 School Year

Anatolia's non-profit character and mission of excellence in education means more than just high academic standards, it also includes the dedication to support our students who require financial help to achieve their demonstrated potential. More than 20% of Anatolia's current student body receives some form of scholarship assistance, ranging from 30% to 100% of tuition coverage.

For the school year 2015-2016

**Anatolia College offers:
Need and merit based:**

- 100% Tuition coverage: to at least 5 students
- 75% Tuition coverage: to at least 6 students
- 50% Tuition coverage: to at least 11 students
- 40% Tuition coverage: to at least 1 student
- 30% Tuition coverage: to at least 3 students

Merit based:

- 12 scholarships of 10%: for those students who score in the highest percentile on the regular school written entrance exams.

Boarding Scholarships:

For students who reside in Western Macedonia:

100% Tuition, Room, and Board coverage: 2

For students from Arkadia:

100% Tuition, Room, and Board coverage: 1



Tracy Hall Gets a Facelift

One of the school's most well-used areas has been fully renovated and remodeled, in order to meet the needs of a growing organization. The capital repairs project included significant changes to the stage-area, replacing insulation, correcting the lighting, acoustic, and electrical systems, and replacing the room decor.

A warm color-palette, coupled with graphic touches and modern furnishings, complete the concept of Tracy Hall as true multi-purpose space - a welcoming environment for the students, staff and all who use the premises.

The renovation of Tracy Hall was made possible thanks to the generous donation of *Mina Nomidou - Pateras '79 and Vagelis Pateras, in honor and loving memory of their father, Dimosthenis Nomidis '46.*

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Costa and Matoula Scrivanos Annual Donors of Boarding Scholarships

The Costa and Matoula Scrivanos Boarding Scholarship was established to assist promising students from the region of Lakonia, located in the southern most portion of the Peloponnese peninsula.

How did your personal background drive your decision to establish scholarships for students from Lakonia?

My parents come from this area of Greece and, as a family, we knew what it was like to struggle. The economic developments in Greece have made it difficult for people with limited financial means to pay for an education for their children. As a parent I can empathize. I know what it is to desire a better life for your children.

Why did you choose Anatolia College among other educational institutions?

I have had the opportunity to get to know some of the leadership at the Anatolia School. I have seen the passion and dedication they put into running a top educational institution in Greece, and I am impressed with their commitment to providing every student the opportunity for an education.

What is in your opinion the most important life changing effect for students who receive a scholarship?

Scholarships are provided to students with limited financial resources. Often this is the only way these children will be able to attend a private school like Anatolia. A first-rate education can un-lock the door to their future and provide them with a solid foundation for further education and opportunities that they otherwise may never have known.

What are your hopes for the students' future?

My hope is that the students will be empowered and prepared to realize their full potential, and that they will receive a good education that enables them to be self-sufficient. It is always good when we return to help those in need, so it is my hope that they receive a great education and return someday to help future generations do the same. An educated nation can repair itself and build economically. We want our children to be a part of a healthy economy where they will thrive and live happy lives.



“My goal was always to attend a good school – an institution where I could pursue a more challenging education and push myself further towards a better future. When I got the scholarship I was really excited, although I didn’t know much about Anatolia. Now that I live here I see what an amazing place it is, full of great people; I didn’t expect to enjoy it all so much! Even though my family was concerned about me leaving home, I didn’t worry at all. There are 30 of us in the Boarding department; I even met another student from Lakonia! I’ve learned how to take care of myself now, and I feel that I have a chance to accomplish something bigger than I could have before. I plan to study mathematics, and if I ever become wealthy I hope to do something for my country, to give back in the same way. Thanks so much to Mr. and Mrs. Scrivanos for giving me this chance to try and succeed! ”

*1st Gymnasio Boarding Student
Nikos Koumandaros,
recipient of Scrivanos Scholarship*

Anatolia’s CSR Efforts Continue to Help Community



• Anatolia’s IB students lend their strengths

Once again students from Anatolia’s IB program joined forces with their peers from Toronto’s Upper Canada College to volunteer their time and strength in an effort to rehabilitate the grounds of the Saint Dimitrios Foun-

ation for Disabled Children. 86 students - 60 from Anatolia’s IB and 26 Canadians – spent one week energetically working to transform the gardens, common areas, and housing facility into a friendly and workable environment for residents and staff alike. This was the second cooperation with the Canadian school, following 2013’s successful renovation of the 18th public High School in Thessaloniki.

The volunteer initiative is a vital and required part of the IB program, which emphasizes the growth of character and citizenship as well as academic achievement.

• Running for a Good Cause

For the 6th year in a row Anatolians turned out in record numbers to support the 3K Charity Run. More than 200 students, faculty, staff, family, and friends of the College, hit the starting line on November 26th. They were accompanied by more than 100 children and supporters of the Papafeio Boys Home, which received the proceeds from the day’s event.

• Christmas Bazaar 2014

More than 2,000 visitors attended the annual Christmas Bazaar, filling the school with holiday cheer and enjoying an evening of music, food, shopping and catching up with old friends and classmates. Continuing our tradition of giving, Anatolia – in cooperation with the volunteer organization Desmos – was able to donate a significant contribu-

tion to organizations that assist those in our community with vision disabilities, as well as the orphanage “Children’s SOS,” and the non-profit Open Medical Center of Thessaloniki Port Authority.

The Bazaar was staffed by Anatolia’s student, staff and community volunteers from all levels of the school, and saw the participation of more than 15 philanthropic organizations.



• Christmas Charity Drive

Anatolia’s Christmas Charity Drive saw loads of food, baby-care and personal-hygiene products collected and distributed to organizations and the food & clothing bank, which help those in our community affected by the current economic conditions. The school’s initiative was supported by a significant donation of fresh food items from selected Lidl Hellas stores, as well as additional contributions from the Anatolia College Alumni Association.

Summertime means Music time

This summer will witness the first Summer Music Performance Program at Anatolia College, which will give students from Greece and abroad the chance to work with internationally acclaimed artists from the US right here on campus. Master Classes, Lectures, Discussion Panels, Concerts, a Concerto Competition and an Opera Production all give a wealth of hands-on experience and knowledge of technique, music expression and creativity. The highlight of the program is a concerto competition, where the winner will perform as soloist with the City Symphony Orchestra of Thessaloniki during the 2015-2016 concert season. The Music Program is under the auspices of Region of Central Macedonia.

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27 Νοεμβρίου έως 12 Δεκεμβρίου 2014
Συγκεντρώσιμη ρούχα, τρόφιμα μακράς διάρκειας, είδη προσωπικής υγιεινής και καθαριστικά.

Κάδοι Συλλογής στις εισόδους:
Νηπιαγωγείου, Δημοτικού, Γυμνασίου-Λυκείου,
IB, Morley House, ACT (The American College of Thessaloniki)

Το είδη που θα συγκεντρωθούν, θα δωρεαστούν μέσω του Δεσμού και του Κολλεγίου Αναθολία σε ιδρύματα και οργανισμούς της πόλης, ενώ θα ενισχυθεί και η Τράπεζα Τροφίμων και Ρούχων του Δήμου Θεσσαλονίκης.

με την υποστήριξη του Συλλόγου Αποφοίτων του Καλλιθέα Αναθολία 2014

High School News

Panhellenic Exams

High grades, the number of students who approach a 100% score, the rate of acceptance to high-demand schools, and the high national-ranking of Anatolians overall confirmed the level of excellence and underscored Anatolia's tradition of achievement. The school's top position amongst all of Greece's educational institutions extends from its pioneering role and indisputable quality of educational programming.

In total, 144 members of the class of 2014 were admitted to Greek Universities: 93.1% to Academic Universities and 6.9% to Technological Institutes. In addition, 67 students were accepted to some of world's best higher education institutions.

Domestically:

- 10% of Anatolia's graduating class scored higher than 19 out of 20;
- 37.3% scored higher than 18 out of 20;
- 52.8% scored higher than 17 out of 20;
- 116 students were accepted into high-demand schools, including
- 16 to Medical/Veterinary/Dental Schools;
- 35 to Polytechnic
- 15 to Law School
- 20 to Applied Sciences
- 20 to Social/Political Sciences

- 10 to Philosophy/Psychology/Education
- Another telling statistic was the top award of 12 Anatolia students at Thessaloniki's Aristoteleion University, who took the highest marks for the first 10 places in various disciplines.

Internationally:

- 67 students (65 from the IB and 2 from the General High School) gained acceptance to universities across the world
- 20 students will attend American colleges and universities, with an average scholarship of \$45,582.
- The total scholarship amount awarded to our students from U.S. schools this year was \$3,000,000
- American universities which accepted Anatolians include: Brown, Yale, Dartmouth, N. Y. U., Oberlin, Boston University, Bard, Franklin & Marshall, Williams, Northwestern, Sarah Lawrence, Haverford College, and more.
- 41 students will study at the best British universities, including L.S.E, Imperial College (3), University College (2), King's College (3), Warwick (4) and Cardiff (2).
- 4 students will attend universities in other European countries



10 Years of Student Diplomacy with ACMUN

Six hundred students from 32 schools throughout Greece and abroad came together at Anatolia in early February for the 10th Anatolia College Model United Nations (ACMUN) conference. Our High School hosted youth from Egypt, Germany, Israel, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Taiwan in a marathon of model diplomacy. Topics for the discussions, meetings, and plenary sessions included subjects focused on pressing, current issues, such as the Ebola outbreak, global drug-trafficking, refugee rights in international waters, and more. The conference was addressed this year by Mr. Robert Sanders, U.S. Consul General and Anatolia alumna Mrs. Nena Georgantzi, Legal Officer, NGO AGE Platform Europe.

Anatolia's Center for STEM Education Just Keeps Growing!



In just two and a half years after the establishment of Anatolia's STEM Education Center, the number of students participating in STEM programs - which exceeds 1,000 - prove that STEM is here to stay.

With its motto "Innovation in Education - Education for Innovation" the STEM Center has embarked upon new initiatives, partnerships and projects.

- MIT Media Lab IT Director, Michael Bletsas, visited campus and "virtually transported" students into the famous MIT facility.

- Engineering for middle school students, Innovation Engineering (with academic partner McNeese State University), STEM and NASA, and Rocketry, all debuted this year to compliment the established activities (Pre-Engineering, Nanotechnology, Synthetic Biology, Green Program, CSI).

- Anatolia team "Reset" was this year's champion at the Panhellenic F1 in School Contest, hosted on Anatolia's campus.



The Drama Club presents: Threepenny Opera

Every year, Anatolia's theater department brings two great works to the stage, one in English and another in Greek. This year's performances were especially successful, featuring both modern and classical pieces.

Anatolia Drama Club staged a rousing English-language performance of Berthold Brecht's classic musical "The Threepenny Opera" for another sold-out weekend run. Students and faculty joined their talents to produce yet another theatrical hit, with live musical accompaniment, original choreography, and the superb acting for which our amateur thespians are renown. For the Greek production, William Shakespeare's the Tempest impressed a sold-out audience with stunning visuals and moving acting from more than 60 of our students. The proceeds from the performance, which was dedicated to the memory of the Drama Club advisor Holly Marshall were donated to the NGO Saint Dimitrios, to further assist their work with severely disabled children and adults.

ANATOLIAN WINS 8th ASTRONOMY & ASTROPHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Anatolian alumnus 2014 Nikos Koukoulekidis won for the second year in a row, the bronze medal in the Astronomy & Astrophysics Olympiad among steep competition from 209 students. The annual international competition, which is known for its extreme level of difficulty and quality was held last August in Romania.

European Recognition for IB Entrepreneurs

The Anatolia IB Program was recognized as one of the top 20 schools in Europe for business training in the framework of the European Entrepreneurship 360 - a joint project of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the European Union. The conference, which was held in Potsdam, Germany, highlighted the results of entrepreneurial efforts in secondary education at 104 institutions from 27 countries in the EU. Anatolia IB Economics teacher Antigoni Pyrovetsi presented the award-winning project EXAPOT, a smart-watering system designed by Anatolia's students in the social business program, and which in 2013 took first place in the European Entrepreneurship Competition with the "Financial Management in Business Award."

News from the Student Counseling Office

Thirty-three Anatolia Seniors applied to U.S. universities for undergraduate studies and almost all thirty-three have had multiple acceptances, with four-year scholarships ranging from \$40,000 to \$250,000 per student! And over 90 Anatolians have been accepted to attend summer programs at 20 different universities across the U.S. Over \$130,000 in scholarships are helping our students attend the renowned Northfield Mount Hermon summer program, Scientific Discovery at St. Cloud University in Minnesota, STARS research at Saint Louis University, Hands-on Entrepreneurship at Lehigh University, and Camp Rising Sun in New York. For most students attending summer programs, it is their first extended time away from home and for others their first time traveling overseas - heading far and wide for college-level work, often including research and labs. They study alongside American and international students, following exciting courses ranging from police forensics to investigative journalism, robotics, neuropsychology, entrepreneurship, and pre-med, to name just a few.

Elementary School News



The new Kindergarten Annex

Long in need of more room to learn and grow, our Kindergartners moved into their new premises in November 2014 with great joy

The custom-built space was specially designed to meet the needs of our youngest Anatolians, providing a rich physical environment enhanced with innovative learning technologies and experiential opportunities for students and teachers alike. From their first steps into the new classroom, the children responded with delight and enthusiasm to the natural lighting, open spaces, and dedicated areas for reading, creative play, and more.

The Annex was made possible thanks to the Board of Trustees initiative to establish a Match Challenge in an effort to encourage third-party donors to support this important project. Anatolia College gratefully appreciates the generosity of the Major Benefactors: *The Trustees of Anatolia College, Athanasios & Dimitra Berberidis*, and Donors: *Mabiz S.A., The Alex & Faye Spanos Family Trust, Dimitris Gortzis, Edward Castro '64, Themis Chatzigiannopoulos '02.*

New Principal at Anatolia Elementary School

Ms. Melina Papadimitriou has taken over as Principal of Anatolia Elementary School, returning to her hometown of Thessaloniki after a remarkable journey of 28 years in the USA. Her background includes extensive experience in teaching and administrative roles, where she introduced innovative educational approaches at a number of schools. Before coming to AES, the new principal held the position of Lecturer in the Educational Department of the University of Wisconsin, teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. For thirteen years, she served as the Director at

various schools in the USA and has significant experience in training teachers. Ms. Melina Papadimitriou was born in Thessaloniki and began her studies at the School of Early Childhood Education of the Aristotelian University and then continued her studies in the USA. She graduated from the Pedagogical Department of Lakeland College in Wisconsin and holds a Master's degree from St. Catherine University, Minnesota, as well as a diploma in Montessori education. She has also done post-graduate studies in the School Management at the Viterbo University, Wisconsin.



Beauty and the Beast Performed by the English Drama Club

AES' 5th and 6th graders starred in a wonderful performance of the beloved fairytale Beauty and the Beast. The Pappas Theater was transformed into a small French village for the weekend, as our student-actors showed their talent on the stage. The English Drama Club, one of the most popular activities at AES, has as its mission the development of artistic talent and expression in our students, using theatrical works to foster an appreciation for the historical and social factors contained in the plays. As always, AES staff were responsible for the entire production, including direction, stage design, and costumes.



School Mediation A new approach to combatting Bullying

Anatolia Elementary School is taking concrete steps to a better school environment by adopting new methods of mediation and peaceful conflict resolution. These modern practices are effective in many situations, and utilize a combination of active communication and listening skills, peer-support, and realistic limit-enforcement to achieve a reduction in aggressive behavior and spur quick reconciliation. Staff and parents alike have been introduced to the practices which will be institutionalized throughout the levels of our school and in collaboration with ADR gUK, an acknowledged internationally as a leading authority in mediation and other dispute resolution techniques.





Fall Study Abroad Report

ACT saw a record number of U.S. students taking classes in the Fall semester. Over 300 students came from a large number of partner schools in the U.S. to attend ACT's challenging academic classes, and also get to know the region and its people.

The majority of these students came through the Northeastern Freshman Abroad Program

(NUin), and had the chance to take classes that are non-traditional for most study abroad programs, such as Engineering, Nursing and Pre - Med. All of them had a hard time saying goodbye to their new friends, the Thessaloniki boardwalk, the beaches and great restaurants they enjoyed.

This group as a whole spent over 4,900 hours

in volunteer service at humanitarian NGOs in our community. The Mayor of the City Yiannis Boutaris handed each one a Youth Ambassador Award on their last day here, asking them to represent our city back at their home institution. They are certainly ready for such a task and we will remember them fondly for their vigor, enthusiasm and generosity.

Second Forum on Business & Politics

The new entrepreneurial spirit, and the "Startup Fever" which has taken hold in Greece recently formed the subject of the second annual Forum on Business and Politics, "Entrepreneurship in Greece: Seeing the Big Picture," organized jointly by ACT's Dukakis Center and Anatolia School of Business. The forum, moderated by Dukakis Center Director Dr. David Wisner, featured speakers from public and private organizations, and the Anatolia School of Business and Center for Entrepreneurship. Emphasis was given to the broader social, political and economic perspective and the public desire and need to develop within these new paradigms.

Entrepreneurship in Greece: Looking at the big picture



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Entrepreneurialism grows at the Anatolia School of Business

The Entrepreneurship Hub at ACT was established with the generous sponsorship of the Hellenic Initiative, an organization comprising of global Greeks and Philhellenes dedicated to Invest in the future of Greece. This past year, the Hub has succeeded in increasing its footprint by providing budding young entrepreneurs with training, mentoring and networking opportunities resulting in tangible business results. Through its activities, it has reached out to more than 400 individuals in Thessaloniki and 50 in Volos through two pioneering initiatives, the VentureGarden Program and the John and Mary Pappajohn Business Plan Competition.

VentureGarden is a comprehensive educational and training process for entrepreneurs that want to develop their skills, gain access to a continuously growing entrepreneurial network and receive hands-on training. One success story involves the case of Good Vidio, a VentureGarden participant who went on to secure 300,000 Euros in start-up financing from Openfund II, a Greek Venture Capital Firm. The winners of the Business Plan Competition receive monetary awards to start their companies as well as the opportunity to receive mentoring and networking support from the Entrepreneurship Hub.



Robotics Lab @ ACT

The Robotics Lab began in 2014, offering practical and theoretical lessons in robotics to students and staff from Anatolia and ACT. By focusing on both research and educational perspectives, the Lab helps to enrich and empower synergies between teachers and students in the field of robotics.

29th Conference on Computing and Philosophy touches down at ACT

Once again the sun-soaked premises of ACT were host to a cohort of academics, scholars and researchers as the International Association for Computing and Philosophy (IACAP) held its annual conference on Computing and Philosophy, organized by our own Dr. Vincent C. Mueller. For three days the participants explored topics on a variety of issues like "The Limits of Information Science," "Possibilities and Inherent Risks of Technological Development," and "The Effect of Technology on Society and Culture." The conference is known for attracting some of the world's top academic minds, and this year featured keynote speeches by noted scientist and researcher Dr. Selmer Bringsjord, Professor of Informatics, Philosophy and Cognitive Science, and University of Georgia Professor Dr. Ronald Arkin.

Alumni Spotlight

Interview with Zizi Papacharissi '91



Alumna Zizi Papacharissi '91 is professor and head of the Communication Department at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Her work focuses on the social and political consequences of online media. The author of a multitude of books, journal articles, and reviews, she serves on the editorial board of eleven journals. Her most recent book is titled *"Affective Publics: Sentiment, Technology and Politics"* (published by Oxford University Press). Her work has been translated into Greek, Chinese, Korean, Hungarian, German, and Persian.

Did your years at Anatolia help prepare you for moving to America?

Definitely! More than anything else, Anatolia helped prepare us culturally for the changes we would encounter, whether here or anywhere else our lives took us.

What was the most useful course you were taught at Anatolia, and what memories do you still hold of those days?

Personally, I never liked to study very much. Although I excelled, I studied mostly just when we had exams, and I was always "reading on my feet" or on the bus – that is, at the last moment! My natural instinct was (and is) to learn as much as possible during class time. I am a visual learner, and this helped tremendously, especially when the teacher was especially engaged. Thus I learned from my own teachers, how to teach by talking with my students and not to them. And of course, the activities at Anatolia – as a student I worked on the school publications and forensics – which helped guide me finally into my own field today.

What changes can you observe, looking at the Anatolia of today?

Many changes! I graduated in 1991, and even then Anatolia was known for a progressive approach to education. Today, the school has far surpassed the rest of our schools, both those found in Greece as well as abroad. The campus, the level of teaching, the activities, and above all, the freedom of thought which characterizes all stages of the educational environment – all these transform Anatolia from a teaching institution into a real community.

And it's not only what has changed at Anatolia, but what we wish to change about the

school, that is, how our generation can leave an imprint as others have in the past. We owe this as graduates, to support our school in a creative, multi-dimensional and inspiring way, both those of us who are local as well as who reside elsewhere.

One way to do so this is through giving, and development programs – which is not so widely accepted in Greece but is a way of life outside our country. Schools, and universities as well, can't survive solely on the basis of their tuition; they all depend upon the generosity of their graduates whose recognition of what they gained spurs them to give back. Anatolia has always been ahead of its time, and really defined the meaning of modern education in Greece, by constantly offering new, and more inspiring, experiences. It is



our responsibility, as alumnae, to support our school in the most imaginative ways we can, so new generations can benefit in the way we have from this inspiring institution.

You have lived in the USA for many years now. What elements of American culture have you embraced and what parts of Greek culture have proven useful in your life there?

I had always wanted to go to the US for studies, and then to remain there to work, as I realized from a young age that there were many things which kept us, as a country behind. We have, as Greeks, recently begun to acknowledge these things but have not yet begun to overcome them. In addition, my doctoral research topic – the cultural and political behavior on the internet – was quite innovative back in 2000, and there were few others who specialized in the field. This area was viewed with indifference by the Greek universities back then. I must say, however, that the US is no paradise either. There are many chances to succeed, but you must work very hard and be prepared for really harsh scrutiny. The working environment is friendly, although it often seems superficial. I have tried to mix the positive aspects of both my cultures – the Greek and the American – but this can sometimes be a difficult balancing act! Times are changing though, and many of us share this "one foot in each land" lifestyle – we live in one country and another, with one part of our hearts in one culture and one in another; we are, in effect, citizens of the world. But you know something – in this regard Social Media is a great tool for me to keep in touch with both sides of my 'cultural identity'.



Anatolia students support their school!

Our students have embraced the school's mission of community support with great enthusiasm – and turned their sights inwards! Following a decision by the Student Council, our Gymnasio and Lykeio students have made a significant contribution by donating a portion of the proceeds of the annual Christmas Bazaar to Anatolia's extended Scholarship Program. An additional gift came from the Junior High School students, who donated the proceeds from their school activities over the past two years to the Program. Students also raised money for three new hallway benches. The students' efforts were recognized with warm congratulations and thanks from their President, Dr. Panos Vlachos.