

# In Focus: Your Voice

## ANATOLIA COLLEGE AT PRINCETON MUN

This fall, 16 students had the opportunity to participate in Princeton MUN, which took place in New Jersey, US. We left Thessaloniki on the 24th of November and returned on the 3rd of December.

Our trip began in Boston, where we were taken care of by the Anatolia Trustees. On the first day we walked the Freedom Trail, ate at Quincy Market and, after a brief stop at the Science Museum, where we watched a movie about Antarctica, we wandered at the Prudential Shopping Center and had dinner at the Cheesecake Factory. The following day we were taken on a tour

of the Harvard Campus, treated to lunch at the Fire & Ice Restaurant and then headed to the Museum of Fine Arts, where we spent some time looking at a new section of the museum that hosts an Ancient Greek coin collection and other interesting exhibits. Then we rushed to the hotel, changed in about 30 minutes and took the bus to the Union Club, near the Boston Common, where we attended a reception hosted by the trustees. It was a great opportunity to talk to them about many things and get to know them better.

On the next day we flew to New York, where we walked

around Times Square and 5th Ave. Since we had plenty of time, we visited the 9/11 memorial, rambled in Central Park and had free time to shop around 5th and 6th Ave. The biggest treat was getting to see the Christmas tree at the Rockefeller Center, which was lit on the day



we were there. The city that never sleeps was packed with people and decorated

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## ANOTHER SIDE OF PARIS

Taking part in Paris MUN was a challenging but remarkable experience. Despite the hard work that was demanded of us and the anxiety we naturally felt when faced with the task of debating important issues with students from around the world, my friends' com-

pany and the beauty of Paris itself made the trip unforgettable.

We spent the first two days exploring the town: we visited museums and experienced the unique atmosphere of Paris, its cobbled

roads, its cozy cafes, its busy shopping centres. On the third day we visited UNESCO's building, where the MUN conference was going to take place. Every one of us was thrilled to be hosted by such an important organization that has offered so much to our world

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for the holidays. Beautiful!

After five full but exciting days, we travelled to New Jersey, where the conference was taking place. Apart from a tour of the Princeton campus offered by the conference organisers, the next four days were filled with hard work, drafting resolutions and participating in fruitful debates. We came in contact with kids of different ages from all around the world.

Unfortunately, the moment of our long flight back arrived, but we returned satisfied and filled with memories. We would like to thank our teacher-chaperones, Mr. Arvanitis, Ms. Andoniou and Ms. Stamati, for making this trip unforgettable. It was a unique experience that we will never forget!

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## ANOTHER SIDE OF PARIS (...)continued

in the past decades. The inspiring opening ceremony was followed by intensive committee work by all participants. In the afternoons we visited the Lafayette Galleries, marveled at the Eiffel Tower and enjoyed the cold Paris nights.

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wonderful memories. I personally urge everyone to try and take part in MUN activities and conferences, for we are privileged to be attending a school that is actively involved in such mind-changing ventures. PMUN in particular is a great challenge and opportunity

that no one should miss. Just don't forget your gloves, for believe me, it is cold in Paris in the winter time!

Athanasiadou Maro, Class of '15

## WHY JOIN "1ST AND 2ND FORM FORENSICS"?

"I've got a gun! I've got a gun! Help me! What should I do?", said the frightened girl to a stranger. "I don't know. Maybe... drop it in the water and pretend to be in love with me!".

Don't worry! That's not a scene from CSI or NCIS. It's club time! Specifically, it's a moment recalled from one of the interactive games students take

part in in the "1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> form forensics" club. The target of this club is to teach young Anatolia students to speak English correctly through games and collaborative activities. The club advisors bolster the students' self-confidence, strengthen their team spirit and encourage cooperation among them. Who is in charge of the club? Ms Zika and Ms Hondropoulos. If you are

interested, join us every Thursday at 1:15 p.m.. I can promise it is a lot of fun!

Stefanos Arvanitakis, Class of '18

## OUR TRIP TO BOSTON, USA

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2012 the members of the Go-Green club from Anatolia College was sent to Boston on an educational Chemistry trip. More than one hundred students had attended the club in the fall in order to be selected for the trip but only twenty eight members including myself were finally chosen.

Our assignment for this educational trip was to carry out a project in English on a Chemistry topic, different for each student. Having prepared everything and packed up for the big trip we finally took off. The actual trip, which involved a connecting flight, took twenty four hours, which was a great experience by itself.

Our first destination was a research center which is called "Beyond Benign." Here we had a tour in the labs including a meeting with the founder of the Research Center. We also carried out an experiment in one of these labs.

Apart from the Research Center we also visited some of the most renowned universities in the world: Harvard University, M.I.T and North Eastern University. We also visited numerous amazing museums. Some of them were so huge that we almost spent a day touring around and enjoying the exhibits.

Finally, a tour of this big city and a shopping spree couldn't be resisted! We spent some of our evenings in

huge malls and on our last day we were free to go to Wrentham Village Premium Outlets. Wrentham was actually like a small picturesque village with over a hundred bungalows. Each one of them was a stock store selling different products by well-known brands. As you may imagine, we had a grand time purchasing all kinds of things from clothes and fashionable objects to mementos.

We were all sorry when the time came for us to say goodbye to Boston and get ready for our return home. It was an unforgettable trip and I hope that there will be many more to come in the very near future.

Loukia Sarasidou, Class of '15

## THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER

Recently, I visited our school library because I was looking for a book to read. I came across a very interesting novel, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. Its title, its cover and the summary of the plot on the back of the cover immediately attracted my attention. As I started reading the book and delved into it, I was captured by the strength and tenacity of the main character, Charlie.

I was really intrigued by Charlie's and his friends' ideas and way of thinking and quite often I could not help but relate to many of their worries, daily struggles and coping mechanisms. What I admired in Charlie was his constant endeavors to make his family and friends happy and how he would even

sacrifice his own happiness for the good of dear others. This book was for me a gentle reminder of how valuable family, friendship and teenage years are.

After reading the book, I found out that a film which is based on the novel has been made under the same title. Well-known actors, familiar to most movie-lovers, star in this film, Emma Watson and Logan Lerman among them. Watching the movie was also worthwhile, but I have to admit that a film could never exhaust the inspiring themes of the original novel.

This book made me take a reflective stance towards life. I am really pleased with myself for visiting the school li-

brary and I encourage all my peers to do the same. Discovering a book can be an illuminating experience.

Selina Mourmoura, Class of '17

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## HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FASHION CLUB?

The Fashion Club at Anatolia College teaches students all about fashion designing. It takes place in the Art Room of Macedonia Hall, every Tuesday during the big break. There, members learn how to design fashionable clothes or how to depict on paper new ideas they have about fashion. Sometimes, members of the club make collages: they cut out pictures of male and female figures from magazines and paste on them the different images of clothes they have created. Other times, they draw the outline of their designer ideas, cut these out on true fabric and dress their collage figures with mini-clothes made of real material.

What is most exciting is that during the year, members of the fashion club collect their designs and at the end of the year they have a complete collection of different kinds of fashion creations.

So, if you want to learn how to design clothes, or you want to put your artistic inspiration to creative use, this is a club you must explore! For, you never know! You may become a famous fashion designer one day!

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## ABUSE HAPPINESS NOT SUBSTANCES

Earlier this year we interviewed Ms Gerathanasis about the program she has been involved in and which concerns the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse among young people. The purpose of the program is to inform students about substance abuse through their participation in various games, activities and discussions.

Research has shown that there is quite a serious problem of alcohol and drug abuse among teenagers and young adults in Greece. This is partly the result of lack of sufficient knowledge among teenagers re-

ing the destructive effects of such substances on their health. Due to their sensitive psychological situation, young people want to try anything new, extreme and dangerous, often in order to draw other people's attention.

For this reason, parents who have teenage children should actively show their interest in and concern about their children's wellbeing, but not in a tiring and pressing way. They should be open to discussion and they should attempt to understand their children's point of view. Building a dividing wall between themselves and

their children will only make communication even more difficult and might urge teenagers to resort to harmful substances.

Finally, when we asked Ms Gerathanasis what would be the ideal motto for a campaign against the abuse of dangerous substances, she told us the following: "ABUSE HAPPINESS NOT SUBSTANCES".

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