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Trustees Gather to Honor Bissell and Launch Campaign

A record 29 Anatolia Trustees from Greece and the U.S. attended the May 15-20 Board meetings in Thessaloniki and Athens, drawn not only by the call of duty but by the twin bill of honoring outgoing Chairman George Bissell's many years of service at the helm of the Board, and launching the public phase of Anatolia's current \$20 million capital campaign. They also deliberated on the many issues facing an increasingly complex institution, from the expansion of the Elementary School to new initiatives at the American College of Thessaloniki (ACT).

The rhythm of the meetings was business during the day and dinners in the evening – five of them in a row, given in the trustees' honor by President Jackson, Stavros '47 and Loretta Constantinides, the Anatolia Alumni Association, John '54 and Maria Christina Bilimatsis, and Serge '60 and Yanna Hadji-Mihaloglou. The centerpiece of the Thessaloniki sequence, an elegant dinner cohosted by the Alumni Association and the school at the Macedonian Museum of Modern Art, was an emotional high point for trustees and alumni.

It was at this dinner that the trustees



George S. Bissell, a beloved leader, with a keepsake from the school

paid tribute to their long-time leader, George S. Bissell, who is stepping down from his post as Chairman but will remain an active member of the Board. Jack Clymer, his successor and himself a long-time trustee, spoke of Bissell's qualities of leadership, modesty, and generosity that have guided Anatolia over the past two decades. President Jackson also paid tribute to

Bissell, whom he characterized as "an inspiration to all members of the Anatolia family." In accepting several gifts bestowed on him by the Alumni Association, the Friends Association, and the school, Bissell spoke movingly of the meaning for him of Anatolia College, which he described as "the most important thing in my life other than my family."

The dinner was preceded by a meeting of the Board at which the Third Century Campaign had its public launch. Campaigns typically unfold in two phases, the silent and the public. The prior phase of Anatolia's effort, begun in 2005, allowed trustees and close friends of the school to generate the initial momentum of the drive, which to date has recorded more than \$10 million in gifts and pledges. The success of the second, "outreach" phase, aiming for an equal sum, will depend on the support that those closest to the school can rally from new supporters and old friends who have not yet stepped forward. The determination in the room to achieve the goals of the Campaign was palpable.

The goals themselves involve ambitious new construction projects and endowments, some of them already at various stages of completion. In particular, the second phase of the campaign seeks to:

- Renovate Anatolia's gymnasium, used seven days a week, morning, noon, and night, by all divisions of the school as well as by Alumni Association teams.

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Yale President Richard Levin Speaks at Anatolia



Epaminondas Farmakis of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Richard Jackson, Artemis Zenetou of the Fulbright Foundation, Richard Levin, U.S. Consul General Hoyt Brian Yee

The Fulbright Foundation in Greece turned 60 this year, and to celebrate it organized a series of talks by Americans under the rubric of "Great Ideas." The goal of the series is to bring noted American experts to Greece, to Athens

and Thessaloniki, to discuss topics of interest to the Greek and American people. On May 7, ACT and Anatolia were co-presenters of Yale University President Richard Levin's lecture on "The Internationalization of the University," the

second in the series. The Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation is the series' major sponsor.

Richard Levin, an economist, has been President of Yale for fifteen years. Among other initiatives, he founded the Globalization Research Center at Yale, and it was on the global reach of university education that he spoke to a full house in Raphael Hall that included many local Yale alumni, many of them also Anatolians.

He began by observing that the internationalization of the university was an evolutionary development, noting that Yale had been drawing students from outside the U.S. for more than 200 years. "But," he said, "internationalizing the university is also a revolutionary development – signaling the need for transformational changes in the curriculum of

the modern university, the flow of students across borders, the scope and breadth of international collaborations in research, and the engagement of the university with new audiences." He went on to address each of those topics in turn.

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Carnation Day, on which juniors give flowers to seniors on the last day of classes

Karagianis Appointed Director of U.S. Operations

Working to strengthen ties between America and Greece and contributing to global higher education were among the motivations that brought Pulitzer-prize-winning writer and social entrepreneur Maria Karagianis to Anatolia College, where she has been working since March as Director of U.S. Operations.

Located on Boston's Beacon Hill next to the historic gold-domed State House, Anatolia's American headquarters date back to the 19th century, when hundreds of educators and missionaries left their homes to build American schools throughout the Near East and beyond. Some of the schools they founded, like Anatolia,



have not only survived but thrived, through wars, famines, revolutions and dislocation.

"My Greek grandmother and her brothers graduated from a sister school of Anatolia's – Robert College, in Constantinople – before she and her family were displaced when the Ottoman Empire collapsed," Karagianis relates. "I've long been interested in the proud history, longevity and excellence of institutions like Anatolia and am proud to be working with a great team of people – both here in the United States and in Greece – to ensure a healthy third century for the institution."

Karagianis began her career at the *Boston Globe*, where she was part of a team which won the Pulitzer Prize gold medal for coverage of Boston's

school de-segregation crisis. She later was a foreign correspondent for the *Rand Daily Mail* in South Africa, covered the civil war in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) and was a political reporter before leaving daily reporting after 13 years to pursue a master's degree in world religion from Harvard University.

For the last nine years, Karagianis has served as Founder and CEO of Discovering Justice, a nationally recognized civil education organization which has been written about extensively in the American press and which Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer said publicly he would like to see replicated "in every courthouse in America."

AAICU News

The American Association of International Colleges and Universities (AAICU) is a leadership organization representing academic institutions operating abroad conceived and organized on the American model of higher education. Institutional autonomy, guaranteed by independent boards of trustees, and accreditation by a major recognized U.S. accrediting authority are conditions of full membership. Since May of 2007 Anatolia and ACT President Richard Jackson has been serving as the 24-member Association's President.

At its April meeting at the American University in Cairo, the AAICU unanimously issued a declaration affirming the importance and special character of its member institutions.

Major points of the declaration included:

- AAICU member institutions aim at a global standard of excellence by providing privileged spaces of intellectual interchange, academic freedom and responsibility.

- With strong roots in their respective host countries, AAICU members are capable of bridging cultures and fostering dialogue among nations within the framework of the American liberal arts tradition.

- In the contemporary knowledge-driven world, with its global economy and trans-border social issues, they play a crucial role in establishing, embodying, and verifying standards of educational excellence.

- AAICU institutions are among America's most important cultural assets in different regions of the world, and are deserving of both public and private support.



AAICU Presidents and Provosts visiting the new American University of Cairo library in Cairo

The declaration notes that the AAICU's ability to monitor educational quality is of particular value at a time when institutions which claim to follow U.S. standards are proliferating, and that AAICU institutions provide tested venues for study abroad programs. The declaration

urges continued U.S. government, foundation, and corporate support for AAICU institutions, recognizing the vital role of these institutions in advancing social progress, fostering economic development, and educating future leaders in their respective host countries.

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He said he envisioned a curriculum "permeated by awareness that political, economic, social, and cultural phenomena in any part of the world can no longer be fully understood in isolation," and gave instances of how that is being realized at Yale and other universities. What he said next resonated with particular force at Anatolia and

ACT, which have long pursued an inter-cultural path: "Increased interdependence requires that the leaders and citizens of tomorrow have cross-cultural awareness, a trait that Americans in particular have historically lacked. In both their private and public lives, the students of today will find that the outside world cannot be ignored. To an unprecedented extent, the careers of the next generation will be global in scope, whether in business, law, health care, or education. Students need to be prepared for interaction around the globe, in the personal challenges they confront as well as the

public challenges we face together."

He spoke directly about the increased flow of students across borders, calling it "the most dramatic adaptation of universities to globalization." He noted with approval the 4% annual rise in U.S. students studying abroad over the past 30 years to its current level of 2.5 million students, and expressed the hope that they will help create "the capacity for cross-cultural understanding that will be so important for the future peace and prosperity of the planet."

Not surprisingly, given the currency and controversy surrounding the topic in Greece, some of the questions that followed had to do with President Levin's views on the relation of public and private universities. While not presuming to advise the Greek state what

to do, he noted how public and private universities have successfully and productively operated side by side in the United States (at present the Greek constitution only permits the operation of public universities as such, consigning U.S.-accredited institutions like ACT to the category of "centers of free studies"). While his manner was discreet, his message was timely, and his views were widely reported.

While at Anatolia, President Levin also had a chance to speak to two Yale-bound seniors, Alexander Beltes and Panagiotis Progios (profiled in the fall 2007 *Anatolian*), to meet with President Jackson, and to give interviews to local journalists. The full text of his talk is available on the Yale website at <http://www.yale.edu/opa/president/speeches/20080506-2.html>.

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High School News

Comedy Tonight!



The Drama Club's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" was a 60s revival that struck a contemporary chord.



The Greek Theater Club put on Psathas' 1960s comedy "Ο Αχόρτατος" ("The Insatiable One"), a still potent satire on acquisitiveness and vaulting ambition.

It Was Another Good Year

It was an exceptionally competitive year for U.S. college admissions, with record low acceptance rates at top schools: all the more reason to applaud the Anatolia results. Members of the class of 2008 will be attending the following U.S. institutions, many with substantial or full scholarships: Bennington, Bowdoin, Brandeis, Clark, Drexel (2), Duke, Fairleigh Dickinson, Grinnell, Haverford, Kenyon, Lehigh, Northeastern, NYU, Princeton, the University of Chicago, Wesleyan, Yale (2).

"These are not only great schools, they're the right schools for the kids who applied to them," says Eva Varellas Kanellis, Director of U.S. College Counseling. "This is a matchmaking process, and I foresee a lot of happy marriages."

Not all the flow is to U.S. colleges. While the majority of Anatolia graduates will enroll at the best Greek universities based on their scores on the just completed Panhellenic exams, a number have also chosen to study in England or other foreign countries, with acceptances conditional upon final grades.

"The Grandson of a Greek"

When Nicholas Sarkozy was elected President of France in May, 2007, he thanked the French people for choosing him: "me, the son of a Hungarian immigrant and the grandson of a Greek from Thessaloniki."

Six months later "Εγώ, ο Εγγονός ενός Έλληνα" appeared. One of its three authors was Anatolia philologue Leon Nar, himself a member of the Thessaloniki Jewish community to which Sarkozy's grandfather had belonged. He and his co-authors had been playing a hunch: they had begun their project well before the election.

The book is now in its fourth printing, and a French translation is about to come out. Sarkozy is a publishing phenomenon: there are 100 other titles in print about the charismatic and controversial French leader. Proud of his Greek roots, he mentioned the Greek book twice to the press at the recent EU summit in Bucharest. Sarkozy himself does not read Greek, and he is Catholic. He did not even learn that his grandfather, who converted to Catholicism when he married a French woman, was Jewish until after the latter's death in 1972. But after his parents' divorce when he was

a child, he lived with his mother and grandfather, and the latter's influence on him was profound.

That grandfather, Aaron (known as "Beniko") Mallach, was born in Thessaloniki in 1890 into a family of merchants and professionals. Two of his siblings would serve in the Greek parliament. His family had roots in the Jewish community which came to Thessaloniki from Provence in the 16th century. The French connection persisted, and Beniko learned the language at the city's progressive Alliance Israélite Universelle. Wishing to pursue medical studies, and in the face of rising political tensions in Thessaloniki, he went to France when he was only 14 years old. He became a doctor and a French citizen, served in the French Army in WW I, survived the Holocaust by hiding in the Pyrenees, and emerged a strong supporter of Charles de Gaulle, a political affiliation he passed on to his grandson. Nar contributed the section of "Εγώ,



The cover shows, besides Nikolas Sarkozy, his grandfather Beniko Mallach, Thessaloniki circa 1900, and Greek Parliamentarian Asir Mallach, Sarkozy's great uncle.

ο Εγγονός ενός Έλληνα" that deals with the Thessaloniki in which Beniko Mallach was raised, illustrating it with many little known turn-of-the-century photographs. Asked what he himself thinks of Sarkozy, Nar replies that "He's a different kind of politician. Whether you agree with him or not, he comes across as a dynamic leader." Sarkozy visited Thessaloniki not long after his grandfather's death, and he was back in Athens in June of this year for a diplomatic visit

and a warmly received address to the Greek Parliament, in which he reiterated his support for Greece's position on the name dispute with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Nar, who recently received his doctorate in Modern Greek Literature from Thessaloniki's Aristotle University, has another book in the works, on a less well known figure. His study of Greek poet Josef Eligia, the subject of his dissertation, will be published in the fall.



Photo: Spiros D. Katopodis
Greek Foreign Minister Dora Bakogiannis, publisher Athanassios Kastaniotis, and Anatolia teacher and co-author Leon Nar on publication day in Athens

Scenes from the Launch



Trustees and guests watching the Great Anatolia Quotations show before the Alumni Association dinner. The quotation being shown at this moment is from President Jackson: "There is a caring and commitment to the Anatolia family that is, I believe, unique in Greece. Entering students join not just for an education and the years of school, but for all time, and Anatolia remains for many one of the most important dimensions of their lives."

The Third Century Campaign

- 19th century: Anatolia founded in Asia Minor, 1886
- 20th century: Anatolia becomes one of the great schools of Greece
- 21st century: Anatolia expands into elementary and post-graduate education, renovates and innovates!

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The gym, built in 1975, is in need of a major overhaul. Work will begin this summer; whether it will continue past December is up to those whose support can make completion of the project possible. The Campaign has already achieved an impressive upgrading of Anatolia's main soccer field and track.

- Complete the renovations to the Raphael Hall Performing Arts Center. The Center was opened in May of last year and has been in continuous use by all divisions of Anatolia. But its exterior remains unfinished, and its interior spaces remain unnamed.

- Transform the former Pinewood School buildings into a home for the upper grades of Anatolia Elementary. Pinewood has moved off campus, freeing its former quarters for Anatolia's use. An investment in modernizing the facilities is essential.

- Complete funding of the Ingle Hall Classroom Annex at the high school, built and opened for the 2006-07 school year but still not paid for in

full. Naming opportunities remain, though they are going fast!

- Renovate Ladas Hall, now a residential building, to allow for expansion of the rapidly growing International Baccalaureate Program by the creation of new, state-of-the-art classroom and laboratory facilities.

- Build Anatolia's endowment, particularly for scholarships, which have been integral to the school's identity since its founding.

Before the campaign launch was over, it was given immediate momentum by the announcement by new Alumni Association President John Rentzeperis '77 of a leadership contribution by the Association toward the \$250,000 costs of first-phase renovation of the former Pinewood facilities. Other recent gifts include those from Fotis '86 and Nonita '81 Papadopoulos for the gymnasium renovation, two Anatolia scholarships and sponsorship of athletic events, and from Jack '66 and Micky '69 Florentin and Christos Ginis '77 for a new hardwood

floor in the gymnasium.

The trustees also dedicated the new Logothetis Science Laboratory in Ingle Hall, given by the Logothetis family in memory of Andreas Logothetis, and inaugurated a new Ingle Hall classroom in memory of Sima Kouyoumdjian, given in her memory by her grand-niece Natalia Orfanos '64 and Alex Spanos. The presence of both trustee Charlie Raphael and his sister Lois Cameron recalled the warm and generous support given by their mother Antigone Raphael to Anatolia during her lifetime and the recently received \$508,000 bequest she made to the scholarship program in her will.

The trustees also honored Ioannis Boutaris '60, noted wine-maker, former mayoral candidate, and one of Greece's leading environmentalists, as the 2008 Anatolia Alumnus of the Year for his devotion to the highest ideals of public service, commitment to the environment, and courage in speaking out against substance abuse. Trustees and guests viewed an

inspiring presentation of great quotations from Anatolians past and present, accompanied by photos and the strains of "Morning Cometh." The five-minute presentation is available on-line at http://www.anatolia.edu.gr/user_files/+quotes.html.

Successful capital campaigns take organization and manpower. Under the overall direction of Chairman Jack Clymer, the Campaign will be spearheaded by Development Committee Chairman Charlie Raphael in the United States and by a Sub-Committee in Greece led by Trustee Antonis Kamaras '83.

At the school, President Jackson is coordinating efforts with Maria Karagianis as Director of U.S. Operations for Anatolia in Boston and Maria Tsekou '82, who is based in Athens as Director for European Development. A series of Campaign outreach events is in the planning stages. Those wishing to volunteer time – or make a gift! – to the Campaign are warmly invited to contact any of the above.



Alumni Association President John Rentzeperis '77



Poolside at the home of Stavros and Loretta Constantinides



Serge Hadji-Michailoglou '60, Lois Cameron, Constance Logothetis, Charlie Raphael



Ioannis Boutaris '60 receiving the Alumnum of the Year award from President Jackson



Constantinos Constantinides, Jack Florentin '66, Elina Constantinides, Daisy Florentin, Katerina Papaioannou, Demetra Constantinides



Antonis Kamaras '83 with Fani Boutari '86 and Maria Tsekou '82



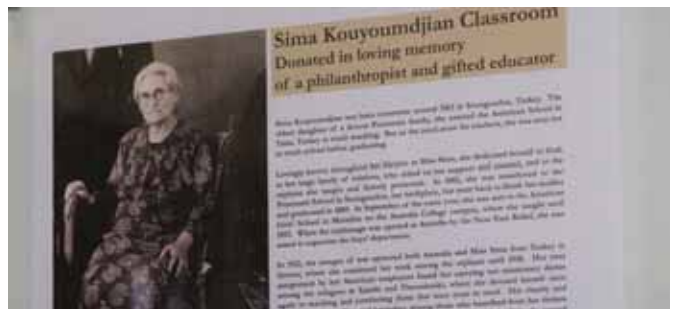
Anestis Logothetis '53, Constance Logotheti, Jack Clymer, Ourania Logotheti



President Jackson, Helen Lindsay '64, Dan Lindsay



Stavros Constantinides '47, Maria Tsekou '82, Leonidas Evangelides '53, George Antoniadis



The plaque honoring Sima Kouyoumdjian in the Ingle Annex

ACT and Northeastern University Strengthen Ties



Some of the current Northeastern University study-abroad students at ACT

Boston's Northeastern University cuts a distinctive figure in American higher education. In 110 years it has grown from a school offering evening classes to immigrants to one of the largest private research universities in the United States, with more than 15,000 undergraduates and 6,000 graduate students. It is well known for its emphasis on experiential learning, embodied in its co-operative education requirements, whereby students take internships in order to integrate real-world experience with their classroom learning, typically extending their Northeastern undergraduate program by a full year. Its thriving study abroad programs at more than 45 campuses worldwide provide a further opportunity for students to learn outside the classroom. And these days it's a "hot school," attracting record numbers of applicants while raising its student academic profile.

Since 2004 The American College of Thessaloniki (ACT), Anatolia's tertiary division, has been one of Northeastern's study abroad partners, and Northeastern enrollment at ACT is about to grow dramatically. "There have always been half a dozen NU students at ACT in any given term, and this term there are a record 16," comments Dr. Archontis Pantsios, Assistant Dean for Academic and Student Affairs and International Programs. "This coming fall, we're embarking on a new venture with Northeastern. As many as sixty pre-freshman NU students will spend the Fall '08 semester at ACT taking four courses for full credit and attending classes with regular ACT students and other U.S. study abroad students. Preliminary discussions have also begun on a 2+2 program to start in Fall 2009, whereby NU students would spend their first two college years at ACT before completing their degrees in Boston."

It's not only through study abroad programs that Anatolia and Northeastern have ties. Two prominent members of the NU science faculty, Paul Vouros '57 and Christos Zahopoulos '73, are Anatolians. Governor Michael Dukakis, a repeat visitor to ACT in whose honor the Dukakis Chair in Public Policy and Service was created, is Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Northeastern. One Anatolian, Dimitris Petridis '05, is currently an NU undergraduate, and he is about to be joined by Foivos Kanellis '08.

"That's why I'm here"

Kelley Daly (at left in picture), from South Burlington, Vermont, had never been to Greece before. "That's why I'm here," she explains. "I wanted something new and different, not to go with the crowds to Italy or Australia." She's a Communications and Psychology major who's very happy to be hellenizing. "It was easier when I learned a little Greek. Greeks don't expect it from someone who looks like me, and they immediately open up to you." Besides Greek, she's taking courses in English, Psychology, and Art History. She's traveled to Paros, Mykonos, Santorini, and Halkidiki, among other places. Don't get the wrong idea, though. The *Anatolian* caught up with her at the ACT Writing Center, where she was hard at work on a term paper on Botticelli for her Art History class.

Dukakis Visitors Go Global



King Simeon II of Bulgaria

This term's visitors to ACT under the auspices of the Michael S. Dukakis Chair in Public Policy and Service have highlighted the institution's role as a nexus of international dialogue.

- Noted historian Evangelos Kofos came to ACT to lecture on "Balkan Identities in Time." Professor Kofos, now a special advisor to ELIAMEP, had seen a group of ACT students from Thessaloniki and FYROM debate the Macedonian name issue with journalist Tasos Teloglou on SKAI TV, and wished to further the discussion.

- ACT hosted the Honorable Dilip Sinha, Indian Ambassador to Greece, for a lecture on "India and Global Affairs." The Ambassador discussed the post-independence history of India and drew attention to his country's emergence onto the international scene. He emphasized in particular India's insistence on maintaining an independent foreign policy.

- His Majesty King Simeon II, former Prime Minister

of Bulgaria, visited ACT on March 31st to speak with ACT students on Bulgaria's relations with countries in the Balkan region and then deliver a Dukakis Lecture on Bulgaria's experience as a new member of the European Union.

- Retired American diplomat John Brady Kiesling returned to ACT for a master class on U.S.-Greek bilateral relations. Kiesling is the author of *Diplomacy Lessons* and is currently writing a book on the now defunct November 17 terrorist organization.

- Another return visitor was acclaimed author Theo Halo (*Not Even My Name*), who spoke on her transition "From Author to Activist." The cause she is active in is the recognition of the genocide of more than 300,000 Greeks of the Pontus region of Asia Minor in the period during and following World War I.

- Retired senior U.S. diplomat Marten Van Heuven returned to ACT to give a senior seminar on the 1990 U.S. National Security Estimate on the former Yugoslavia (which proved to be quite accurate, though little heeded at the time) and participate in an American Studies Seminar co-sponsored by ACT and the U.S. Consul General of Thessaloniki.

Loyola Comes to ACT

The Greek summer may conjure up visions of Aegean islands in the minds of many, but from June 23 to July 21 it means the summer academic session at the American College of Thessaloniki. (For the weekends, there is Halkidiki, and the islands await at the conclusion of the term).

New this summer is a graduate course in "Ethical Considerations in Marketing Decision Making," being offered as part of ACT's MBA curriculum from June 30 to July 11 in collaboration with Loyola University Chicago. Students from Loyola will travel to ACT specifically to attend the course, to be co-taught by Loyola Professor and Chair of the Marketing Department, Dr. Ray Benton, and ACT Professor and Managing Principal of PRAXI Management Consultants, Hercules Mousiades '79.

The seminar will focus on the ethical issues that marketing and general managers regularly face in pricing, customer relationships, product design, and distribution channel design and management.

Educational Entrepreneur Christos Zahopoulos '73

For Professor Christos Zahopoulos '73, holder of a joint appointment at Northeastern's College of Engineering and Department of Education, it all began when his 6th grade teacher in the Thessaloniki district of Harilaou suggested that he give the Anatolia entrance exams a try. It was not something that he or his family had considered, as Anatolia's tuition exceeded his father's annual income. But his score on the exams led Anatolia to offer him a full scholarship, funded by the Squibb corporation, then active in Greece.

have one year to make a difference." "It was a risky idea for someone who was pursuing a conventional career path in scientific research," says Zahopoulos. "But, being the adventurer, I said yes."

He had never been into an American junior high or high school classroom, but in he went. He taught alongside the teachers and began to win their trust by improving their own knowledge of science and teaching approach. He describes the middle schools in the Boston area of those days as "an intellectual desert," just the

time "using science" volunteered to assist classroom teachers. What began with six volunteers in Boston caught fire, and, with NSF and private foundation support, the program has trained more than 500 retirees, who, volunteering one day a week, have offered more than 500,000 hours working with 100,000 students in 11 states.

Other education projects followed, including the Boston Science Partnership, a \$13-million NSF-funded program aimed at improving student achievement in science in grades 6-12 in Boston, also involving UMass Boston and the Boston Public Schools as core partners with Northeastern.

Zahopoulos is also founder and Executive Director of the Center for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education at Northeastern. This university-wide center, established two years ago, aspires to play a key role in shaping the University's vision on STEM teaching and learning and in improving STEM Education at both the pre-college and college levels, locally and nationally. Zahopoulos is responsible for creating the Center's vision, setting key policies, and raising funds.

For the past two years, he has also been involved in improving STEM teaching and learning at the university level. Toward that end he has conducted a series of professional development seminars for university professors in STEM fields on "The Latest Research on How People Learn and Its Implications for University Teaching and Learning." And what does the research say? "Lecturing doesn't work, even in universities," he replies. "It is essential to engage students in active learning, and to ascertain the knowledge that they themselves bring to the table. Students must be trained to reason through evidence so that they can apply what they have learned in different contexts."

But he also knows that what happens in the classroom is only part of the picture. He says that parental involvement in children's education and a close relationship among parents, teachers, and school administrators is the formula for success. The caliber of those becoming science teachers is another key factor and a major problem. "Teaching salaries cannot compete with those in the private sector for people with scientific and technical expertise. Too many talented people avoid the profession. Yet the nation's future prosperity depends on the quality of science teaching in our schools."

He cites the 2007 Congressional report "Rising Above the Gathering Storm," on future U.S. economic prospects, as identifying "vastly improving K-12 mathematics and science education" as the nation's top educational priority. Ironically, notes Zahopoulos, other countries have been quicker off the mark in implementing the report's recommendations.

Zahopoulos is an optimist, however. He observes that the U.S. has something unique: a climate that encourages innovation and allows the individual to flourish. He says that Northeastern's own culture is highly entrepreneurial, which has enabled him to create his projects and win support for them (more than \$21 million to date), beginning with "my own startup" in 1989. At present he's working on the final chapter of a book on "the physics science teachers need to know and how to teach it."

Though firmly established in the U.S., married to a Greek-American and with two school-age children, he visits Greece with his family every summer, sometimes stopping in at Anatolia, on whose Board of Trustees he served as an alumni representative ten years ago.

Invited to give a presentation on science education before the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, he found that a co-presenter from the U.S. National Research Center was a top executive in what is now Bristol-Myers Squibb, the sponsor of his Anatolia scholarship: Zahopoulos thanked him – and was thanked in return.

New Research Initiatives at ACT

Lunched in 2006, the ACT Research Program has recently been expanded to include two new initiatives, the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Research Program and the Environmental Studies Fund. The former is made possible through the support of trustee John Pappajohn, and the latter through the generosity of trustee Elias Kulukundis. A total of ten ACT faculty members will benefit from the new research grants, and a significant number of ACT students will have the opportunity to work alongside them as research assistants.



Professor Zahopoulos with Boston public school science teachers

“Lecturing doesn't work, even in universities...It is essential to engage students in active learning”

After graduation he won another scholarship, to Wabash College in Indiana, the alma mater of an Anatolia teacher of the period. Then it was off to Northeastern, again with a scholarship, where he received his Ph.D. in Physics. After a postgraduate fellowship at Harvard he returned to Northeastern as a research scientist and teacher of undergraduates.

Something that happened in 1983 changed his life. In that year the U.S. government report "A Nation at Risk" warned the country of grave consequences if its system of basic education was not reformed. A senior professor of Physics at Northeastern read the report and made a proposition to his junior colleague, in whom he discerned a natural ability to teach and inspire: "Get involved in improving science education at the K-12 level two days per week. I'll pick a school. You

kind of lost opportunity that "A Nation at Risk" had highlighted. In 1989 he founded SEED (Science Education through Experiments and Demonstrations), a program directed at upper elementary, middle, and high school teachers designed to encourage hands-on, inquiry and activity-based classroom techniques and critical thinking. The National Science Foundation provided funding. The program ran for fourteen years and trained more than 500 teachers, with many more watching live interactive telecasts on MCET TV.

But Zahopoulos needed manpower to improve science education beyond the Boston area. A casual conversation with a retired engineer led to the formation of RE-SEED in 1991. Add "Retirees Enhancing" to the project name and you get the idea: scientists and engineers who had spent a life-

Like Father, Like Son-in-Law

It's all in the Anatolia family for Trustees John Pappajohn and Argyris Vassiliou

By Maria Karagianis

"You couldn't clone a better son-in-law," John Pappajohn, a longtime Anatolia trustee, was saying over the telephone about his son-in-law Argyris "RJ" Vassiliou, who is married to Pappajohn's only child, Ann, and who's recently also become an Anatolia trustee.

It was 6 a.m. in Des Moines, Iowa, and Pappajohn, a philanthropist, venture capitalist, serial entrepreneur and well-known art collector, had already been up for an hour and a half. "I still work seven days a week," he confided. "My wife makes me breakfast at 5:30 every morning, then I come into the office, and I go home by 6 p.m. And I'm in New York City on business 12 days every month." This schedule might not seem remarkable for a hard-charging business executive except that Pappajohn is 80 and has been working like this since he was 16. That was when his father died suddenly and

A legend in Iowa, where he is one of the state's most generous philanthropists, Pappajohn said he first became interested in Anatolia many years ago through a friendship he had with a "gentleman named Curtis Lamb, who had gone to Grinnell College here in Iowa. Lamb had been a teacher in Greece at Anatolia, then returned to Des Moines, where I met him, because we were both in the insurance business at the time." Joining the Anatolia board 20 years ago, in 1988, Pappajohn has been a generous benefactor, most recently with the announcement of a leadership gift toward the school's Third Century Campaign.

Pappajohn seems delighted that his son-in-law RJ, a genial 40-year-old New York-based entrepreneur and the father of Pappajohn's two grandchildren, Nicholas and Alexandra, is following in the family tradition by also becoming an



Ann and Argyris Vassiliou at Anatolia during the recent Trustee meetings

New York, which has one of the largest populations of Greeks outside of Greece. His father was from Macedonia and immigrated to the

United States at the age of nine amidst the violence and famine of the Greek civil war. A graduate of New York's prestigious Stuyvesant High School, Vassiliou excelled there, he said, by learning to master the art of time management, studying during his long commute to school while balancing extra-curricular activities like being captain of the basketball team.

After earning a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at Cooper Union, Vassiliou studied for a master's degree in structural engineering at Princeton. He first heard of Anatolia, he said, while at graduate school, where he was recruited for pick-up basketball games by some Greek Anatolia grads also studying at Princeton. One weekend, at the urging of a friend, he reluctantly flew to Salt Lake City, Utah for a meeting of the Greek Young Adult League. It proved to be a worthwhile trip: while there, he met Ann Pappajohn, his wife-to-be.

Like his father-in-law, Vassiliou treasures the Greek immigrant values he inherited from his late father – a belief in hard work, integrity and family loyalty. For his part, the elder of the two men would also add art, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy to his list of what makes life worth living. Art is a long-time love. This summer, Pappajohn and his wife Mary, who bought their first painting shortly after their marriage, will be

featured in ARTNEWS, a national art magazine published in the United States. The couple have also funded five centers for entrepreneurship at colleges in Iowa and have established the Pappajohn Business Plan Competition at ACT, which carries cash awards. But the highest value, for him, is philanthropy pure and simple.

"Charity really did start for me at home," Pappajohn said. "During the Depression, I remember people stealing an onion or a potato from my father's store – because they were starving. And my mother and father would invite them home for dinner. My mother's philosophy was the more you give, the more you get back. And I feel very strongly that sometimes the worst things that happen to us – like when my father died – can often be a blessing in disguise. I tell young people that sometimes adversity is the prod you need to succeed."

A few days after being interviewed for this article, Pappajohn in Iowa and Vassiliou in New York, the two men and their families were going on a two-week trip together to Italy – to Rome, Florence and Venice. Looking ahead to the trip, 40-year-old Vassiliou was saying of his 80-year-old father-in-law, "I'm simply amazed at his energy level. We'll hardly be able to keep up with him." Following his example of service to Anatolia is not a bad place to start.

The poster announcing this year's Pappajohn Business Plan Competition at ACT. One MBA student and one undergraduate business student will win a \$5,000 prize as seed money for their new ventures.

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he was left as the sole support of his two younger brothers and his non-English-speaking mother, an immigrant from the Greek island of Euboea. The family lived, at the time, in Mason City, Iowa, and Pappajohn took over the management of his father's store, while finishing school, attending college, taking care of his mother and also paying for his two brothers to go to college..

"Trauma," he said cheerfully. "It can sometimes be the best thing that happens to a person. In my case, it made me strong."

Anatolia trustee. Vassiliou is also heading up an informal group of Anatolia trustees, alumni and other friends in the tri-state area of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey.

Vassiliou is, like his father-in-law, a businessman. He is the president of two family-owned businesses – Acme Pallet, an industrial engineering company based in New York City, and DiCor Industries, a specialty structural steel fabrication company, located near his home in Stamford, Connecticut. The son of Greek immigrants, Vassiliou was born in Astoria,

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