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Hans Giesecke Named 10th President of Anatolia

American educator Dr. Hans C. Giesecke, 53, has been chosen to become the 10th President of Anatolia College and the American College of Thessaloniki. Born in Salem, Oregon to a family of German immigrants and East German political refugees, Dr. Giesecke grew up there and in Washington State. President and CEO of Independent Colleges of Indiana since 2002, he has spent his career in college-level education in California, Tennessee, and Minnesota, in addition to Indiana, with interludes in Germany and Austria. Each of Giesecke's prior jobs has also involved significant outreach initiatives to K-12 education.

Like Anatolia's first President, Charles Tracy, Giesecke is a graduate of Williams College, where he majored in Psychology. He holds an M.A. in Public Policy and Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Ph.D. in Education and Human Development from Vanderbilt University. His wife, Susan L. Giesecke, is an experienced educator, corporate trainer, and communications consultant. They have three children, the eldest of whom will enter Anatolia's International Baccalaureate Program in September.

In announcing Giesecke's appointment, Jack Clymer, Chairman of the Anatolia Board of Trustees, said: "Anatolia is immensely pleased to have secured a leader of Dr. Giesecke's stature and experience. The Board believes he has the qualities of leadership and vision that will carry Anatolia forward in the 21st century." Dr. Giesecke will assume his duties as President on August 1, following the retirement of President Richard Jackson after ten years of service.

"I am deeply honored to be named the next President of Anatolia," says Giesecke. "Anatolia is a vibrant institution with a proud



Dr. Hans and Susan Giesecke

and moving history. I look forward to devoting my energies to the challenges of keeping Anatolia and its three divisions at the forefront of educational excellence and opportunity."

Dr. Giesecke is no stranger to European education. Fluent in Ger-

man, he spent the period from January 2000 through July 2002 as head of the Student Affairs team at International University Bremen (now Jacobs University) in Germany, developing the admissions, financial aid, registrar, and student life offices at this new, highly-selective, English-language independent research university affiliated with Rice University in Texas. He also taught International Relations and Organizational Studies at International University Vienna in the spring of 2008. He has a long-standing interest in the democratic reform movements that swept across Eastern and Central Europe in the late 1980s and early 1990s, which led him to write his doctoral dissertation on the rise of private colleges in Eastern Europe.

As President and CEO of Independent Colleges of Indiana and, previously, of a similar organization in Tennessee, Dr. Giesecke has worked to strengthen the financial position of private colleges and to increase student access to financial aid. In Indiana he has also served as the supervising officer of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, one of the largest private, single-source scholarship programs in the U.S., which awards some \$18 million per year to nearly 900 Indiana college and university students.

His advocacy of non-profit, private higher education and wide knowledge of the field have made Giesecke a sought-after speaker and consultant at conferences, symposia, and institutions in Europe and North America. Away from work, Giesecke spends much of his free time in outdoor recreational pursuits with his family – running, cycling, cross-country skiing, swimming, and hiking – all of which are available at or near Anatolia.

Anatolians around the world warmly welcome Hans and Susan Giesecke and their family to Anatolia.

President Jackson Awarded Honorary Doctorate at ACT Commencement



President Richard Jackson, Panos Vlachos, Stavros Constantinides

At the ACT Commencement ceremony in Raphael Hall on June 24 (full story, p. 11), President Richard Jackson remarked that he and the Class of 2009 were graduating together. Later he had occasion to say that he never imagined that he too would be receiving a degree. Since the year 2000 ACT has, like many universities, awarded doctorates *honoris causa*

a list of the changes that President Jackson has presided over at Anatolia during his tenure, both physical and programmatic, and paid tribute to his tireless work for ACT. He also praised the President as a man of honor and integrity whose steady judgment, compassion, and diplomatic skills have served Anatolia well over the past decade.

as a means of recognizing individuals who exemplify the values that ACT itself represents. This time, in addition to doctorates in Humane Letters bestowed on two worthy visitors, President Joseph Aoun of Northeastern University and Tomas Morales, President of the Staten Island campus of the City University of New York, the Board of Trustees of Anatolia honored its own leader, who has been at the helm of the school since 1999.

Vice-Chairman of the Board Stavros Constantinides recited

The honor was one of a series of outpourings of thanks and appreciation that President Jackson has been given over the past two months. At a dinner in honor of the Trustees on May 8, Alumni Association President John Rentzeperis noted that the Association has enjoyed a particularly close relationship with the school under President Jackson's leadership. The Anatolia Friends Association staged a fundraising dinner dance in front of Macedonia Hall on June 18 to celebrate President Jackson's contributions to the school and to raise money for the Niarchos challenge. The high school Deans invited President Jackson to address the Class of 2009 at Commencement on June 30 (excerpts from his speech are printed on the back page of this issue of the *Anatolian*), and the Staff Association feted him with a souvlaki lunch underneath the pines in front of Morley House on June 26.

Anatolia's President has also just completed another presidential term, this one as head of the Association of American International Colleges and Universities (AAICU). At the group's

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Niarchos Foundation Issues Challenge

The Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation, Anatolia's largest foundation donor, has offered a challenge grant of 100,000 euros to assist with completion of the Raphael Hall Performing Arts Center, one of the highest priorities of Anatolia's Third Century Capital Campaign. To receive the grant, Anatolia must raise an equivalent amount from Greek alumni and supporters living and working in Greece within a six-month period ending this November.

The grant will therefore help build Anatolia in two ways: by funding the physical completion of the school's premiere performing arts facility, and by making it especially attractive for prospective Greek donors to give to the school, thereby broadening the school's base of charitable support. Raphael Hall has hosted plays, concerts, dances, lectures, panels, debates, conferences, ceremonies, exhibits – and daily morning meetings of the school's First Gymnasium, or Junior High School – with great success since its re-opening after completion of the first phase of renovations in May, 2007.

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High School News



Angelos Billis '47 Alumnus of the Year

His selection may have come as a surprise to the unassuming long-time trustee and supporter of Anatolia Angelos Billis '47, but to everyone else present at the Alumni Association Dinner in honor of the Trustees at Thessaloniki's port area on May 8, it made perfect sense. Former leader of the Anatolia Friends Association and currently Chairman of the High School Governance Committee of the Board, Angelos Billis is one of the

people who keeps Anatolia moving forward. What many present at the dinner may not have known – though they learned it from Alumni Association President John Rentzeperis when he presented the award – is that Angelos has been a highly effective fundraiser for Anatolia behind the scenes, and recently secured a \$1 million bequest for the school. The award couldn't have gone to a worthier man.



Outgoing AAICU President Richard Jackson passing on action folders to newly-elected President David Arnold of the University of Cairo at the AAICU May meeting in Yerevan.

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May meeting at the American University of Armenia in Yerevan, the organization voted to fund and endorse an AAICU delegation to Washington, D.C. in October to raise the Association's profile with the Obama administration. The case for U.S. support of the nearly twenty member schools had most recently been made by President Jackson himself in an article in the Winter 2009 issue of *Mediterranean Quarterly*. President David Arnold of the American University of Cairo was elected as Jackson's successor. At the meeting's conclusion, President Jackson was presented with a special plaque "As an expression of appreciation for his leadership in international higher education and on the occasion of the successful completion of his services as President of the Association of American International Colleges and Universities."

The *Anatolian* joins all friends of the school in wishing President Jackson – Dr. Jackson – a happy and productive next phase of life.

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"While I did not have the good fortune to be born Greek and my contribution thus does not count toward the Niarchos challenge, I am responding to this opportunity and very much hope that you will too," President Richard Jackson wrote in a letter to prospective Greek donors. Whatever the nationality of Anatolia lovers of the arts, this is a good time to come to the aid of a facility that goes to the heart of what makes Anatolia such a distinctive and lively school.

Prospective donors with Greek nationality who live and work in Greece are encouraged to contact Maria Tsekou, Anatolia Director of European Development, in Athens at 210-3623-884 or at mtsekou@anatolia.edu.gr.

Overseers of Boston Medical Center.

A graduate of Amherst College, he was a strong believer in the power of liberal education. His fellow Board member and former Board Chairman George Bissell notes that "Brad was an incredibly kind and generous human being, a gentleman through and through with exceptional talent in his profession as an investment manager. Brad represents the essence of American charitable commitment. His support, wisdom, and careful guidance will be missed."

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife Judy and his children, Katherine, Martha, and Sean.

Drama critic Achilles Psaltopoulou, writing in leading Thessaloniki daily *Angelioforos* about the city's drama scene, singled out Anatolia's "Chicago" as the most accomplished production in town. Characterizing faculty director Angelos Klouaris '90's approach as inspired and inventive, Psaltopoulou also praised the choreography of Anatolia graduate volunteers Thaleia Grigoriadou '94 and Lena Tsigeridou '97, as well as the contributions from the small live band. Of the cast itself, he said, "The 22 student actors, many appearing on stage for the first time, executed roles great and small with brio and professional precision. Bravo!"



"Ο Μπαμπάς, Ο Πόλεμος" (*War the Father*), a sparkling comedy by Kampanelis, received a stylish production at the hands of the Greek Theatre Club this year.

Forensics Tournament and Model UN Bring Hundreds to Campus

Anatolia played host to one international student conference and one national competition in a 30-day period in February and March. The 3rd Anatolia Model UN, an international relations role-playing exercise, drew 16 schools and 300 students to Anatolia, which fielded its own numerous delegations. Schools came from Turkey, Bulgaria, Slovenia, and Spain, as well as Athens, Xanthi, and Thessaloniki, for a three-day beehive of diplomatic activity in Macedonia and Raphael Halls, all of it conducted in English. In no time it was time for the Panhellenic Forensics Tournament, an annual three-day English-language public speaking competition involving debate, comic and dramatic acting in pairs, comic and dramatic interpretation of literature (reading out loud), impromptu speaking, oratory, and group discussion. Fifteen teams and 400 students from Athens and Thessaloniki took part, with Anatolia taking 2nd place in the competition.

A lot of gears have to mesh to make such events come off, but the gears – that is, faculty coaches, organizers and staff, outside judges and speakers, student and alumni volunteers, to say nothing of the participants – came together smoothly to create two very successful gatherings. Congratulations are due to all who took part in these events and made them happen, notably to Anatolia English teachers Helen Koliadis, head of the Panhellenic Forensics League, and Ellen Proestopoulos, Director of Student Services.

Math Teacher Wins European Award for Innovative Teaching



Theodore Andriopoulos

The problem involves a murder. The lifeless body of distinguished mathematician Mr. X has been found at a conference of famous mathematicians in Paris. Some of his renowned colleagues are suspects. Would it have been possible for any one of them to have committed the murder and been seen elsewhere at the conference at the time each claims an alibi? Only mathematics – CSI mathematics – can tell. Presentation of the problem involves a diagram that appears on the classroom's interactive Smartboard. The solution requires the application of algebra and geometry to a real-world simulation. The specific math tools needed vary from suspect to suspect. By the time they have solved the murder, students have

had a wit-twisting (and fun) exercise in applied mathematics.

Theodore Andriopoulos, a math teacher in Anatolia's lyceum since 1999, took 3rd prize at the 6th European Forum of Innovative Teachers, sponsored by Microsoft, held in Vienna this past March. One hundred and fifty teachers nominated by forty countries were invited to attend the conference and submit projects to the competition. Besides the experience of presenting their projects to colleagues and judges, the participants were able to talk shop with each other, engage in planned group activities, and learn about new applications of technology to teaching. No one, however – except Mr. X – met with an untimely end.

Anatolia Launches New English Test

English language testing is big business in Greece. When the University of Michigan decided to centralize all testing for Greece in Athens two years ago, it broke off an arrangement with Anatolia for test administration in Northern Greece of more than thirty years' standing that had served both institutions well. Anatolia had been testing more than 8,000 Proficiency Certificate candidates in English annually for the University of Michigan, earning vital revenue for the school.

The response from Anatolia was to seek another examinations partner. As it happened, the well-regarded language testing center at Michigan State University (known to the general public as Magic Johnson's alma mater) responded immediately to Anatolia's invitation, and a new partnership was born. After a public launch at

the Macedonia Palace Hotel in Thessaloniki in January, the first MSU English exams, at B2 (or "competence") level, were successfully administered at Anatolia and other centers in Northern Greece on April 4th. The exams consist of reading, writing, listening, and speaking sections. A Proficiency exam will be added in November. Thirteen Anatolia candidates were among those from Thessaloniki and beyond taking the April test; all the Anatolians passed.

"We look upon testing not only as a source of income for Anatolia but as another means of furthering our mission of service to the youth of Northern Greece," comments Rodney Coules, Director of Anatolia's Language and Testing Office. "The new tests are carefully designed, fair, and user-friendly as well. We foresee continued success with them."

1ST Form Spelling Bee Spells Fun

"Fun" is easy, but how about "influenza," "passionately," and "guardian?" Are you still on your feet? Would you be if you had stepped up to a microphone in Raphael Hall on May 8 with almost 200 of your classmates and your 7th grade teacher looking on and hanging on your every letter? Each year in May the two top spellers from each of Anatolia's ten sections of 7th grade English line up and spell, until only one of them remains.

Probably every American student since the time of Tom Sawyer has participated in a spelling bee in school, and it's a piece of Americana that has caught on at Anatolia, too, where almost all of the students are Greek. This year, with Helen Hondropoulos of the

English faculty calling out the words, the first word to do serious damage was "strawberries." Then "dumb," with its silent "b," and "experienced," with four "e's." Students had had these words in their American literature anthology, but it must be remembered that English is their second language. "Whistled," "icicles," "blizzard" – no problem. "Whirling" – "Correct!" "Carrier" "No, I'm sorry, please sit down." "Carrier" "No, I'm sorry." "Career." "Bravo!" Finally there were only two students left standing of the original twenty. The deciding word: "accustomed." The winner: Dimitris Karponis; 2nd place, Joanna Velidou; 3rd place, Makis Plastiras, who all received certificates suitable for framing.

See for yourself on Anatolia's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/anatoliacollege).

Bequest Received from Lorrin Riggs

The Riggs family has given much to Anatolia over the years, most recently in the form of a bequest of \$98,774 from the estate of Lorrin A. Riggs. Riggs, son of former Anatolia President Ernest W. Riggs and Anatolia chronicler Alice S. Riggs, passed away in Hanover, New Hampshire, in April of 2008. He was 95 years old.

There is more than a little history behind the bequest. Lorrin Riggs was born in Harport, Turkey, where his parents were serving as missionaries. His father was President of Euphrates College in Harport and Secretary of the American Board for Foreign Missions in Boston before

becoming President of Anatolia in Thessaloniki from 1933-1950. President Riggs had been born at the Anatolia campus in Merzifon, where his own father, Dr. Edward Riggs, had been a member of Anatolia's founding committee and had sometimes served as acting President. His father in turn – Lorrin Riggs' great grandfather Elias Riggs – had been of one of the original American missionaries to the Ottoman Empire in 1833.

Lorrin went on to have a distinguished 39-year career as Professor of Psychology at Brown University and was a Visiting Professor at Cam-

bridge University. He was internationally recognized for his research on human vision. When he received an honorary degree from Brown in 2001, he shared the stage with Madeleine Albright, Kofi Annan, and Philip Roth, among others.

He leaves his wife Caroline Cressman, two sons, Douglas Riggs of Newport, RI, and Dwight Riggs of Phoenix, Ariz., and three grandchildren. In also leaving a generous bequest to Anatolia, he is helping to insure the future of an institution that will always be proudly associated with the Riggs family name.

Now You Can Give to Anatolia On-line

A new feature of the Anatolia/ACT website (www.anatolia.edu.gr) makes it digitally easy to support one of the world's great schools. Just click on "Giving to Anatolia" and select "On-line Giving" in the drop-down menu (or go directly to the link below). You'll be directed on how to make a credit-card gift in the currency of your choice through the highly secure PayPal system. The site is getting increasing activity as more supporters learn about it and discover how simple it is to use. In the words of Anatolia's Boston office, "Please support our wonderful institution by making an on-line gift today to the Annual Fund at <http://www.anatoliaus.org/giving.html>. No gift is too small and every gift is greatly appreciated!"

In Memoriam Constantin Keletsekis

The life of trustee Constantin Keletsekis '42, one of Greece's most prominent international businessmen and a member of the Anatolia Board since 2003, came to an end in Athens on March 1. Keletsekis was born to Greek parents in Iran and lived there until the death of his father in 1932. His mother wanted him to be educated in Greece, and she chose Anatolia in Thessaloniki, still at its Harilaou campus at the time but already acquiring a reputation for academic excellence. Adjustment

wasn't easy for a 10-year old boy knowing Greek only as a spoken language and used to Middle Eastern ways. But, thanks in part to his prowess as an athlete, he not only survived but thrived.

After higher education in Russia, he returned to Iran in 1957 to take over his father's business interests. His companies were responsible for building important pieces of the infrastructure of northern Iran, including the port of Enzeli on the Caspian Sea. Mr. Keletsekis also initiated the modern fishing industry of Iran in the Persian Gulf and caviar production in the Caspian Sea. He was forced to leave Iran at the time of the Iranian revolution of 1979, when his holdings were nationalized.

He had already bought the Atlantic Gulf & Pacific Co., a leading US dredging company that completed major projects in the Mid-East and South America under his leadership. In 1981, when

Greece became a member of the European Union, Mr. Keletsekis was the ship owner chosen by the Greek Government to represent Greece in this field in the E.U. conventions. He was the President of the Greek community of Teheran for many years, and in 1996 became the 1st Honorary General Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Greece. He was decorated by the governments of Greece, Iran, and Kazakhstan for his services to all three countries.

Mr. Keletsekis was at home in Farsi, Greek, English, Russian, and French, and was well versed in the literatures of those languages. He was a proponent of science, but also a devout Orthodox Christian who was on hand to greet Ecumenical Patriarch Vartholomaios when he visited Anatolia in 2003. He is survived by his wife Zoe, his son Dimitris, his daughter Maria, and three grandchildren.

Bradford Johnson, Trustee since 1995

Anatolia was saddened to learn of the death last October of long-time trustee Brad Johnson. He served as a member of the Investment Committee of the Board, putting his wide experience in the field at Anatolia's disposal.

He was Chairman of the Atlantic Investment Advisor Division as well as a director, portfolio

manager and member of the investment committee of the firm. In 1992, he founded Atlantic Investment Advisors, now a division of Steinberg Global Asset Management, Ltd. Prior to Atlantic, he served as President and Chief Investment Officer of One Federal Asset Management and as Sr. Vice President at the Putnam Companies and in the same capacity at Thorndike, Doran, Paine & Lewis. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Boston Society of Security Analysts and the Association for Investment Management and Research. In addition of his work for Anatolia, he was a member of the Board of



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Book Review

The Carl Compton Story, With All the Trimmings

By all accounts -- except his own -- he was an exceptional man. Others called him generous, resourceful, hard-working, caring, utterly dependable, inspiring, a born educator -- and modest, to boot.

It was only at the insistence of others that Carl Compton, President of Anatolia College from 1950-58 and associated with the school since 1913, wrote a volume of memoirs, *The Morning Cometh: 45 Years with Anatolia College*, in the final years of his long life. He died in 1982, and his book was published in 1986 in the school's centennial year. A Greek translation came out in 1997, and a slim volume of the letters he wrote to his wife Ruth while he was Director of the post-war UN relief effort in Northern Greece, edited by their son William, was privately printed in 2002.

It turned out to be a bit of good fortune when all three of these books recently went out of print. When Anatolia President Richard Jackson mentioned the circumstance to Trustee and Athens lawyer Serge Hadji-Mihaloglou '60, whose life had been shaped by the example and advice of Carl Compton, he and his wife Yanna offered to republish the memoirs. The project grew in their hands, and the memoirs and a selection of the letters, together with a wealth of supporting materials -- forewords by those who knew Compton well, a hundred photographs, maps, posters, notes, an index, and Compton's eloquent Commencement Address to the Grinnell College Class of 1959 -- have now been issued in a limited edition of 2000 beautifully designed and printed copies. Hadji-Mihaloglou and his co-editors, Bill Compton and Deborah Brown Kazazis, have done a superb and scholarly job.

Compton's life was intimately bound up with Anatolia, though during three wartime periods his work extended well beyond it. He was born and raised in Iowa in the American heartland. He attended Grinnell, then as now an outstanding liberal arts college animated by the ideal of service to one's fellow man. One Grinnell couple of the prior generation, George E. White and his wife Esther, had already responded to the call of missionary service and had joined the fledgling Anatolia College, founded in 1886 in the city of Merzifon in what is now north central Turkey. Sharing a campus with a seminary to train local pastors, the school offered a high-calibre general education to young men and women of high school and college age. Its students were mostly drawn from the region's two Christian communities, made up of Armenians and Greeks. White's son was a Compton classmate at Grinnell, and when the need for a new recruit to teach English, direct the athletic program, and advise the student YMCA arose, Compton answered the call, planning to spend three years abroad.



Carl Compton and a young friend out for a walk in 1958, Compton's last year as President of Anatolia

He arrived in 1913. Anatolia was flourishing, and Compton, handsome, athletic, and likeable, adjusted well to school life. But he happened to arrive at the point in history when the Ottoman empire was in its death throes, Turkish nationalism was ascendant, and World War I was about to break out. Clouds gathered quickly, and in June 1915 the storm broke over Merzifon. Deportations and massacres of Armenians began. Someone was needed to go overland to Constantinople to report on conditions and to bring back money. Compton volunteered for the dangerous mission. On his return trip, with many gold pieces strapped to his body under his clothing, he encountered a band of ruffians on a lonely road. Only the chance passing of a detachment of Turkish cavalry prevented what Compton understood from his knowledge of Turkish was likely to be trouble. In August of that black summer, Compton

was sent to back to the capital, and this time the Turks deported him. It could have been the end of his foreign adventuring. But, after an M.A. in Theology back in the States at Oberlin, he married his beautiful Grinnell classmate Ruth McGavren, who was to be his lifelong companion, and with her by his side he embarked on a new adventure. The Comptons worked with a team providing aid to survivors of the Armenian genocide (though it was not yet so called) who had escaped to Russia. World War I was still raging and the Russian revolution was about to begin. Into this cauldron, in cities like Alexandropol, Omsk, and Barnaul, Compton plunged, using his skills as an organizer to enable the displaced Armenians to find work in their new homes. On one occasion he had to re-invent the spinning wheel from memories of those he had seen in American museums.

But again Anatolia called, and the Comptons returned to Merzifon in 1920, hoping to settle down and start a family. The family would come later, in Greece, but in Turkey there was to be scant settling down. In spite of the terrible blows the Christian minorities had sustained,

the school did its best to serve their educational and, increasingly, basic human needs. But the Turks were bent on eliminating their Christian populations and associated foreign presences. It was to be a losing battle, but the Comptons did what they could to avert its worst effects. Sometimes they were powerless, as when they saw fellow teachers and students seized and led away to be executed on trumped up charges. At other times they helped students escape or secretly sheltered them on the College grounds, at great risk to themselves.

When the Turkish government closed the school in 1921, Compton and another teacher agreed to stay on to care for the Anatolia orphanage and watch over the campus. They were present to witness the wave of terror which all but finished off Merzifon's remaining Greeks and Armenians, saving those they could from the massacres by a combination of courage and cunning.

For the next two years Compton worked for the Near East Relief, aiding in the transfer of refugees to Greece, especially the thousands of Christian orphans being cared for at missionary schools in Turkey. He travelled throughout

the present location two miles above the city in the town of Pylea on what were then barren fields and are now 45 beautifully wooded acres.

In April 1941, however, less than seven years after moving into its new quarters, the Germans invaded and the school was occupied by the German army as their command center for Northern Greece and the Balkans. Compton worked in the State Department in Washington to get relief supplies into Greece, which in 1944 led to his being placed in charge of the enormous job, under the aegis of the U.N. Relief and Rehabilitation Act, of trying to rebuild Northern Greece in the wake of the German withdrawal. Compton provides an eye-witness account of the situation in his memoirs, but the letters to his wife from this period are still more vivid. From headquarters in Thessaloniki, working long hours seven days a week from October 1944 through July 1945 under physically difficult conditions, Compton directed food shipments and arranged transport for supplies in a country without railways and bridges and in the grips of a nascent civil war.

Though sometimes discouraged by the desperate straits in which people were forced to live, and regretting the energies that were spent on political demonstrations and strikes instead of nation-building, he worked with unflinching resourcefulness on behalf of the citizens of Greece. In Giannitsa he once brought to order a mob of several thousand people angrily demanding food with the help of Greek whose faults (he reports) amused and distracted his hearers. It is up to the reader to imagine that the imperfect Greek was combined with a bearing that projected authority and a message that inspired confidence. He helped feed and clothe not just thousands but hundreds of thousands of destitute Greeks during the winter and spring of 1944-45. By July he was directing distribution of food rations for a million people, as well as arranging for fuel, trucks, tires, and machinery to get factories working again. It was a Herculean effort, for which the Greek government awarded him the Gold Cross of King George, then the highest honor that could be given to a foreigner.

For Compton, there were other labors in store. In September of 1945 Anatolia re-opened, though its physical plant had been badly damaged. Compton characterized the re-opening as almost as much a venture in faith as the move from Turkey to Greece. But faith and the practical skills to match Compton and his colleagues had never lacked. In 1950, White's successor as President, Ernest Riggs, retired, and Carl Compton became the fourth President of Anatolia. He called his eight years in the post the happiest of his life, and they did indeed crown a lifetime of service to the school. Just as he had provided relief supplies to Greeks irrespective of their political affiliation, he hired teachers on the same basis, including some brilliant minds whom the state deemed politically unfit for university appointment. He set Anatolia on the steady course



Copies of the book are available from Anatolia's Development Office in Greece.



Compton's official portrait as Anatolia's 4th President



The Comptons crossing Siberia by train in 1918. Their Russian interpreter is at left.



The Anatolia College faculty in 1914, Carl Compton front row center. The 'X's were added to this photograph after these Armenian and Greek teachers were killed by the Turks in 1915 and 1921. President White is left of Compton, 2nd row.

that it has followed in the last half century. As a teacher, Dean, and even as President, he maintained close ties with students. The alumni who trace their ethical orientation and course of life to Carl Compton are legion, and a number serve as Greek members of the Anatolia Board of Trustees today.

Let Compton's own words at the conclusion of his memoir explain the title he chose and summarize the trials he witnessed and helped Anatolia overcome: "Anatolia College began with few resources beyond the vision and courage of its founders. Time and again it has faced disaster. Three times it has moved bodily from one campus to another. Three times its doors have been closed by war. But from each seeming disaster the school rose again, stronger than ever, because of the courage and devotion of trustees, teachers and staff, students and alumni, who refused to be crushed by circumstances. They never doubted the truth of the College motto that no matter how dark the night, 'The morning cometh.'"

A shorter version of this article first appeared in the *Athens News*.



In retirement in the 1970s

At a May 8 presentation to Trustees and friends of Anatolia, Deborah Brown Kazazis, one of the editors of the Compton volume and former Dean of the Faculty at ACT, concluded her talk with these words:

"I observed earlier that my talk bore the informal title 'The Virtue of Carl Compton.' I believe this memoir, enriched in this republication by a detailed recounting of the period when he was one of those who held the fate of our beloved Macedonia in his hands, amply illustrates that Compton was possessed of enormous **courage**, both physical and moral; that he consistently demonstrated in all his relationships a sense of **fairness** and **justice**, guided by an ethos which rather than calling "Christian," we might better characterize as "humanitarian" in the broadest sense. Furthermore, he displayed **moderation** in both word and deed; his spare and unassuming but beautifully clear text bears witness to this quality. Finally, Compton possessed **wisdom** -- he was a man to whom others instinctively turned for help and advice, from his earliest days in Marsovan to the end of his life. Such qualities as these (which Compton never wore on his sleeve, but which he carried within him to his death), qualities the Western tradition has identified as the core elements of **virtue**, played a very great part in making Anatolia what it became during the forty-five years he devoted to the School and those it served in both Asia Minor and Greece."

Events

One month, seven cities

With events and meetings in seven U.S. cities, March was Anatolia Month from coast to coast. Anatolia's Boston staff, which organized it, called it simply "March Madness." When it was all over, they could also call it a major success in raising U.S. awareness of the school.

The Anatolia calendar began with President Richard Jackson in Palm Beach for an Anatolia evening at the Ritz-Carlton on March 11, the first ever in that city. A crowd of sixty Hellenic Americans and other supporters turned out to hear President Jackson speak about global education in the 21st century and Anatolia's role in particular. A small but elegant reception at the home of Dr. Christos Papatheodorou was also included on the Palm Beach leg.

Then it was on to Boston for meetings with alumni, trustees, and ACT study abroad students from Northeastern University. A group of 65 alumni and Anatolia supporters gathered at the Harvard Club to catch up on news of the school and to hear brief presentations by Anna Greka '93 and her husband Stathis Antoniadis '92.

Chicago was the next stop on the tour. On March 19 Anatolia hosted an evening at the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center which was attended by members of Greek professional organizations and cultural groups, academics, the Greek Consulate staff, and other distinguished guests. The focus this time was on the republication of former Anatolia President Carl Compton's memoirs and letters to his wife

Ruth during the year he led relief efforts for Northern Greece following WW II (see pages 4-5 for the full story). Carl and Ruth's son, Bill Compton, one of the editors of the volume and a former Anatolia teacher himself, was on hand to speak about his parents' legacy. So was re-



Boston Office staff: George Syrigos, Georgia Koumoundouros, Georgia Babanikas, Anna Snoeyenbos, Christa Ayoub, and Yanni Poulakos

tired GM engineer and industrial ecologist Nick Gallopoulos '53, who shared reflections on his time at Anatolia and the influential role of Carl Compton in his life.

Then it was on to San Francisco, to a reception hosted by Consul General Xenia Stefanidou

at the Greek Consulate and sponsored by Trustee Natalia Orfanos '64. Fifty donors and friends attended. They may be ten time zones away, but Anatolia's West Coast friends are close to the school.

The major event of the month by any measure was the March 23 benefit evening in Los Angeles at the Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel hosted by Governor Michael and Kitty Dukakis, both stalwart supporters of Anatolia with close ties to L.A.'s Greek and Jewish communities. Honored guests included Sid Ganis, President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and Dario Gabbai, a Greek-Jewish Holocaust survivor. The evening had a vital purpose: to honor the memory of the 94 Anatolia Jewish students and alumni who were lost in the Holocaust, in which 95% of the members of Thessaloniki's large Jewish population died.

More than three hundred people attended, many making contributions towards dedicating a classroom in Anatolia's Ingle Hall in the students' memory.

Speeches by President Jackson and by the Consul Generals of both Greece and Israel de-

scribed the close ties of the L.A. Greek and Jewish communities with each other and with Anatolia. President Jackson presented a scroll to Kitty and Governor Dukakis thanking them for their efforts in preserving the memory of the lost students.

The speeches and the presentation were moving, but it is fair to say that the highlight of the evening was the music. Hollywood's Craig Taubman, Alberto Mizrahi, a Greek-Jewish cantor from Chicago, Father John Bakas, priest at St. Sophia Cathedral of Los Angeles and traditional Greek musician extraordinaire, and singer Anna Vissi, a Greek-Cypriot twenty-eight-time platinum recording artist, all performed. Vissi thrilled the crowd with her tribute song, "The Music of the Wind."

Then it was back to the East coast for meetings with alumni, supporters, trustees, foundation heads, and prominent Greek Americans in New York and Washington, D.C., where 35 Anatolia supporters, including trustees Charlie Raphael, Christine Warnke, and Harriet Pearson, gathered at the prestigious Cosmos Club.

The well-travelled President Jackson deserves the last word: "After almost a month in the America, I can report that the level of interest in Anatolia is high and the accomplishments of our graduates who live and work in the States truly impressive. I am more persuaded than ever that what we are doing at this school has global reach."



Bob Uek, Richard Jackson, Charlie Raphael in Palm Beach



Anatolia Alumni at Harvard Club Reception in Boston



Palm Beach - Noreen and Christos Papatheodorou



Chicago - Bill Compton



San Francisco - Natalia Orfanos '64, Richard and Eia Jackson



S.F. - Kostas Kanavariotis, Ambassador Xenia Stefanidou



Maria Karagianis, Governor Michael Dukakis, Sid Ganis, Nancy Ganis, President Richard Jackson



Sid Ganis, acknowledged as the special guest of the evening



Anna Vissi



Cantor Alberto Mizrahi



Michael Dukakis, Dario Gabbai, Kitty Dukakis



Hon. Dimitris Caramitsos-Tziras, Margarita Caramitsos-Tziras, Anna Vissi



Gov. Dukakis addressing the room



Craig Taubman



Nick Arvanitidis, Athena Arvanitidis, Richard Jackson



Father John Bakas



"Is Zeus at home? Apollo? Anyone?"

A group of 35 ACT students hiked up Mt. Olympus to get a close-up view of the Greek gods they'd heard so much about. The weather was perfect, and everyone reached the summit of Skolio (9,537 ft.). The gods were nowhere to be seen – but their presence could definitely be felt. Other trips organized for ACT students this year included excursions to Athens, Vergina, Pelion, Meteora, Mykonos (95 students!), Halkidiki, and Langadas (for the annual fire-walking Anastenaria ceremony on May 21). Also popular: an American-style barbecue held right on campus on April 9.

ACT Lands Prestigious E.U. Grant for A.I.

Anatolia has been awarded its first-ever research grant from the European Union, for a three-year, €1.9 million (\$2.7 million) project "Second European Network for the Advancement of Artificial Cognitive Systems, Interaction and Robotics" – EUCogll, for short. In layman's terms, it's for the creation of a network of researchers in the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence (AI).

The grant is the result of an initiative by Dr. Vincent C. Müller, Associate Professor of Philosophy at ACT, who as project coordinator will lead a consortium of nine European universities: Anatolia/ACT, Baleares, Bochum, Brussels, Groningen, Hamburg, Skövde, Sussex, and Zürich. Dr. Müller also registered Anatolia College as a validated recipient for EU funding under the "7th Research Framework Programme," a first for an American-incorporated college in Greece.

The project both strengthens ACT's profile in the Computer Science community and brings funds to the school. Such grants are highly competitive; only one applicant in ten is chosen. Besides the prestige that the award carries with it, the project is expected to produce direct benefits for ACT students in Philosophy and Computer Science. The latter is one of ACT's most popular majors.

The grant is for a "coordination action." It establishes a network of researchers whose works bears on cognitive problems and their application to technology. The field, explains Müller, suffers from a degree of fragmentation, which the project is designed to help overcome. For example, researchers in visual systems may include those who work with radar, with the biol-

ogy of vision, and with the psychology of vision. They don't necessarily talk to each other; now they will.

According to Müller, the aims of the project are to find out the state of the art of research into cognitive systems, to formulate what challenges must be met over the next two decades, and to design a curriculum that will prepare students and researchers for further work in the field, as well as to determine what the contents of "robotics toolkits" should be as the field moves from a top-down to a bottom-up model. The project, currently involving about 300 researchers across the EU, began on February 1 of this year. A first major conference is planned for Hamburg, Germany, in October.

Now in his tenth year at ACT, German-born Müller's own background is in philosophy, not computer science. But the two fields intersect when robots must be designed to have the power of intelligent decision-making. The more interactive the machines become, the more they need to be able to "think for themselves" and "find their own way." "Does consciousness require a body?" asks Müller. For the answer to this and other questions, stay tuned to <http://www.eucognition.org>.

One of the first talks in connection with the EU grant was given by Dr. Nikolaos Mavridis '91 on May 22 via videoconference from Dubai, in the Niarchos Teleconferencing Center at the Bissell Library. Dr. Mavridis spoke on the theme of "Robots, Language, and Social Networks." He is Assistant Professor at the College of Information Technology at United Arab Emirates University in Dubai, where he founded the Interactive Robots and Media Laboratory.



On June 23 a wide-ranging Memorandum of Understanding was signed in President Jackson's office in Greece by President Jackson of ACT and Dr. Joseph Aoun, President of Northeastern University in Boston. Northeastern is ACT's leading study-abroad partner and a global leader in cooperative learning. The agreement aims at the development of collaborative academic programs and the delivery of Northeastern's programs in Greece. The two Presidents reconfirmed their commitment to broadening the collaboration between their institutions, setting the stage for further cooperative ventures.



The Anatolia Institute of Management Leadership organized a highly successful conference on trends in modern advertising at Anatolia's Raphael Hall on April 4. Top executives from the U.S. and Greece, including Fred Senn, founding partner of Fallon Worldwide, Thanasis Papathanasiou, Managing Director of Frank, and James Nass, CEO of Lowe Athens, presented their views to an audience eager to learn how to sell products and services in a time of economic crisis.

Dr. Miranda Xafa, Alternate Executive Director of the board of the International Monetary Fund, returned to ACT on May 11 to speak to over 100 business leaders and students on "The Role of the IMF in the Global Financial Crisis." Dr. Xafa spoke somberly about the severity of the global economic recession. She predicted a modest turnaround following stimulus packages, but observed that a defining feature of this crisis is its heightened uncertainty. Recovery prospects, she said, will be based on a slow improvement of the financial system, a stabilization of housing prices, and effective fiscal stimuli.



Ioannis Tsorbatzoglou '86, a member of the International Relations faculty at ACT and Anatolia's Director of Institutional Advancement, has spent the last six months as a Policy Scholar at the Southeast Europe Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center in Princeton, New Jersey. The Southeast Europe Project was established at the Center in 2005 to promote scholarly research and informed debate about the full range of U.S. political, commercial, and security issues in the eastern Mediterranean and adjacent regions. Tsorbatzoglou's fellowship carries considerable prestige, as well as affording him an ideal opportunity for research and consultation with other experts in the field.

The ACT Sports Tournament took place May 7-9, drawing large numbers from Deree College, Junior College, New York College in Athens and Thessaloniki, the Anatolia lyciums, the ACT Alumni, the Farm School (Perrotis College), the Department of Physical Education of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the YMCA and "Achilleas Triandrias." For the first time in ACT history, the women's basketball team came out on top!

An exhibit & competition



"On Diaporos" by Tarek Quatly

An exhibit and competition with the theme of "Photography as a Vehicle for Exploring Greece," inspired by the collection of Robert McCabe photographs of 1950s Greece on permanent display in the Bissell Library, took place at the Bissell in May. Thirty photographs taken by ACT students, faculty, and staff were judged in three categories. The "Most Popular Photo" prize went to Admissions office staffer Tarek Quatly, ACT Class of 2003 for his shot of a scene in Halkidiki. No Photoshop required: that's simply what it looks like.

Dr. Armen Marsoobian Brings History to Life as Dukakis Fellow



Anyone with any acquaintance with the history of Anatolia College has seen them: the beautiful, carefully made photographs of the people and buildings at Anatolia's original campus in Merzifon in what is today north central Turkey. In the lower right-hand corner of many of those photographs appear the words "Dildilian Bros." The brothers were Tsolag and Aram Dildilian, who were appointed official photographers for the young college by President Charles Tracy in 1895; they also held an official appointment from the Sultan. Their artistry has preserved the life of Anatolia in Asia Minor for us today. But what of their own lives as members of Merzifon's flourishing, and ill-fated, Armenian community? And

grandfather in 1928 on the occasion of Ara's departure for studies in the U.S. supplied further information on the family's history. Another family memoir came into his hands three weeks before his visit to Anatolia.

Then there are the photographs, hundreds of them, left to him by another uncle, which had miraculously made their way from Merzifon to Connecticut across the decades. Some were of family and many were of clients, including the one that loomed the largest in the Dildilian's business, Anatolia College. The family, originally from Sivas, established itself in Merzifon and had a house built just outside the Anatolia walls. It stands out in panoramic pictures of the campus for its second floor studio with a large angled window to admit natural light. In 1895, during the wave of massacres that struck the Armenians of Sivas province and other Ottoman territories, Tsolag and his talented assistant, his cousin

Sumpad, who was first a graduate and later Professor of Art at Anatolia, received protection within the campus walls. Aram later joined them in Merzifon after receiving photographic training in America.

The Dildilian studio and Anatolia College both flourished, as is apparent from the photographs of the period up until the outbreak of the first World War: new buildings, including the hospital where Tsolag operated the x-ray equipment, the founding of the King School for the Deaf (which produced a memorable studio image of a class in session), the 33-piece school orchestra with instruments in hand, portraits of the faculty and graduates radiating pride and confidence, and Dildilian family photos of picnic lunches and daily life in Merzifon, all bearing witness to a golden age for Anatolia and the Dildilian family.

It was not to last. Professor Marsoobian: "These times of growth and joy came to an abrupt end in the Spring of 1915. Needless to say, during the darkest of these times between April 1915 and late 1918, the lens of the Dildilian brothers' camera began recording a different set of images."

Juxtaposing the narratives left by his relatives and the accounts of Anatolia's former Presidents Carl Compton and George White, Professor Marsoobian gave his audience a chilling, multifaceted, eyewitness account of the events on and around August 10, 1915, when the genocide invaded the Anatolia campus. His grandfather Tsolag,

whose position as government-appointed photographer gave him a sliver of privilege, was given a choice: convert to Islam or be led away to almost certain death. Like many others, he chose a nominal conversion, and survived, as did his brother Aram and Marsoobian's own mother, Alice. Other Dildilian family members perished, a total of 22, according to Marsoobian's reckoning, as well as members of the Anatolia faculty, including the Professor of Art, his wife, and their three children. Their portraits survived, however, and were shown during the presentation.

The Dildilian brothers continued their work for the College when it reopened, briefly, after the war. One of the most remarkable images from the period to a golden age for Anatolia and the Dildilian family is a group portrait of 142 orphans being cared for at Anatolia, posed on what must have been five sets of steep steps in the Dildilian studio. When political conditions again worsened in 1921, it was time for the Dildilians to leave. Aram went to California, Tsolag to Athens, others to France. And Marsoobian's uncle Ara went to Thessaloniki to finish his Anatolia education when the school re-established itself on Greek soil.

"I find it especially moving to be giving this talk and showing these images here at Anatolia College this evening," Marsoobian said near the end of his talk, to an audience that was also moved by so palpable a presence of the past at an Anatolia once again flourishing.



Sumpad Dildilian retouching a photograph



Left: A studio portrait of work at Anatolia's King School for the Deaf.

Below: Children from the post-1915 Anatolia orphanage pose in the Dildilian studio.

what of their photographic archive? Did they and it survive?

In early April, Dr. Armen Marsoobian, Professor of Philosophy at Southern Connecticut State University, came to Anatolia as a Dukakis Fellow, bringing with him the story of his grandfather Tsolag and great uncle Aram – as well as many of their photographs in digital form, scanned from prints made from the original plate glass negatives. Dr. Marsoobian presented illustrated lectures to the public, to ACT faculty and students, and to Anatolia high school freshmen, in which he spoke of his family's history and its close ties to Anatolia. He also gave a talk to ACT art students entitled "Memorials, Modernity, and Art: How Do We Memorialize Genocide?" and a lecture at ACT on "Acknowledging Intergenerational Responsibility in the Aftermath of Genocide." It was Dr. Marsoobian's first contact with the school, and it proved a memorable experience for both parties.

Professor Marsoobian spoke of what he called "the crossroads of family and institutional memory." He related how he first heard family stories – in three languages – as a boy, and how those stories began to coalesce and make sense as he grew older. Lately, manuscripts have been arriving as well. In the early 1990s, a typescript of a memoir written by his great uncle Aram was given to him by his aunt, the widow of his uncle Ara, a 1926 graduate of Anatolia and later a trustee of the College. A hand-written speech given by his



Commencements 2009



Anatolia Elementary

"How I am and how I was" was the theme of the celebration. Photographs of the graduates – now age 11, but then much younger – were projected onto the screen in Raphael Hall on June 10. The sixth grade graduates then commented on the images of their former selves, sometimes humorously, sometimes movingly. Anatolia Elementary graduations always involve more than diplomas and speeches. This one included songs, dances, and sketches, in both Greek and English, executed with well-prepared polish, to the delight of parents and relatives – and teachers, and School Director Nikolaos Arnaoutis and all others present. Of the 33 members of this year's graduating class, 17 will be coming on to Anatolia in September.



The High School

It was the biggest Commencement that Anatolia has ever held. A total of 248 seniors graduated from the school's twin lyciums and its International Baccalaureate program, whose class of 61 was the largest in its ten years at Anatolia. The ceremony was also marked by farewells given to President Richard Jackson, who himself delivered the Commencement address.

Executive Vice President and COO Panos Kanellis '66 welcomed the large crowd seated in front of Macedonia Hall. He spoke with pride about the distinctive character of an Anatolia education, with its mixture of Greek and American elements, and of the achievements of this year's graduating class. He also praised President Jackson's leadership of the school over the past decade and took note of the many building projects that have been carried out during that time.

George Lysarides, Vice-President for Secondary Education, also welcomed the guests and offered his own advice to the graduating class. Among other wise counsels, he told them to make investments not in mutual funds but in mutual feelings and mutual support.

The Board of Trustees had asked Angelos Billis '47, head of the High School Governance Committee, to convey its appreciation to President Jackson for his service and to present him with a gift, a crystal cube with an etched, three-dimensional Macedonia Hall seemingly floating inside. Then Jackson himself spoke (see back

page). When he said that he expected that one of the graduates seated before him would one day win a Nobel Prize, and that he intended to attend the award ceremony himself in Sweden, the entire class rose to their feet, smiling and applauding.

Then it was time for academic awards and valedictories, in English and in Greek, as well as awards for progress in English, achievement in extracurricular activities, excellence in athletics, and exemplary conduct as a resident of the Anatolia dormitory. Besides the winners of these awards, two students were singled out for distinctions in international academic competitions: Sophia Chrysosoglou, who will be representing Greece at the Biology Olympiad in Japan this summer, and Princeton-bound Ilias Giechaskiel for his prowess in math in national and international contests.

There were two musical interludes: senior Katya Anysiou, one of the stars of "Chicago," sang three pop ballads in rousing style, and the entire senior class rose to join the Anatolia Chorale in singing the school hymn, "Morning Cometh."

The awarding of diplomas by the Deans, the lighting of the torches, the graduates' pledge, and the singing of the Greek national anthem – and it was over. Or rather, to be continued at a reception on the rooftop terrace of Macedonia Hall and – for the graduates – an all-night gathering at the popular café "Shark" on the Thessaloniki seafloor... followed by breakfast together... and what is likely to be a lifetime of continuing shared experiences.



Spring Harvest at U.S. Colleges

The worldwide economic crisis may have unsettled the college admission process at both ends this year, but the Anatolia results were once again impressive. Twenty-four Anatolians, many with substantial scholarships, are headed to the States this fall, the majority of them from Anatolia's I.B. Program. Albion leads the way with three Anatolians, followed by Princeton, Northeastern, and Bard with two apiece, then Barnard, Columbia, Dickinson, Florida Institute of Technology, Grinnell, Hampshire, Illinois Institute of Technology, Luther, Mount

Holyoke, NYU, Smith, Suffolk, Tufts, UNC at Charlotte, and Yale with one each.

Anatolia also plays well in England and other foreign countries. I.B. and Greek high school students are going to top universities in England, Italy, and Australia. Valia Magra '08 (story, Fall 2008 *Anatolian*) will be studying Medicine at University College London. As usual, the vast majority of non-I.B. graduates will be going on to Greek universities, in many cases after winning places in the country's most sought-after schools and departments.

ACT

The threat of rain may have sent the 2009 ACT Commencement indoors to Raphael Hall, but it hardly dampened the proceedings. The June 24 ceremony was all the more powerful for being held in more intimate and acoustically ideal surroundings.

Anatolia Executive Vice-President and COO Dr. Panos Kanellis welcomed the audience and the 46 seniors, who entered in academic caps and gowns and took seats on the stage. They came from nine countries. There was English, Greek, and, briefly, the language of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, when valedictorian Goren Mitev thanked his parents at the conclusion an address in which he also quoted Emerson. Business Administration was this year's most popular major, but all graduates had had an American-style liberal arts experience over four years at ACT.

In introducing Dr. Joseph Aoun, President of Northeastern University, as the Commencement speaker, ACT President Richard Jackson paid tribute to his colleague and the university he leads. Alluding to Northeastern's wealth of international programs (88 in 44 cities around the world), President Jackson noted that Northeastern is now ACT's leading study-abroad partner, with 67 Northeastern students expected at ACT in the fall. He characterized Northeastern as one of the most dynamic universities in the U.S. today and the recognized global leader in job placement of its graduates.

Dr. Aoun, himself born in Beirut and educated in France, Lebanon, and the U.S., impressed upon the graduates the idea of the connectivity and interdependence of the world. He painted a picture of a world in flux, with a shifting stage and actors switching roles in the middle of the play. Observing that he was speaking in Aristotle's homeland, he told the graduates that their "foundational education" at ACT would stand them in good stead in such a world. Then he recommended four guiding principles: embrace change; take risks; follow your passions; engage with your communities. "The world is now your classroom," he said – fitting words from the president of one of the universities that pioneered experiential education.

Prizes were awarded to seniors for outstanding work in Liberal Arts, Business Administration, History and International Relations, and Computing. The John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Award went to Milena Yoveva for her innovative business plan to set up a child-care center in downtown Thessaloniki. Besides honor, the award carries a grant of \$5,000 to help get her business started.

The Philip and Marjorie Ireland Humanitarian and Public Service Award went to the Volunteer Samaritans and Rescue Lifeguard Squad of Thessaloniki, an organization that is ready every day and hour of the year to respond to emergencies like earthquake and fire, as well as being present at outdoor concerts and other large civic gatherings. President Jackson explained that ACT, itself a non-profit organization dedicated to the common good, wished to convey recognition on other civically-minded organizations and individuals. The recipient of the award being unknown before its announcement, it



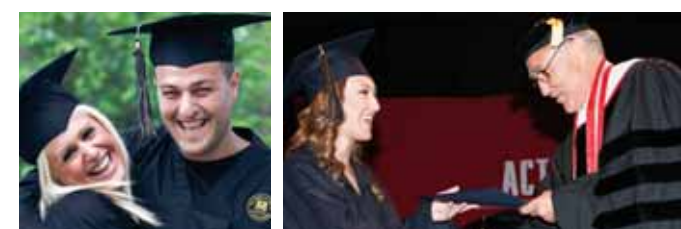
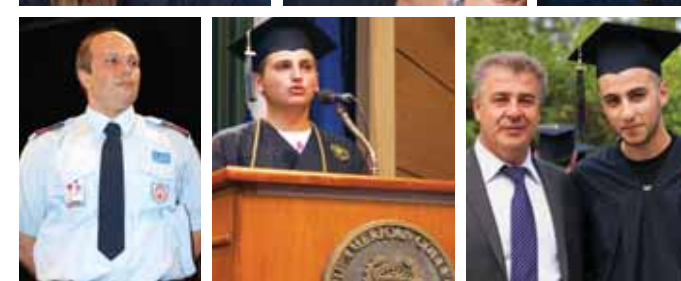
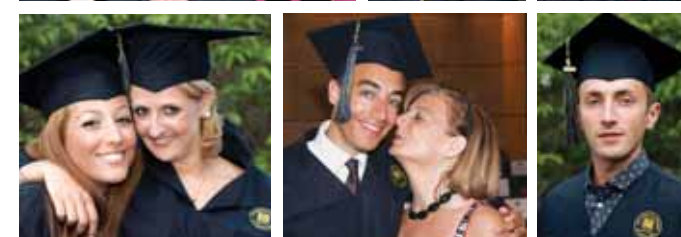
Dr. Tomas Morales, Dr. Richard Jackson and Dr. Joseph Aoun

was left to those in attendance at the ceremony to wonder about the presence of a dozen young men and women wearing identical white t-shirts with red crosses, looking ready to give assistance. They stood as Chief Manolis Proimos came forward to receive the award to warm and sustained applause.

By virtue of its 1894 charter of incorporation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Anatolia has the right to award whatever degrees are also given in its home state. Since 2000, ACT has awarded honorary doctorates, and on June 24 it conferred three more. Doctorates *honoris causa* were given to Dr. Aoun and to Dr. Tomas Morales, President of Staten Island College in the City University of New York (CUNY) system. President Jackson spoke of the background of both men and their institutions' ties to ACT. He recalled that CUNY was ACT's first study-abroad partner more than 20 years ago. Dr. Morales has held senior administrative positions at the three largest public university systems in the nation, in California, New York, and New York City.

Then it was President Jackson's turn. The Board of Trustees had decided to award him a well-deserved degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (story, page 1). Wearing full academic regalia, to which a medallion was added as the degree was bestowed, President Jackson accepted the honor to universal applause. The ACT faculty also presented President Jackson with a token of their own appreciation.

Then it was time for the awarding of degrees, degrees that now carry both American and European accreditation. ACT is the only college in Greece to offer such dual recognition of degrees. When the last diploma had been given, the opening chorus of Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana," a hymn to fortune, started up, and the graduates filed out to a reception. Good luck, Class of 2009!





Dear Members of the Class of 2009...

(The following is an excerpted version of the Anatolia College Commencement Address delivered by President Richard Jackson on June 30, 2009).

It is the greatest of privileges for me to be addressing you today. I will shortly be departing through the College gates with you, in my case after a decade as President of Anatolia, and in yours, after six years of hard study. As we pass through those gates together from this oasis of learning to the less well ordered world outside, we will be entering a new reality, and one that has been changing all the time that you and I have been here and, radically, over the past year alone...

What stands out to me about your senior year are the threats of worldwide economic depression and pandemic, and the high expectations for the Obama Presidency in the United States. The first two are as threatening as the last is hopeful. One thing is sure, we're in this together. Many years ago, when I was a young diplomat in an earlier life, then-Secretary of State Dean Rusk observed that the real poetry of the 20th century was the vision of the astronaut in space looking back on this small emerald planet, lost and whirling away in the immensity of space.

How will you make your way on that planet?

After the speeches, awards and diplomas today, you will recite the Anatolia graduates' pledge, promising to "enrich our knowledge and learning, not for the objectives of glory or wealth or power, but rather in order to respect and protect the dignity of our fellow man, to improve society and to defend the honor and democracy of our country." This year these words have particular, real-world meaning. Led by Wall Street, the economic collapse has laid bare the greed, fraud and superficial, selfish ambition inherent in lives and careers devoted only to maximizing profits and consumption and little more. I suspect that the Class of 2009 will not settle for this, and will insist on something more reflective of the core values of service to mankind, moral training, tolerance, and the dignity of work that you have absorbed at Anatolia, in short, putting into practice in your lives the words of the pledge...

Let Anatolia be a touchstone in your lives, a place to come back to. There is a caring and commitment to the Anatolia family that is, I believe, unique in Greece. You will find this too when you join the Anatolia Alumni Association and return for class reunions...

And when we return to Anatolia, you and I, in five, ten, twenty years or more, where do we hope to be in our own lives? What goals do you, members of the Class of 2009, have for yourselves to realize the full benefit of the education that you have received here? For my part, I look forward to seeing all of you as contributing and engaged members of the soci-

eties where you live, without forgetting about those where you don't live. I want to see some of you as diplomats for Greece committed to advancing peace in the world and others facing up to the environmental challenges that threaten the very survival of humanity. I would also very much like to see several of you as Trustees of Anatolia, working together to ensure that future students, perhaps your own children and grandchildren, receive as good or better an education as you have yourselves. And yes, there should be a Nobel Prize winner

the spot where we're all gathered tonight. It was Eleftherios Venizelos who advised Anatolia to relocate to Thessaloniki in the early 1920s, and it was this piece of land that caught the eye of former President George White later in that decade as he walked down from Panorama one day.

Our location here in Thessaloniki has allowed Anatolia to stand out in the Greek landscape in a way that might not have been possible in Athens or other locations. And yet,

ica, a school that I believe is simply one of the greatest on that emerald planet I referred to before.

Members of the Class of 2009, I salute your accomplishments and will follow your careers with pride. Dear Parents, I congratulate you equally and thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts to the care of this school. Trustees, faculty and friends, I thank you for the privilege of serving Anatolia College over the past decade.



Members of the Anatolia High School Class of 2009 listen to the words of the Graduates' Pledge before following the torch-bearers out into the world.

among the faces we see before us today. Why not? I want you to think and dream very big, because the challenges before us require no less. Frankly, I don't care if your Nobel is in chemistry or economics or literature or even peace. Only, when the King of Sweden invites you to Stockholm to receive it, I want an invitation too. I would take great pride that this school has set you on such a course.

If it is to realize our ambitions for it, Anatolia cannot stand still, resting on the laurels of its long history. During my time at Anatolia, the school has expanded into elementary and post-graduate education, and it will continue to evolve in ways consistent with its core values. The challenge for the faculty, administration and trustees of Anatolia will be to anticipate changes ahead in the world around us and to chart a future course accordingly...

Finally, as I have challenged the Class of 2009 to think and dream big, I do the same for the College itself. Let's begin right here from

while our mission remains service to the youth of Northern Greece, Anatolia is in many ways today a national institution. You might be interested to know that when I recently visited the campuses of Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, I was very proud when professors at each volunteered that Anatolia students, in their view, are currently outperforming all others from Greece. More than 600 of our graduates live and work in Athens, and Anatolia, for the first time, has an office there to enhance its image and visibility in the capital as well as to provide access to the corporate sector, foundations and government decision makers.

More than ever, we are also an international institution. Our graduates can be found worldwide, with about 400 of them in the United States alone. Many of you have been abroad for US summer programs and on Model United Nations trips, and I've heard that in April you sampled the night life of Barcelona and Berlin. You are graduating from a school with ties to Europe, Asia, and Amer-



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