

YEREVAN, ARMENIA

AUA EARNS WASC ACCREDITATION ON 15TH ANNIVERSARY

Evaluated on its quality and effectiveness as an institute of higher education, the American University of Armenia (AUA) is the first university outside the United States to receive the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation and for a seven-year period — an unprecedented first term.

LOS ANGELES, CA

MAJOR BENEFACTORS HONORED AT ANNIVERSARY GALA

Also testament to the high caliber of AUA, its network of supporters continues to multiply as reflected in a series of recent fundraising events held in Arizona, California (Fresno, Palm Springs, San Francisco, Saratoga, Sunnysvale), Florida, and Nevada on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of its founding.

The focal point of its anniversary celebrations, AUA hosted a lavish banquet for over 550 patrons at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles, California in honor of its major benefactors. The benefit's net proceeds of \$108,000 will support the completion of the new four-floor, earthquake-reinforced AUA Paramaz Avedisian Building, which will provide additional classroom, lecture hall, and laboratory space to accommodate the University's growth.

In tribute to the late AUA Board of Trustee Vartkes Barsam, wife Jean Barsam and son Charles were presented with an honorary plaque by President Emeritus Dr. Mihran Agbabian. Since AUA's very beginning, Mr. Barsam provided unwavering guidance and support, including the establishment of an endowment for the AUA Computer & Information Science Program and donation of the Barsam Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Pat Turpanjian were also honored by AUA President Dr. Haroutune Armenian for years of dedicated service to AUA, including the establishment of the Turpanjian Rural Development Project, Turpanjian Family Foundation Scholarship Program, Big Brother-Big Sister Mentorship Program, and AUA Turpanjian Center for Policy Analysis.

AUA has received major funding support from AGBU since its inception on September 21, 1991, the day Armenia declared its independence.



Charles Barsam, Jean Barsam and AUA President Emeritus Dr. Mihran Agbabian.



AUA President Dr. Haroutune Armenian, Pat and Jerry Turpanjian

GYUMRI, ARMENIA

LONDON CHAPTER BREATHES NEW LIFE INTO SCHOOL



For the first time in 15 years since its establishment, the Gyumri Boarding School #3 received a complete renovation of its facilities thanks to the London Chapter who donated over \$10,000 to the school which serves a student body of 132 children with special needs.

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AGBU SPONSORS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF ARMENIAN LITERATURE



Published to promote foreign readership, the launch of the three-volume anthology of drama, prose and poetry by the Writers' Union of Armenia, which includes works by nearly 80 Armenian writers, took place at the American University of Armenia with over 100 guests in attendance.

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AGBU PART OF CHIRAC DELEGATION TO ARMENIA



Commissioner General for the Year of Armenia in France Nelly Tardivier-Henrot, President of France Jacques Chirac, France District Board Member Sona Attamian and District Chairman Denis Ketchedjian at a reception during the presidential visit to Armenia.