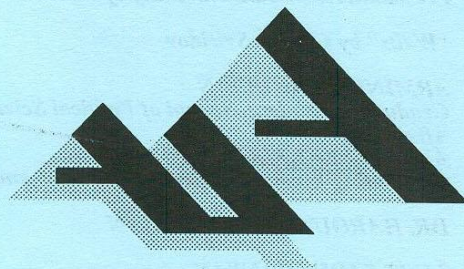


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CLASS OF 1999
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1999, 4:00 P.M.
LARGE AUDITORIUM
YEREVAN, ARMENIA

1999 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL	<i>Graduating Class of 1999, AUA Faculty and Administration "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEMS	<i>"MER HAIRENIK" "STAR SPANGLED BANNER"</i>
INVOCATION	<i>ARCHBISHOP NERSES BOZABALIAN Locum Tenens of Catholicate of All Armenians</i>
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	<i>DR. HAROUTUNE ARMENIAN President, American University of Armenia</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	<i>DR. RICHARD BUXBAUM Dean, School of Law</i>
COMMENCEMENT MESSAGES	<i>HONORABLE KHOSROV HAROUTUNIAN Minister, Ministry of Territorial Management of RA DR. JOHN WATERBURY President, American University of Beirut</i>
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>"Waltz" by Georgi Sviridov</i>
VALEDICTORY REMARKS	<i>ARMINE GRIGORYAN Graduating Student, School of Political Science and International Affairs AVEDIS SEFERIAN Graduating Student, College of Business and Management</i>
MERIT AWARD	<i>DR. HAROUTUNE ARMENIAN</i>
POEM RECITATION	<i>LILIT SARUKHANYAN 1st year student, College of Political Science and International Affairs</i>
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MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>"Academic Festival Overture" by Johannes Brahms</i>
CONCLUDING REMARKS	<i>DR. HAROUTUNE ARMENIAN</i>
RECESSIONAL	<i>Triumphant March from the opera "Aida" by Giuseppe Verdi</i>

MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE ARMENIAN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Gevorg Mouradian, Conductor

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On September 21, 1991, the day the Armenian Parliament declared Armenia's independence, AUA opened its doors with 101 students enrolled in the intensive English language program. These students later matriculated in Business and Management (MBA), Earthquake Engineering and Industrial Engineering (M. Eng.).

In subsequent years, the student body increased from 101 students to 415 students enrolled in 1999. Several programs were added during these years. A University Extension program was organized to offer short courses and training programs for working professionals. Three Research Centers were established to provide Research Assistantships to students working with faculty and local scientists: the Center for Business Research and Development; the Center for Economic Policy Research and Analysis; and the Engineering Research Center. A Center for Environmental Management and Science provides environmental awareness programs to the students in the regular and extension programs.

A Political Science Department was added in Spring, 1994, offering a degree in Political Science (MA.Pol.Sci.). Building on earlier programs, a Certificate program in Teaching English as a Foreign Language commenced in Fall, 1994. A Certificate program in Public Health was initiated in Spring, 1994 and in 1996 it became a Master of Public Health degree program. Two additional research centers were added in Fall, 1995: The Center for Policy Analysis and the Center for Health Services Research.

A Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree was initiated in Fall, 1996, enrolling 24 students in the Program, with its Legal Resource Center.

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