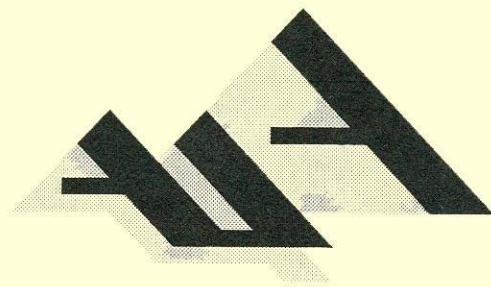


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*CLASS OF 1997  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1997, 5:00 P.M.  
UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM  
YEREVAN, ARMENIA*

## **1997 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM**

<i>PROCESSIONAL</i>	<i>Graduating Class of 1997, AUA Faculty and Administration "Pomp and Circumstance" - E. Elgar</i>
<i>NATIONAL ANTHEMS</i>	<i>"MER HAIRENIK" "STAR SPANGLED BANNER"</i>
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<i>PRESIDENT'S REMARKS</i>	<i>DR. HAROUTUNE ARMENIAN President, American University of Armenia</i>
<i>GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA</i>	<i>DR. ARMEN DER KIUREGHIAN Dean, College of Engineering</i>
<i>COMMENCEMENT MESSAGES</i>	<i>GARNIK NANAGOULIAN Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade of RA DR. HAROUTUNE ARMENIAN President, American University of Armenia</i>
<i>MUSICAL INTERLUDE</i>	<i>Fragment from "Caucasian Sketches" by M. Ippolitov-Ivanov</i>
<i>VALEDICTORY REMARKS</i>	<i>NUNE MANGASARYAN Department of Public Health GAYANE AVETISYAN TEFL Certificate Program</i>
<i>MERIT AWARD</i>	<i>DR. HAROUTUNE ARMENIAN</i>
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<i>MUSICAL INTERLUDE</i>	<i>"Academic Festival Overture" - Brahms</i>
<i>CONCLUDING REMARKS</i>	<i>DR. HAROUTUNE ARMENIAN</i>
<i>RECESSIONAL</i>	<i>March "Stars and Stripes Forever" by J. P. Sousa</i>

***MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE ARMENIAN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA  
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## **ABOUT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA**

*The American University of Armenia, AUA, was founded to address the long-term needs of Armenia and the region. Its mission is to educate and train a new generation of leaders in the best traditions of American universities and graduate schools. With the financial and organizational support of the Armenian General Benevolent Union and the institutional affiliation granted by the University of California, together with land grants, facilities and subsidies provided by the Government of Armenia, and the financial assistance of the U.S. Agency for International Development, AUA began with a solid foundation for fulfilling its educational mission.*

*On September 23, 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 377 students enrolled in 1997. 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: the Center for Business Research and Development; the Center for Economic Policy Research and Analysis; and the Engineering Research Center, provide Research Assistantships to students working with faculty and local scientists, contributing toward the advancement of the economy and lifestyle in Armenia. 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 degree program (MPH). Two additional research centers were added in Fall, 1995: The Center for Policy Analysis and the Center for Health Services Management.*

*A Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree was initiated in Fall, 1996, enrolling 24 students in the Program.*

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERICAN GRADUATION REGALIA**

*The evolution of the modern American cap and gown comes largely from the clerical dress of the 13th and 14th centuries. The wearing of the colored hood came to be a mark of the attainment of a degree. The colors used for the hood borders were developed in 1895 when the Intercollegiate Commission drew up a code which was subsequently adopted by the American universities. Bright orange became the border color for Engineering, and Beige for Business. The colors on the inside of the hood represent the colors of the university which conferred the degree. For the American University of Armenia, those colors are red and blue.*

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