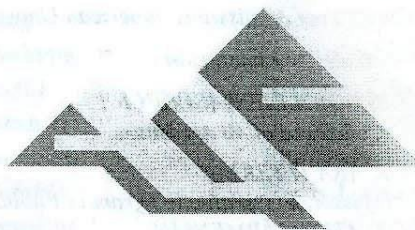


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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA



**CLASS OF 1995**  
**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1995, 4:00 P.M.**  
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### 1995 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL	Graduating Class of 1995, AUA Faculty and Administration "Pomp and Circumstance" - E. Elgar
NATIONAL ANTHEMS	"STAR SPANGLED BANNER" "MER HAIRENIK"
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GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	DR. THEONY CONDOS Director of Admissions, American University of Armenia
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	"Waltz" - Khachaturian
COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE	HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN I Catholicos of All Armenians
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	DR. ARA TEKIAN Professor, Certificate Program in Public Health DR. ATKEN ARMENIAN Director, Intensive English Program DR. NICOL SHAHGALDIAN Dean, Department of Political Science DR. ARMEN DER KIUREGHIAN Dean, College of Engineering DR. HAROLD KASSARDJIAN Interim Dean, College of Business and Management
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	"Academic Festival Overture" - Brahms
VALEDICTORY REMARKS	MR. VARUZHAN K. HOKTANIAN Department of Political Science MS. MAGDA D. AGHABABIAN College of Business and Management
CONCLUDING REMARKS	DR. MIHRAN AGBABIAN
RECESSIONAL	"Waltz" - Haroutiunian

MUSIC PROVIDED BY ARMENIAN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA  
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*He will sit in the  
middle surrounded by others.*

**Faculty who have taught the American University of Armenia Class of 1995**

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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 has a solid foundation for fulfilling its educational mission.*

*On September 23, 1991, the day Armenia declared independence, AUA opened its doors with 101 students enrolled in the intensive English language program. Of these students 55 were admitted to the Business and Management program, 7 were admitted to the Earthquake Engineering program, and 13 were admitted to the Industrial Engineering program. With faculty members drawn from some of the best American universities, instruction is conducted in English according to the standards of U.S. universities.*

*The second academic year started on September 21, 1992, with the enrollment of 140 new students in the intensive English language Program. Of these students 84 were admitted to the Business and Management program, 12 were admitted to the Earthquake Engineering program, and 28 were admitted to the Industrial Engineering program. A University Extension was also organized to offer short courses and training programs for people in the work place who cannot afford the time to become full time students. 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 who work with faculty and local scientists on projects that contribute to the advancement of the economy and lifestyle of Armenia and the surrounding region. A Center for Environmental Management and Science, affiliated with the Engineering Research Center, provides environmental sensitivity awareness programs to the students in the regular and extension programs.*

*The third academic year began in the Spring, 1994 with the addition of a new department- a M.A. degree Program in Political Science. In the spring, 1995, AUA began new certificate program in Public Health. Two new research centers, the Center for Policy Analysis and the Center for Health Services Management, began their operations in the Fall of 1995.*

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*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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