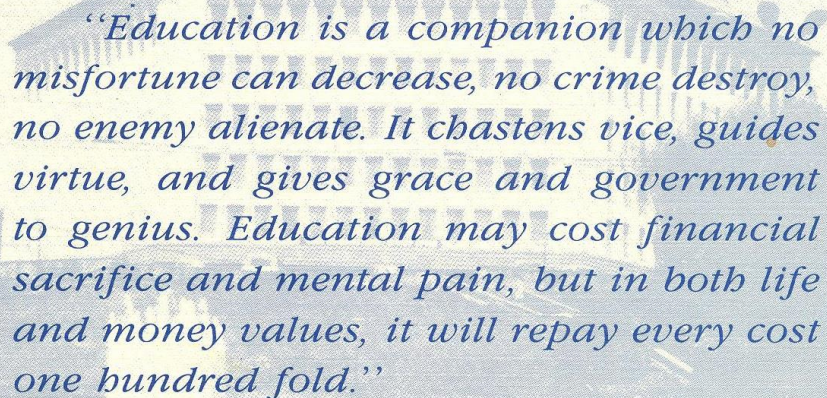


A New Beginning for A New Generation



“Education is a companion which no misfortune can decrease, no crime destroy, no enemy alienate. It chastens vice, guides virtue, and gives grace and government to genius. Education may cost financial sacrifice and mental pain, but in both life and money values, it will repay every cost one hundred fold.”

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ABOUT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA

The American University of Armenia, AUA, was founded to address the long-term needs in Armenia and the region as a whole. Its mission is to educate and train a new generation of leaders in the best tradition of American Universities and Graduate Schools. With the financial and organizational support of the Armenian General Benevolent Union and the academic and institutional affiliation granted by the University of California, together with land grants, facilities and subsidies provided by the Government of Armenia, AUA has a solid foundation as it begins to fulfill its educational mission.

On September 23, 1991, the day Armenia declared independence, AUA opened its doors with 101 enrolled graduate students. Intensive courses in English and computer applications prepared the students to enter their chosen fields in Business Management, Earthquake Engineering, or Industrial Engineering. With faculty members drawn from some of the best American universities, instruction is conducted in English according to the highest standards of comparable U.S. universities.

The second academic year started on September 21, 1992, with the enrollment of 140 new students. 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. Two Research Centers, Center for Business Research and Development 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 and awareness programs to the students in the regular and extension programs.

AUA plans to establish degree programs in Public Policy and Political Science, Public Health and Health Care Management, and Agricultural Sciences. A new campus is being planned on land located on a hill in the suburbs of Yerevan.

**THE MESSAGE OF
HIS HOLINESS VAZKEN I
CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS
TO THE STUDENTS OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA
ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1992**

I am happy that I can talk to you at the beginning of the second academic year and on the first anniversary of the declaration of independence of the Republic of Armenia. I bring my greetings and blessings to this institution, to its administration, faculty, and students.

Praise be to God that the Statue of Liberty of America is now shining in Armenia. The evidence is this institution of higher learning, the American University of Armenia.

I remember my spiritual condition more than 50 years ago, when I was at your age, and I was attending classes in philosophy and literature in Bucharest. It is not self praise when I say that I had an inner pleasure and satisfaction when I entered the halls of the University, just as the faithful enter the church for prayer. As I think about it, those were the happiest years of my life. I have had happy years later in Romania and as the Catholicos, but I had a fire burning in me for knowledge that gave me utmost happiness. Let me advise you to follow your studies with the same enthusiasm. These years will not be repeated. You have a special privilege to be students.

On this occasion, I wish to bring my blessings to this institution and its leaders. Also to the benefactors. I know that American institutions are supporting this university. I specially wish to commend the great Armenian General Benevolent Union and its dedicated president, Ms. Louise Manoogian Simone.

Dear students, follow seriously your studies. Our country has survived many oppressive years in its history, but we have never lost sight of the importance of culture and education. I urge you, students, to arm yourselves with the technology and the post graduate education that America is offering you at AUA and take an oath to build your home in Armenia for the welfare of your Fatherland. Learn the English language. It is an important language for Armenia as it enters the international family of nations, but do not forget your mother tongue. Do not study to please your teacher or to receive a diploma, but to advance yourselves in order to be true to your mission of helping Armenia. I wish you the blessings of the Holy See of Echmiazin.



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UNITED STATES SENATE

I am very sorry that Senate duties and prior commitments prevent me from joining you and the many supporters of the American University of Armenia at your dinner in Los Angeles.

The event is an important continuation of the mission in which you, Dr. Mihran Agbajian, your associates, the Armenian General Benevolent Union, the University of California and the Government of Armenia are all engaged and which is crucial to Armenia's future.

Armenia is going through a particularly terrible crisis now and I want you all to know that the country and its brave people are never far from my thoughts. I and other concerned Members of Congress are working on an almost daily basis with U.S. and foreign government officials and with private sector groups to help bring relief from the harsh winter conditions and the problems brought on by the blockade of food, fuel and medicine.

At the same time we must all look ahead to the future when Armenia can develop on the basis of the remarkable skills, spirit, and industry of its people. I can think of no better contribution to the future of Armenia than the institution which you and your associates and the entire diaspora community are developing. A major first class university will bring light and knowledge to a country that has suffered under hundreds of years of oppression and denial.

You are embarked on a mission of the highest order. Please accept my commendation and be assured of my personal support as well as a promise to continue to seek the solid support of the United States Government in attaining your goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Dole". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

BOB DOLE
U.S. Senator



UNITED STATES SENATE

I regret that I am unable to be with you and your associates in Los Angeles to pay tribute to the American University of Armenia.

I have watched with great hope and interest the development of AUA from its inception. Amid the chaos that has enveloped Armenia, the establishment of this University has become a testament for the faith its courageous founders have in the power of education. I commend Dr. Mihran Agbabian, the Armenian General Benevolent Union, the University of California, and the Armenian government for undertaking to make this dream a reality.

The future of this newly sovereign country lies in the ability and vision of the nation's leaders to prepare the children of Armenia for the future. Armenia will survive these difficult times. Armenia will ultimately enjoy peace and stability. Armenia's centuries-old dream of a free and independent land is now a reality. And AUA will help ensure a free and prosperous Armenia.

The contributions that are pledged tonight will help to house and nourish the young University we endeavor to support. Our commitments to this institution represent moral endowments for Armenia's youth. Our generous assistance will allow young Armenians to build the Armenia of tomorrow.

I am proud to associate myself with the AUA and I am happy to pledge my continued support, not only to the University as an institution, not only to the current students of AUA, but to future generations of students throughout Armenia.

My best wishes.

Cordially,
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Simon".

PAUL SIMON
U.S. Senator



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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March 7, 1993

Let me offer my very best regards to all gathered for today's festivities to introduce the American University of Armenia. I would like to extend a special note of welcome to the distinguished guests who have travelled to California to be a part of this celebration.

Two years ago, the University of California agreed to assist in developing a new university in the Republic of Armenia — The American University of Armenia. That goal has become reality, and the University has been educating students in that rapidly changing area of the world since its doors opened in September 1991.

I am pleased that the University of California welcomed the opportunity to assist in a project that will benefit the people of Armenia. International partnership efforts like yours strengthen ties of education, knowledge, and friendship.

The American University of Armenia holds great promise, and I know the University of California has great expectations for this new institution of higher learning.

We will not rest until every Californian knows about the University and the important mission it is undertaking in Armenia. Today's event will go a long way toward realizing that goal, and I send my best wishes for an enjoyable ceremony.

Sincerely,

PETE WILSON



STUDENT COUNCIL

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA

We, the Student Council of American University of Armenia, on behalf of all students, would like to express our gratitude for this unique opportunity — to study at an American University.

The University has helped us to understand the American system of higher education and the way American students study and interact with faculty. Moreover, it has helped us to become used to the American way of thinking.

The University has always tried to hire the best American professors, who, in their turn, have tried to do their best in successfully accomplishing the main goal of the AUA — to create a new institution in Armenia with a completely different academic system. A vast majority of our students have gotten new knowledge in engineering and business and management, which, undoubtedly, will greatly help them in their future career.

We hope that graduates from AUA will be of great help for our country.

Sincerely,

ASHOT MKRTCHIYAN
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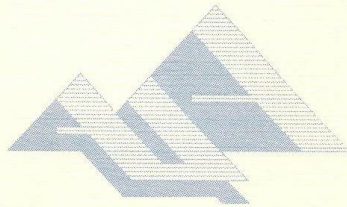


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