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It is not always easy to ask for contributions. We know full well you are probably inundated with requests. But when we feel so strongly about a project, we can't help but enthusiastically and confidently ask your financial support.

It has been almost seven years since AUA opened its doors. It was an unbelievable undertaking as tons of computers, books, even paper, pens and pencils were shipped from the United States. Professors from leading American Universities were truly pioneers as they relocated to Armenia to begin three month intensive English and computer classes followed by a Master's degree program in Business Management and Engineering for the first 100 students accepted in September 1991.

Would the younger generation in Armenia, newly free from Soviet domination accept Western education, market and management theories and the latest technology? Would they even stay in Armenia after all the retraining or were we just preparing graduates who would look for opportunities abroad as soon as they received their degrees?

We are proud to report that the American University of Armenia's mission has succeeded beyond our wildest dreams. I hope you have read the cover page of this letter listing just some of our graduates and their present fields of employment. It keeps getting better and better as our alumni mature and gain experience. Whether it is in government ministries, communications, private business, educational and humanitarian institutions or Armenia-based foreign embassies, organizations and joint ventures, AUA graduates are making an impact on the economic, political and social progress of the country.

Today AUA has over 500 alumni working in Armenia. The two year Master's degree program with a 1998 enrollment of 350 students has in the past seven years expanded to include Political Science, International Relations, Public Health, Law and Environmental and Conservation Science. Thousands of others have attended outreach programs in over fifty fields, including banking, journalism, conflict resolution, education, earthquake engineering, business management and special intensive English for teachers, doctors, parliamentarians, diplomats, government staff and lawyers, just to name a few of the varied seminars and courses offered by AUA.

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Louise Manoojian Simone  
President

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