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President's Report

2018 - 2019

ATHENS COLLEGE

Athens College is a premier Pre K-12, nonprofit educational foundation founded in 1925 by enlightened Greeks and supported by forward-thinking Americans. Our mission is to contribute to society as a beacon for Greek education, developing responsible global citizens and future leaders, inspired by Hellenic heritage and both American and European liberal values. Our aim is to provide the essence of education by helping each individual to achieve their highest potential and unique aspirations, instilling in them respect for themselves and others, cultivating a sense of civic duty and exemplifying the highest ethical standards. Since its founding in 1925, Athens College continues to incorporate the best of Greece and the US in its educational programs and through its leadership and governance and has enhanced the Greek curriculum with an emphasis on balanced excellence – blending rigorous academics with innovative co-curricular and community service programs.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

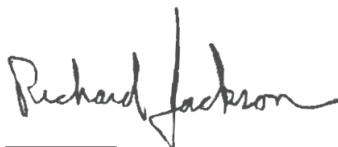
Three years, the length of my tenure at Athens College, truly pass, “en ripi ofthalmou” as the Greeks say; one year to learn the College and its culture, a second to make such changes as one can and a third to complete as many high priority projects and donations as possible and to batten down the hatches for a successor. Alumni, parents and friends of Athens College with whom I have spoken usually agree with me on the need for change, although a few may differ on what changes. And still, with a mandate from the two Boards to make whatever changes I could, I have found my time at the College to be the most challenging and rewarding of a long professional life.

I am particularly excited about the two-year-old and robust program of Merit Scholarships, the weekly training on campus for unaccompanied, minor refugee children, mentored by our own students and the College’s proactive outreach to the broader society beyond our walls.

These gains, bringing Athens College more fully into the 21st century and insuring that it will continue to be the beacon for education in Greece and beyond that it was throughout the 20th, would not have been possible without the hard work of both Boards, the students themselves, the faculty and staff, alumni, parents, donors and friends of this School.

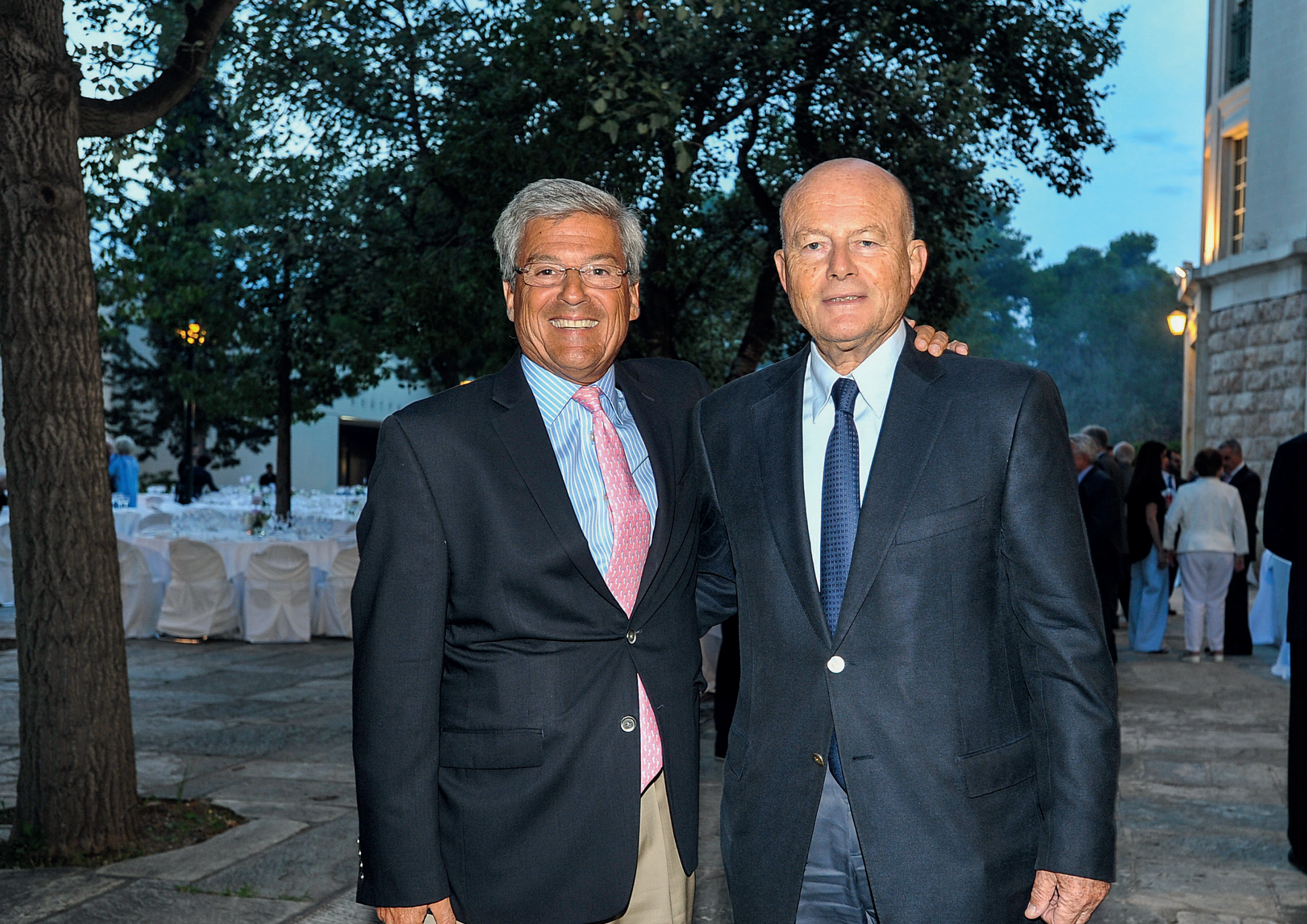
I have every confidence that the changes I have described will prove irreversible and that the best is yet to come for Athens College. There were so many strong candidates for my present job that I would not have wanted to be in the shoes of our two Boards. The task facing them was no less than insuring the continuity and stability of Athens College over the next 5-10 years.

We must, therefore, place our full confidence in them and insure the smoothest possible transition going forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

RICHARD L. JACKSON
President Athens College





FROM OUR BOARD CHAIRS

My years as a student at Athens College have been the most formative of my life. I deeply love this School, it has made me who I am today and I know that my classmates and all of our alumni would say the same. During my school years, my classmates and I were challenged on a daily basis academically, physically and personally, coming from a diverse student body from privileged and underprivileged families united in our common values of ethos and intellectual pursuit.

The world has rapidly changed since then, becoming increasingly competitive, defined by international standards with technology and globalization transforming radically the ways we live and conduct business. Athens College hasn't always been agile enough to adopt the necessary forward thinking innovative behavior required to meet these changes. We owe it to our youth and to our School's legacy as a true center of excellence and beacon of education in Greece and beyond, to gain ground on this front in order to best equip our students for global citizenship.

While completing my second year as Chairman of the Board of Directors, I am confident you have appreciated the major necessary changes and improvements we have implemented during these past 2 years. There are undoubtedly more to come.

We are working as one with our Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees and the President in order to maintain our academic leadership, meeting the demands of academic quality in the 21st century, while ensuring a strong international focus and a more open and transparent College. We have diversified our student body by expanding our Merit and Need Scholarship Program, enhanced academic excellence by initiating Merit Awards, re-instituting the President's List of Academic Achievement and implementing International Baccalaureate programs that inspire exploratory learning and critical thinking across all school levels.

I once read that Athens College resembles a massive ocean liner ill-suited to 180° turns and although we are making significant progress there are times when we face resistance to change. As our School's alumni, parents and friends, I count on you as School ambassadors to help us enable the ocean liner to take its turns smoother, supporting us in any shape or form, whether that means underwriting a scholarship, sponsoring a program, sharing your expertise, getting involved in school events or volunteering your time.

NICOLAS A. TSAVLIRIS

Chairman of the Board of Directors

This past year has been productive in many ways and we are proud of what we have accomplished so far. Working together as a team with Chairman Nicolas Tsavlis, our Board of Trustees, Board of Directors and the President we have initiated significant and necessary changes towards the advancement and welfare of our School. Yet, we are also cognizant that much remains to be done and we would like to share with you our priorities.

Our students were challenged in an academically rigorous environment. We learned how to read, we learned how to write and we learned how to think. We respected the rules but were not afraid to challenge authority. Even more importantly, our teachers taught us to respect our elders, our peers and those less fortunate than us. We learned that what matters most in life is good character. We were a diverse student body from privileged, underprivileged and diaspora families united in our shared values of good character, intellectual pursuit and academic achievements.

Regrettably we have lost ground in terms of the academic rigor of the School. Some has been the result of restrictive government policies, some the result of an erosion in values in a rapidly evolving society and some the result of our own mistakes. Academic excellence requires a merit based admissions system, merit based scholarships, faculty development, curriculum development and a rigorous evaluation of everyone involved, students, teachers and administrators included. These initiatives have been eroded and need to be restored.

At the same time, we are no longer the leading "international" school in Greece. Greece's membership in the European Union changed the secondary school landscape with the emergence of the IB and the increased competition from foreign schools. As the regulatory environment for Greek schools became more restrictive the flexibility built into Athens College's founding law has eroded.

The values that earned Athens College the remarkable reputation we have enjoyed for a long time are even more important today than they were in the past. The world has become a smaller place increasingly defined by international standards. Our students will be called upon to compete against the best, both in Greece and around the world. We are determined to help them meet this challenge and you should rest assured that working together as one we will succeed.

ALEXIS P. MICHAS

Chairman of the Board of Trustees





1925



Athens College founded

Athens College founded through the leadership of Emmanuel Benakis and Stephanos Delta and with the support of other distinguished Greeks and American philhellenes. The Boarding Department opens the same year and the pioneering Scholarship Program established through an endowment gift by Stephanos and Penelope Delta.

1926



Board of Trustees

The Trustees of Athens College in Greece, later known as the Board of Trustees, established in New York. Among its founding members are Edward Capps, Charles Howland and other enlightened Americans.

1927



Homer & Marjorie Davis

Homer Davis, head of the School's English Department, is appointed Deputy Director. He and his wife Marjorie play a crucial role in organizing the new School. Davis twice serves as President, leaving his mark on the character and development of the Institution.

Athens College

1964 - 1967



Library & Science Buildings

The central Library and Natural Sciences Building are built, thanks to USAID/ASHA grants, gifts of the American people. Two decades later, the Athens College Theater was constructed through a new USAID grant.

1977



Coeducation & Elementary Education

Athens College becomes co-educational. The pioneering Bodossakis Elementary School is inaugurated. In 1978, this innovative facility wins the Distinguished Building Award by the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

1980



Psychico College

Following unprecedented growth in enrollment, Psychico College is established. The Latsis Elementary School is inaugurated in 1995. In 1984, the Adult Education Program is launched.

1929



Benakis Hall

The College's landmark building, Benakis Hall, is inaugurated on May 25. During World War II it is occupied by the German army and later serves as a British military hospital.

1949



Community Outreach Program

The College launches its Community Outreach Program with students and alumni participating in the post-war reconstruction and equipping of provincial schools throughout the country. The College today partners with a wide variety of NGOs in Greece and abroad, giving students hundreds of opportunities for hands-on service learning.

1963



Fellows Program

The Athens College Fellows Program launched, bringing recently graduated young Americans to campus. Today, the College hosts the largest number of US Fulbright Fellows of any institution in Greece. Fellows work with students across divisions as mentors, coaches, advisors, role models and more.

Timeline

1996



International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is successfully introduced and now is the largest program in Greece and one of the biggest in Europe.

2010



Informatics Center

The George Economou Informatics Center is established to promote the use of technology in education, using state of the art equipment. Four years later, the Center operates from the Alexandra Martinou building.

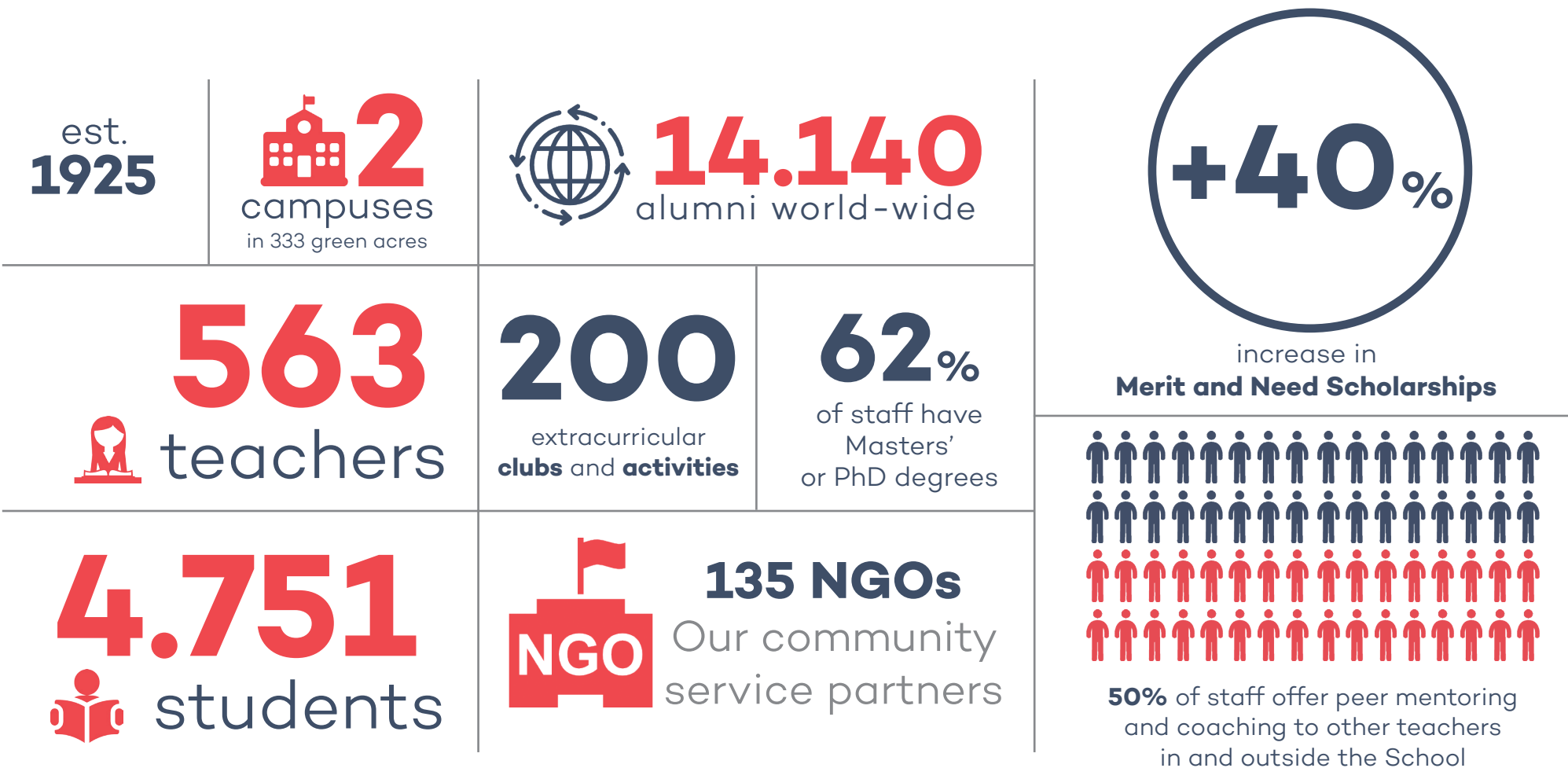
2014



Kindergarten

The model "John M. Carras" Kindergarten opens as a Platinum LEED building (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) awarded by the US Green Building Council.

ATHENS COLLEGE AT A GLANCE



99%

ACCEPTANCE

at best-fit US & European universities



**Platinum LEEDS
CERTIFICATION**

in recognition of
sustainability
achievement



**Middle Years
Programme**

**MYP authorized IB
World School**



**Primary Years
Programme**

**PYP IB
Candidate School ***

*Athens College is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme and pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programmes of international education that share a powerful vision.

*Only schools authorized by the International Baccalaureate can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

97%

ACCEPTANCE

in Greek universities



Largest & most
comprehensive
School Library
Program
in Greece



Global STEM Alliance

A subsidiary of

The New York Academy of Sciences

Member of



ETSN

European Talent
Support Network

99%

of our graduates employed
or in further study

#1

largest Fulbright Fellows
program in Greece

largest Adult Education
Program in Greece with
3.000 participants annually

largest Chinese language
Program of K-12 schools
in Greece

OUR ALUMNI have been

shortlisted for the Nobel prize in Chemistry

elected **Prime Ministers** and members of the **Greek Government**

elected members of the Greek and the European parliament

selected as **Global Leaders** by Google

elected members of the **American Academy of Engineering**

awarded by the European Organization for **Nuclear Research**

appointed to the top Researchers Worldwide list

awarded the National Medal of Science by President Obama

named in the Top 100 Annual Lloyds List for Shipping

included in the top 100 World Art Collectors list



named **best Woman Comedian by CNN**

elected members of the Hall of Fame **National Inventors U.S.A.**

winners of the **World Champion Ski record**

named members of the **Righteous Among Nations**

awarded as World acclaimed Fashion Designer

awarded by The Hellenic Initiative for **humanitarian** work with **refugee children**

competitors in Greek National Teams

awarded by the **Greek National Literature Committee** for **Best Poetry Collection**

appointed **Deans** at **top-rank Universities** worldwide

competitors in the **Olympic Games**





BALANCED EXCELLENCE: DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION

We expect our graduates to make an extraordinary impact on their community and the world. This starts by bringing out the best in each of our students, by helping them discover their abilities and talents and take these beyond the classroom. In addition to the rigorous academic curriculum, an enriched program of athletics, arts, extracurricular activities and community service challenges students while providing the foundation for a lifetime of curiosity, creativity and intellectual achievement.

Our aim is to help students cultivate lifelong habits of mind that prepare them to succeed and encourage them to develop the compassion, understanding and resiliency needed to become responsible global citizens.







ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS 2018 - 2019

Athens College has an outstanding legacy of academic excellence while learning is an active pursuit that takes many shapes and forms. There is no one set track record for students here. The opportunities are limitless. For yet another year, we are very proud that our students have excelled in so many different areas. More specifically to name a few:

- Our 2019 graduates have achieved excellent results in their final exams and were accepted to top-rank universities in Greece and abroad such as Brown, Columbia, Dartmouth, Yale, Pennsylvania, Cambridge, Imperial, LSE, UCL, Bocconi and many others.
- They won the Young Entrepreneurship Award in Greece and two awards in the Junior Achievement European Competition in France, while our School received the Entrepreneurial School TES Award 2019.
- Our High School students were distinguished at the Panhellenic and European Union Science Olympiad EUSO 2019 in Portugal.
- They triumphed in the Panhellenic Biology Competition 2019 and were part of the Greek National Team for the International Biology Olympiad in Hungary.
- They participated in the Greek National Physics Team and received an Honorable Mention at the 50th International Physics Olympiad in Israel.
- They have won leading places in Panhellenic, European and International Sports and Athletics Championships, as well as in Forensics Association Tournaments both in Greece and abroad.
- Our Elementary Schools became members of the European Talent Support Network and were recognized as Talent Points within 400 institutions worldwide, which are dedicated to the common objective of talent development.
- Our Junior High and High Schools are now members of the “Global STEM Alliance” of the Academy of Science in New York.

We are proud to implement the International Baccalaureate continuum across the School, by becoming an authorized MYP World School and by receiving a candidacy as a PYP World School.

Left: Student recipients of the Merit Awards 2017 - 2019 who performed at the very top of their class based on their cumulative grades over the past two years and who distinguished themselves for their overall ethos and conduct.

OUR INNOVATION IN LEARNING

Kindergarten

The “John M. Carras” Kindergarten provides a unique, exciting learning experience and builds a solid foundation for students’ future academic, social and emotional trajectories. It offers a dual language pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program for children aged 4 – 6 that focuses on the development of the whole child and prepares them to be good communicators and knowledgeable, caring and open-minded learners. Currently in the process of becoming a certified school for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) in the Early Years, the Kindergarten offers an interdisciplinary curriculum with a wide range of arts-oriented and STEM activities and provides its young learners with opportunities to discover the world through play in a safe, diverse and nurturing environment.



Elementary School

The Athens College Elementary School offers students ample opportunities to develop personally, academically, socially and emotionally. While employing the Greek national curriculum, the School is also a candidate to become certified for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) and encourages its students to make sense of the world around them and take ownership of their own learning. Through student-centered teaching methods, students focus on key areas of learning such as communication, language and literacy, problem solving and reasoning, physical and creative development. They are exposed to a wide variety of globally significant ideas and issues in their day-to-day learning whether that be science, language, math and the arts or extracurricular activities. We aim to help our students develop solid study skills, positive attitudes and become caring and responsible global citizens.



Junior High School

In Junior High School students continue to build on the knowledge, skills and attitudes they develop at the Elementary School level. Junior High implements the Greek national curriculum and is also an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) authorized school. Students are exposed to a wide range of real-world issues, have the opportunity to connect knowledge across subject areas and develop skills that will enable them to become well-rounded and autonomous learners. We empower students to ask challenging questions, to know themselves, to develop responsibility and care for others through service learning and achieve excellence on their own terms. At the same time the students’ academic experience is enriched by a wide range of clubs and extracurricular activities in both academic and non-academic areas including forensics, robotics, fencing and many more.



High School

High School students continue to follow the MYP curriculum where they meet the Greek national curriculum requirements. At this grade level, students also complete a Personal Project, which is an essential part of the MYP, giving them the opportunity to explore their passions, build awareness of their own learning processes, develop research, thinking and self-management skills and demonstrate their understanding of core values, while experiencing firsthand the process of inquiry, action and reflection. The students' Personal Projects are externally moderated against globally set criteria. In grades 11 and 12, students can choose to either exclusively follow the Greek national curriculum, which is enriched in all subject areas, or to follow the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP). Whichever path they opt for, we make sure to successfully prepare them for university studies both in Greece and abroad.



International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP) is now recognized in almost every country in the world as one of the pre-eminent university-entrance qualifications for students studying outside of their home country. At Athens College, the IB DP has been offered since 1996, with an impressive track record of academic achievement and acceptance rates in the most reputable higher educational institutions in the world. Our DP is one of the largest in Europe, it is rigorous in nature and takes pride in offering an extensive range of subjects within the six main subject areas taught, thereby giving learners an opportunity to keep their options open and discover what their passion is. The skills that they develop within the two years of the IB DP include research, data analysis, academic writing, public speaking, project management, time management, leadership and becoming active in a global community, which allows them to settle comfortably into a new environment when they join foreign universities.



Lifelong Learning

Athens College believes in empowering its faculty to be the best educators they can be. Our program for continuing professional development Educate the Educators is a dynamic teaching and learning program developed by educators for educators. Members of our faculty deliver inspiring lectures and run hands-on workshops not just for our teachers but for the wider educational community as well. This way best practices and areas of expertise are shared across the board giving all our educators the opportunity to benefit. The College has also run an Adult Education Program since 1984, which is the largest one in Greece. Offering a very diverse range of afternoon and evening courses to adults, this program aims to broaden their knowledge for both personal and professional enrichment. Foreign languages, sports, social science and culture, the arts and business are all included in its course offerings.





THE ATHENS COLLEGE DIFFERENCE

An Athens College education empowers students for life. Everything we do – every class, every piece of music, every sport, every presentation, every extracurricular activity and every act of community service – is meant to help our students discover their interests, their power and their responsibility as future global citizens and leaders. We support all students in learning to:

Communicate with clarity

To learn to think critically and creatively. To write and speak persuasively. To listen respectfully. These skills are honed in classrooms, clubs, competitions, student publications, community engagement and more. An integrated English Language program across the Institution ensures students acquire native-language fluency.

Acquire problem-solving skills

Our experienced STEM educators (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) challenge students to think their way around a problem and try out solutions. Well-equipped and staffed labs support learning opportunities within and beyond the curriculum for students at every level.

Channel their creativity

Passion for the arts electrifies campus. Students have access to art studios, theaters, performance rooms and more. Multiple opportunities and resources encourage students to explore interests, push creative boundaries, perfect skills. They learn from a team of talented teachers, as well as visiting artists, performers and scholars.

Appreciate sportsmanship & healthy living

Whatever their skill, all students participate in athletics. From beginners to elite athletes, our students learn to value good health, lifelong commitment to fitness and the joy of sport. One of the most successful K-12 athletic programs in Europe, instructors and coaches cultivate a competitive spirit, fair play and team loyalty. Thanks to our supporters, our athletic facilities serve students, alumni and the wider community.

Contribute to the common good

Service to the community is a part of school life that is shared and valued by every graduate. Our students volunteer their time and talents through community partner organizations at the local or national level, participate in service trips, and join summer programs with international organizations.

OUR FULBRIGHT FELLOWS

We are honored to host the largest Fulbright Fellows Program in Greece. The Fulbright Foundation awarded 13 fellowships to recent graduates from leading Universities in the USA to gain educational experience at Athens College. The Fellows provide a unique cross cultural educational experience infusing their culture, enthusiasm, ideas, language and knowledge into our school community serving as role models for our students.

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Being a Fellow at Athens College Elementary School has challenged me and allowed me to grow as an educator in ways that I couldn't imagine. As a person from an underrepresented background, I have been able to learn just as much from the students and this unique culture as they have learned from me, and the knowledge gained from this experience will forever enhance my role as an educator.

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Le'Aysha Breshae Pearson, Fulbright Fellow from Jackson, Tennessee



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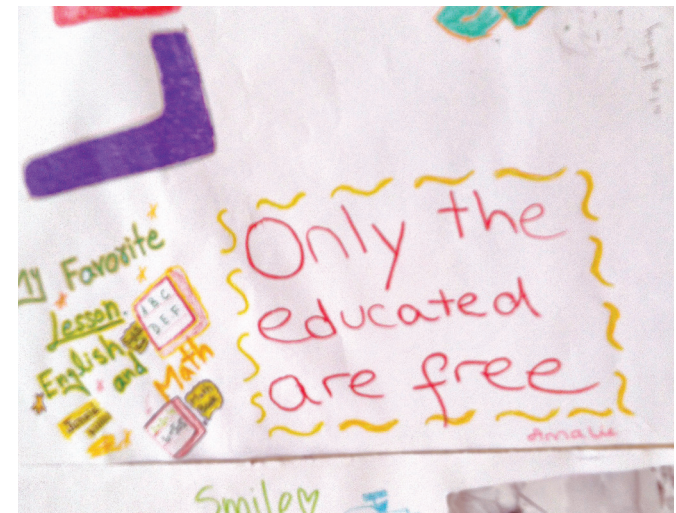
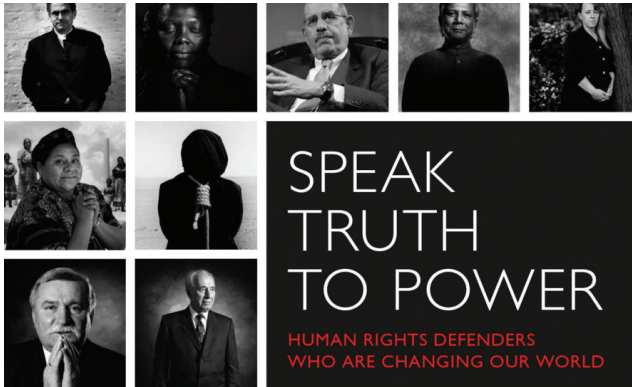
As a fellow at Athens College I am learning and guiding in equal measure. Working with High School students, I enjoy bringing literary texts to life and giving them context of the American experience. On their part students and staff have been welcoming and engaging as I learn about Greek culture, history, and politics. It is a great experience overall, one that I will cherish in the following years.

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Ben Shinogle, Fulbright Fellow from Kansas City, Missouri



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WHERE LIFE CHANGERS ARE MADE

We believe that community service is a powerful mechanism for change. Through our rich and diverse community service and International Baccalaureate programs (Creativity -Activity - Service, Service as Action) our students learn to help others, expand their worldview, develop empathy and come to understand their responsibility to take action for positive impact.

Every year we partner with more than 135 local and global NGOs, including Greenpeace, Action Aid, Elpida, Make a Wish, UNICEF and WWF to give students hands-on, service learning opportunities.

Students also lead and act in partnership with other students through campus service clubs and independent projects. Our staff and students have worked together on some of the country's -- and the world's—most pressing challenges.

We continue to partner with The Home Project, an NGO founded by an Athens College graduate, supporting unaccompanied refugee children through tutoring and peer-to-peer mentoring on campus. This year, we travelled to the remote island of Kastellorizo with NGO Axion Hellas and gave a tutorial to local students as part of our “Speak Truth to Power” Human Rights Educational Program funded by the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation. We also donated books to the school library of Kastellorizo, as part of the “Books to Remote Islands” project initiated by our “John M. Carras” Kindergarten.

Alumni often point to their shared efforts with classmates to make an impact on those in need as the most formative experiences of their lives. Since 1949, students and alumni have rebuilt, equipped and maintained more than 20 severely damaged schools in the most remote islands and rural areas of Greece. Today, hundreds of Athens College graduates are leading and serving nonprofit and public service organizations around the world.

Left above: College students along with peers from the School of Kastellorizo and two students from Afghanistan and Pakistan give an interactive presentation on the human rights educational program “Speak Truth to Power”

Left below: Unaccompanied, refugee children who reside in the Home Project shelters participated in the educational program “School Project” that took place every Saturday on Athens College premises.

THANK YOU!

My name is Cleo Skarpeti.
I would like to tell you
how grateful I am for
being in Athens College.
I have met many friends
and I have learned a lot
about myself. I am
happy to be here and
I will continue to be
grateful for this amazing
experience.
- Cleo

I'm very thankful

I'm very thankful
of being a
student in Athens College.
Thanks to these
locations, I have
a great sense of
being in this amazing
place!
- Irene

Thank you

Thank you for
making me dream
bigger!
- Marlen Foforchi
(10)

Thank, you

Thank you

I would like to thank
all donors for the
amazing opportunity to
be in Athens College.
I will try to make it
as good as possible and
I will be grateful for it
forever.
- Panagiotis

It is very
IMPORTANT
for us,
that you are
BY OUR SIDE...
- MARIA -

Thank you so much
for this opportunity
you gave me to go to
Athens College. I am
grateful that I have
the chance to improve
my knowledge and
become a better
person.
- Marieta

Thank you all for
giving to all these kids
the opportunity to become
a better and help
Greece develop these
days with the economical
crisis. What you have
done is really great
and I am hoping that
it will continue.
- Lilian

Thank you very much
because without you
every child who
is interested in
knowledge will have
the chance to study
at this amazing
school.
- Antonia

Thank you for
this chance to be
in this amazing
school. Even though
I don't have enough
energy!
- Helen

It was a great
experience to be
in Athens College.
I will be grateful for it
forever.
- Maria

I am thankful
for what you
gave me and
I hope you
keep
supporting this
program.

I'm thankful
for giving me
this great
chance

I want to let
you know that
I am grateful for
this opportunity
you gave me
- Vasilis Orestis

Thank you for the
opportunities you
gave me. I
am so grateful
- Elpis

I am very
greatful that you
gave me the
chance to be here

I want to let

Thank you for
giving me the chance to
live this life-changing
experience.
- George

I will give you my
biggest thank that
I have gave ever.
Also keep trying
to support kids
like me. Spyros

I would like to thank

Thank you
for helping
me complete
my dreams
- Orestis

I would like to
say a huge thank
you to you because
this experience was
something amazing
for me!
- Maria

Thank you
for giving
me all these
opportunities!
- MARIA

The experience here in
Athens College has been
one of learning new things
and making new friends. Here
I was able to take part
in various activities such
as robotics that have made
my knowledge base much bigger.
Thank you for this opportunity.

OUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Build a more diverse & inclusive student body

By embracing our differences, we believe that our community will become more open to the world. The College is committed to expand the number of Merit & Need Scholarships and welcomes academically talented students with limited economic resources. Thanks to the generosity of donors, 29 new Merit & Need Scholarships were awarded in 2018-2019 for students entering Junior High and High School following competitive entrance exams, interviews and home visits. Together with the 18 Merit Scholars enrolled last year, half of which are on the President's List of Academic Achievement, we have reached a total of 47 Merit Scholarships. At the same time, we recognize the importance of continuing the School's Financial Aid program for students whose families are facing unforeseen hardship in these difficult times.

We are examining reinstating the College's boarding program on a modest scale to host students from throughout the country, as well as those whose families work or live abroad as an opportunity to reinforce the values of civility, honesty, generosity and concern for the common good. A student residence also opens up new and innovative programming possibilities for summer exchange, visiting teachers and scholars, weekend symposiums with the participation of students from throughout the country and beyond – and so much more.





OUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Better prepare our students for global citizenship

In a rapidly changing and interconnected world, today's most successful schools integrate global citizenship education and 21st century, non-cognitive skills. The strength of Athens College has always been in enhancing the national curriculum, delivering it through innovative pedagogy and giving students myriad opportunities to discover and hone their talents outside the classroom.

Community awareness and engagement have constituted core values and a distinguishing feature of Athens College throughout its history. In this day and age, we need to also commit to helping our students better prepare for real life problems, global collaboration and competition through addressing the relationship between them as individuals in Greece and in the world.

With these concepts underpinning the International Baccalaureate philosophy and Athens College offering the full spectrum of IB programmes (PYP, MYP and DP), there are now multiple opportunities for meaningful action to be inspired, planned and carried out.

We believe that education gains value when it encourages students' active participation in projects that address issues of a social, economic, or environmental nature for purposes beyond themselves. Instead of addressing community service as an extracurricular component of school life, the IB framework at Athens College acts as a way to integrate community service with instruction to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and strengthen community ties. Students exercise the flexibility, perseverance and confidence they need to bring about positive change in the wider community and beyond. This ensures that meaningful service learning opportunities are now available to all students and become a recurring everyday practice with a profound and lasting impact on the entire school community.

OUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Attract talented staff and support faculty development

We strongly believe that great teachers should constantly progress and evolve professionally throughout their career. Through our innovative and unique Educators Development and Training Program we organize a series of seminars and workshops across all School divisions to attract and develop inspiring educators who will help students grow academically, socially and personally.

Communicate and engage with the world

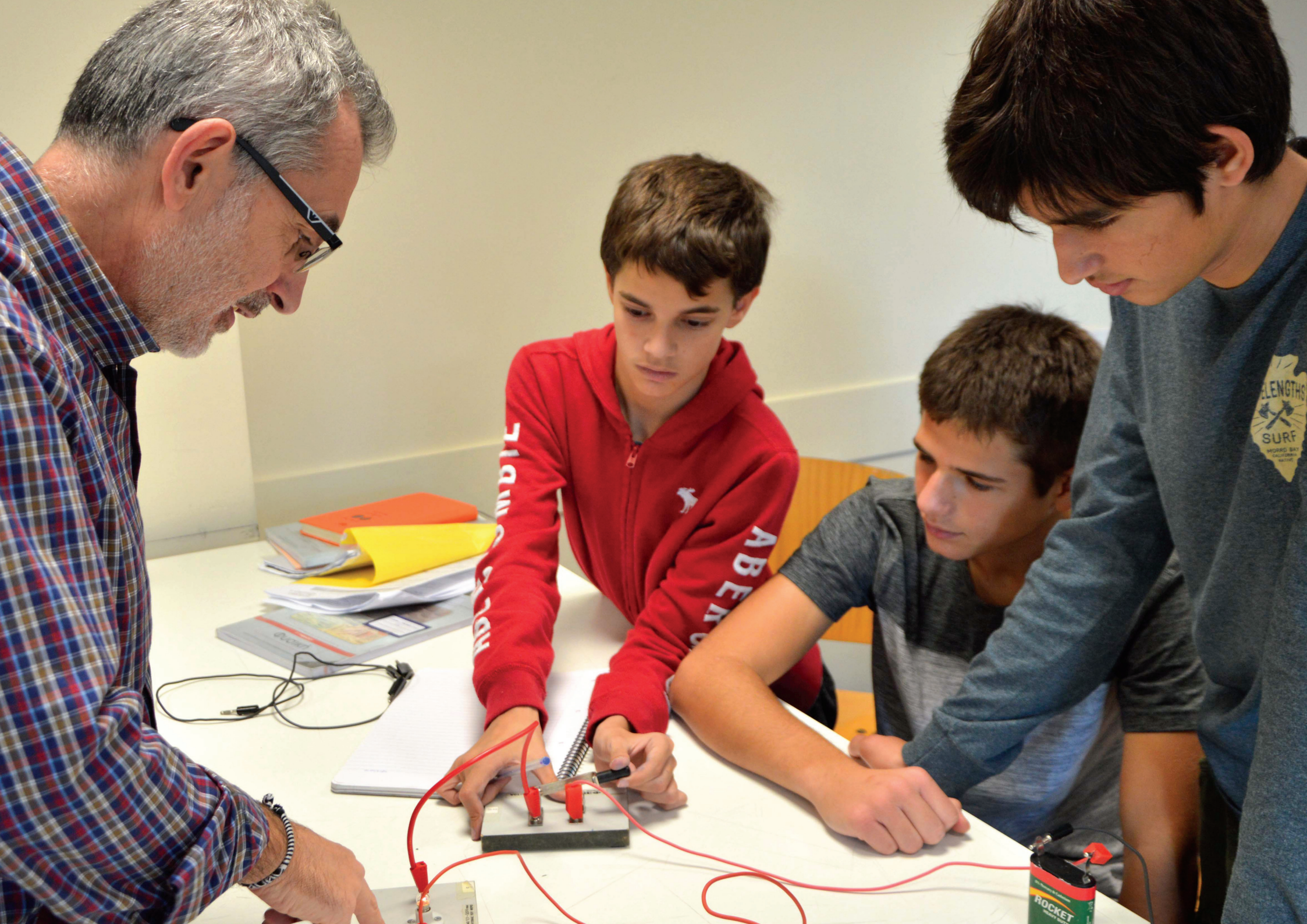
Our continuous and updated streamlined flow of communication and dialogue with all stakeholders as well as development of tailor-made material, newly re-designed website and continuously growing social media, enables us to share and celebrate our latest news, events and achievements with the global community. We engage educational partners around the world to keep us in stride with innovative best practices while always being part of the conversation around the challenges of 21st century education.

Invite supporters to help us deliver the College's promise

Through private funding, partnerships, organized campaigns and events, our professionally staffed Development Office encourages donors to direct their giving toward what they care most deeply about, while also meeting the College's strategic goals and urgent needs.

Partner with exceptional individuals and foundations to inspire our students and the wider College community

As a beacon of education and lifelong learning in Greece and beyond, we have initiated an ongoing monthly series of partnerships, lectures and events with world renowned foundations and individuals coming from diverse backgrounds of science, arts, music, business, sports and more. Lectures and events are broadcasted live via our official Facebook page for our students, alumni and parents all over the world and are often where appropriate, open to the public, in order to educate and inspire outside the classroom walls.



PARTNERING WITH GLOBALLY DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUALS AND FOUNDATIONS



Basketball Legend Panagiotis Giannakis

Head coach of senior Greek national basketball team will be giving interactive lectures and workshops to our students, staff and alumni taking them through his unique experiences and personal journey to success teaching them techniques on how to stay focused towards their main goal.



Screening of Smyrna historical documentary

Alexander Kitroeff, Professor of History at Haverford College and historical consultant of the documentary "Smyrna: The Destruction of a Cosmopolitan City 1900-1922," gave an in-depth narrative on how the film was made and took questions from students and the public.



Speak Truth to Power Educational Program

College students among others presented their work within the context of the Program that is supported by the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Organization and Marianna V. Vardiniyannis Foundation and in partnership with Axion Hellas.



27th Balkan Olympiad in Informatics

Athens College hosted the Opening Ceremony of the 27th Balkan Olympiad in Informatics (B.O.I. 2019), welcoming students from 13 Balcan countries.



Music Concert for the "Elpida" Foundation

Athens College Choir and the College Symphony Orchestra joined forces with the Association of Friends of Children with Cancer "ELPIDA" by co-organizing a classical music concert. Proceeds went towards the Association of Friends of Children with Cancer "ELPIDA."



Hellenic-Chinese Cultural Festival

Athens College organized the Hellenic-Chinese Spring Cultural Festival with the support of the Chinese Embassy in Greece. Students from schools in Hangzhou, China, presented customs associated with the Chinese culture, music, dance, martial arts, calligraphy.



Nicholas Gage, Commencement Speaker 2019

Athens College had the great honor of welcoming world renowned Greek-American author and journalist, Nicholas Gage (Gatzoyiannis), as the first keynote speaker of the Commencement ceremony after many years.



MIT Professor Dr. C. Daskalakis

Our first live-streaming was Dr Constantinos Daskalakis distinguished Prof. of Engineering and Computer Science at MIT speaking to students about the future of Artificial Intelligence. The broadcast reached more than 21.800 people globally, over 5.000 unique viewers and had hundreds of positive reactions.



Dr. St. Krimigis, world renowned space scientist

Dr. Stamatis Krimizis, Professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore took students on a fascinating journey through our solar system and the stars.



Athens College President at Delphi Economic Forum

Our President participated in a discussion on "Greece as an international center of Education" at the 4th Delphi Economic Forum which was broadcasted live and shared with thousands of viewers globally.



Dr. M. Triantafyllou Director MIT Sea Grant

Dr. Michael Triantafyllou, Director, Center for Ocean Engineering (MIT), gave an outstanding lecture on biomimetics and ocean robotics, in the state-of-the-art George Economou Informatics Center.



"Righteous Among the Nations" Ceremony

We hosted an emotional ceremony bestowing the title of "Righteous Among the Nations" upon late Constantine Giannitsis who saved the lives of the Moissis family during the Holocaust. The event was co-organized by Athens College, the Ministry of Education and the Embassy of Israel.



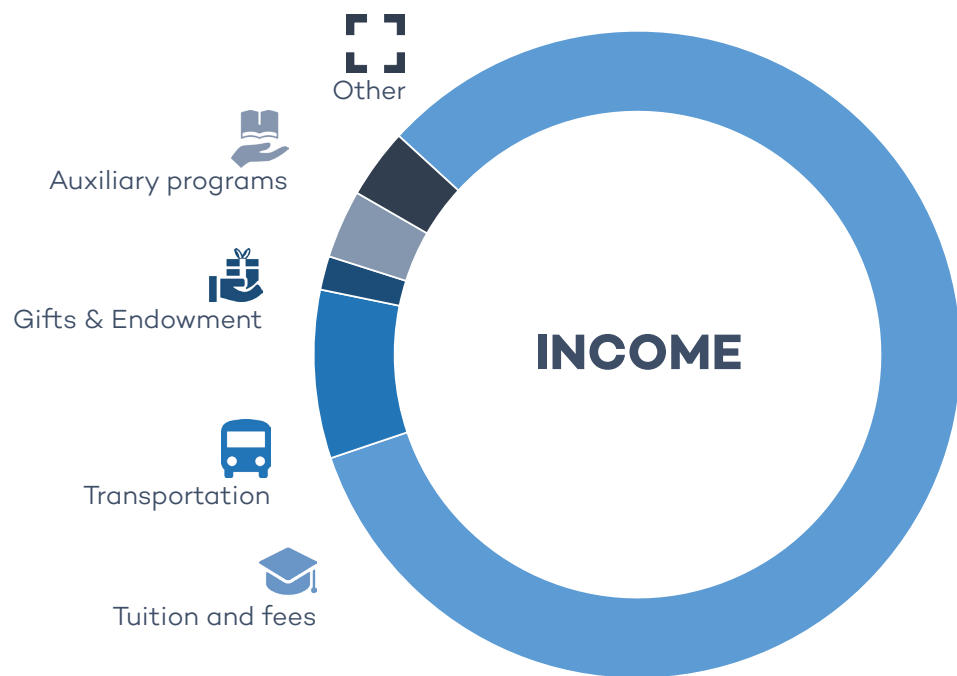


A SINGULAR SCHOOL, A COLLECTIVE EFFORT

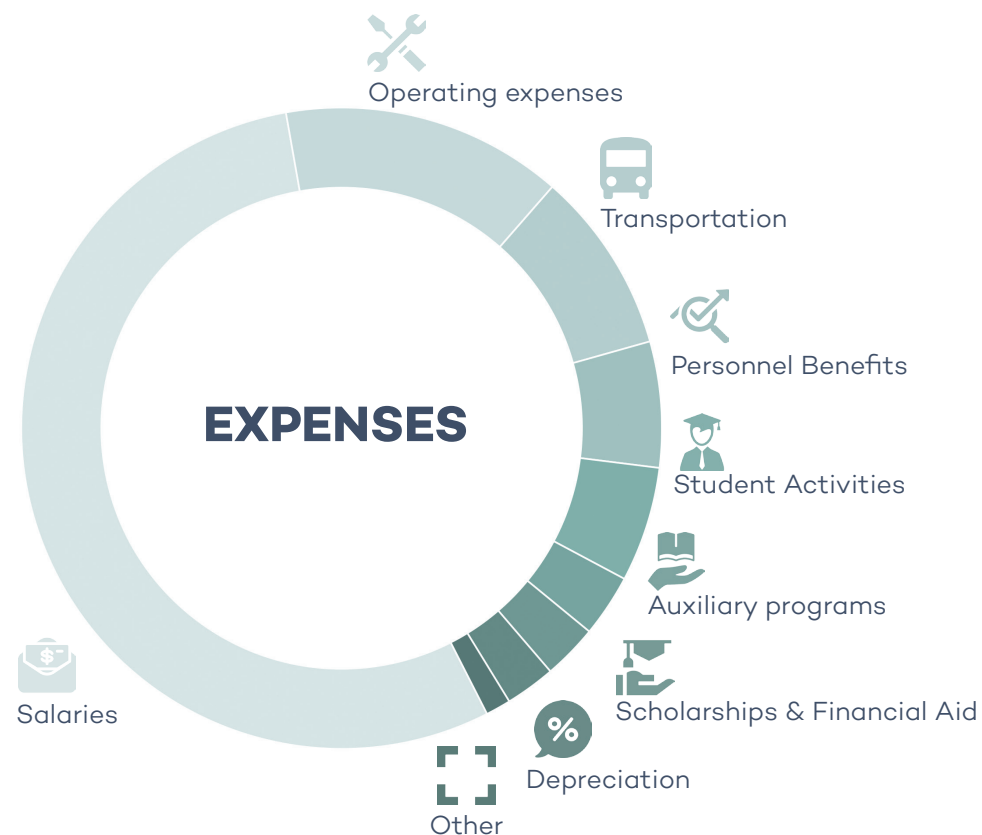
We would not be able to provide Athens College's unique educational experience without the support of alumni, parents, corporate and foundation partners and friends. Your giving empowers our students. It provides access to children who would otherwise never have the opportunity to attend the School. It supports the academic resources, extracurricular activities, dedicated faculty and meaningful service experiences that make our graduates grow to become outstanding individuals.

In these difficult times in Greece, we must continue to attract and welcome bright, motivated students who will be transformed by their years at Athens College -- and go on to help change the world. We need to offer more financial assistance to those who need it and those who merit it. That is one of the purposes of the College's Endowment and that is why we must build it. As we approach the College's 100th anniversary, our challenge is to keep this promise. To ensure this distinctive education for future generations of students. With your help, we can.

To those of you who are already supporting our students, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. For those of you who would be interested in knowing more about the College's new initiatives and how you can help, we welcome your interest. Gifts of every size are welcome and will help make a difference. We count on you -- our community of alumni, parents and friends -- to keep Athens College's tradition of giving alive.



84% Tuition and fees
8% Transportation
3% Auxiliary programs
3% Other
2% Gifts & Endowment



55% Salaries
14% Operating Expenses
9% Transportation
6% Personnel Benefits
3% Student Activities etc
3% Auxiliary programs
3% Scholarships & Financial Aid
3% Depreciation
1% Other

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Athens College completed the 2018-2019 academic year in a solid financial position. Despite the continued adversities resulting from a shrinking Greek economy, we started the year with maximum enrollment and operated within our annual budget. Our challenges today are to keep the School affordable for our students, meet the uncertainty of Greece's economy through a combination of conservative budgeting and careful day-to-day management and continue to make needed investments in our educational programs to maintain and continually improve quality.

Moving forward, it is clear that we must diversify and increase revenue streams, including private support through gifts and grants. Donor contributions to the Institution, its reserved funds and endowment provide a critical source of funding for Athens College and ensure the College's financial stability for the longer-term future. With the establishment of the new Development Office in 2018-2019, new fundraising efforts were initiated to meet growth targets requiring greater community participation, including the Annual Fund that supports both student financial assistance and meets the gap between tuition and the cost of educating all of our students.

All gifts, irrespective of amount, help the College deliver the quality education for which it is recognized while concurrently serve the mission and vision of its founders. Gifts are fundamental as they reduce dependence on tuition revenues, provide a predictable source of income, attract exceptional students, enable the development of innovative programs, alleviate maintenance costs, allow campus improvements and help make up the Athens College experience.

Creating a substantial surplus is a strategic priority that will allow us to sustainably strengthen our financial aid in the future, funded through donations, income from the endowment and the annual operating budget. Currently financial aid for needful students represents 6% of our revenue, with 29% secured from the collective efforts and donations of the greater College community.

Although demand for an Athens College education remains high, many of our families face financial difficulties during their children's years at the School. Applications for financial aid have more than doubled since the start of Greece's economic recession approximately ten years ago.

In 2018-2019, revenues totaled €54,938,667 and total expenses (including €1,492,438 in amortization) amounted to €53,936,969, leaving an operating surplus of €1,001,698 that will reduce the College's deficit. Our longer-term strategic priority is to put operating surplus towards reserved funds and the endowment to help ensure the Institution's future.



GOVERNANCE

Athens College, also known as the Hellenic American Educational Foundation, is a private, non-profit educational organization governed by a Board of Directors in Greece, which collaborates with a US Board of Trustees based in New York (Board of Trustees of Athens College in Greece) in order to promote the Foundation's goals. The members of the two Boards, many of whom are alumni, are distinguished professionals who volunteer their services.

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** Passed away in 2019*







OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hellenic-American Educational Foundation is to contribute to society as a beacon for Greek education, developing responsible global citizens and future leaders, inspired by Hellenic heritage and both American and European liberal values. Its aim is to provide the essence of education by helping each individual to achieve their highest potential and unique aspirations, instilling in them respect for themselves and others, cultivating a sense of civic duty, and exemplifying the highest ethical standards. Our aim, through academic excellence and critical thinking, is to inspire and transform students into graduates distinguished by creativity, teamwork and a spirit of discovery.

Athens College is Greece's premier Pre K-12 college preparatory day school serving more than 4,700 students on its two campuses in Attica. Since its founding in 1925, the College has enhanced the Greek national curriculum with an emphasis on balanced excellence -- blending rigorous academics with innovative co-curricular and community service programs. Each year, more than 2,000 lifelong learners from the community access our wide-ranging Adult Education courses.

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