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## President's Report

2021-2022



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## ATHENS COLLEGE

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Athens College was founded in 1925 by enlightened Greeks, led by Emmanuel Benakis and Stephanos Delta, with the support of American philhellenes. It belongs to the Hellenic-American Educational Foundation (HAEF), a not-for-profit organization. For almost a century, it stands as a beacon of primary and secondary educational excellence, incorporating best global educational practices of Greece and beyond. The premier education provided is enriched with a program of diverse extracurricular and social outreach activities.

We promote excellence and encourage our students to take advantage of the opportunities being offered to them, as well as to reach their highest potential. We shape responsible global citizens and future leaders, nurtured by the values of the intellectual heritage of Greece and the liberal values of the United States and Europe.







## FROM THE PRESIDENT

A famous American comedian once said that “Eighty percent of success is just showing up.” What then to say of the Athens College community of teachers, administrators, and students who worked at well over 100% of capacity, even without always being able to “show up” during the previous difficult COVID-19 periods? You have all exceeded expectations and have excelled through your perseverance and stamina. The new school year is in full swing and is progressing with a sense of normalcy but with welcome challenges as we move forward with new plans for renewal and leadership.

In this third year in office, I continue being impressed with our teachers who are the unsung heroes of our School; they are the ones we have turned to for solace, and whom we continue turning to for their wisdom, even later in life. I am humbled by the veneration our alumni bestow on their teachers at the 25 and 50-year class reunions.

People ask where I derive my daily energy and motivation from. It comes from the constant stream of congratulations and letters of appreciation I receive on behalf of the School, for the talents and achievements of our students and alumni. Importantly, our new merit, athletics, music, arts, regional, and refugee scholarships have helped us recruit top students and have energized the School community even further. The School, for now, has changed course.

Therefore, as we approach our centennial, this is how I envision our School:

- Athens College will be a place in which all children learn with joy and achieve their full potential, with a focus on personalized learning and excellence.
- Motivated students will grow into successful graduates who will increasingly be world leaders in the humanities, the arts, the sciences, international business, and a host of other disciplines and facets of daily life, many of which may still be unknown to us. The College will continue to be a beacon of education and values, with alumni who change the world through their inspiration and social contributions.
- We will continue to recruit the best teachers and develop them in cooperation with the best educational institutions worldwide.
- Need blind admissions will continue to be our guiding principle, and the School’s student body will closely reflect the demographics of Greek society. Teachers and students should come from all income levels, races, gender preferences, religions, and ethnicities.
- The civic spirit – already well cultivated at the College – will grow even stronger, and our students will continue being volunteers for non-governmental organizations and charities, sharing what they enjoy with the less privileged.

Different Athens College stakeholders do have different opinions about how we can best adapt to global challenges and how the School can continuously improve the quality of the education it offers. Athens College needs to move rapidly towards a new era in Sinclair Lewis’ “Cair Paravel”: Time can’t wait. Instead of focusing on the “why” in every new idea, we should all strive on embracing the “why not,” particularly in rapidly changing times. Only then can we aspire to leave our legacy on the future generations who will graduate from Athens College.

This year we celebrate 90 years since Homer Davis assumed the College presidency. Fellow alum George Nikolopoulos '94, as part of his research on the history of Athens College for an upcoming book, recently showed me a letter of his, likely from 1932, and I've included it on the following page. It is suggestive of how controversial the appointment of this undeniably great leader of this School once was.

I truly believe that we need a “growth” versus a “fixed” mindset. However, no matter the conviction of each stakeholder of the College - be it “fixed” or “growth”- we remain united by our passion for the School and our interest in seeing it evolve in a constantly changing world. In doing so, we must prepare our students properly for the great challenges of the 21st century, the greatest of which is Climate Change.

Thanks to the devotion of Athens College’s two Boards, the dedication and totally beyond-the-call-of-duty work of our teachers and staff, and the support of the College community, we are turning the corner and striving to live up to our legacy.

  
Professor Costas Synolakis '75  
Athens College President





Reed Nicolson 10 May

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ΚΟΛΛΕΓΙΟΝ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ  
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May 1

Dear Mr. Hill

Apr. 26

On Tuesday afternoon I received a cable from Mr. Staub reading as follows: Trustees to-day elected Davis President with title Director in Greece stop Trustees warmly congratulate you stop Kent and other teaching contracts approved stop in order to balance budget authority given you subject approval Board of Directors to arrange voluntary salary reductions as fully explained letter follows Staub.

Apr 28

I telephoned to your house only to learn, as I feared, that you had left for Cyprus. I realized that there would be a meeting of the Directors to confirm my appointment and the others but I didn't know how soon it would be held. The next morning I saw Mr. Delta who called a meeting for the following day. Mr. Carpenter came to represent you, Mr. A. Kyriakydes to represent Mr. Benaki and all the other members were present except Mr. Charilaos. Mr. Kyriakydes made many long attacks charging that I was too young, too inexperienced, that I was not sufficiently learned, lacked degrees, that the college is badly run, that the boys learn neither English nor Greek, that they have no religion, do not pray, sing disgraceful songs etc etc. He also said that I was not legally qualified. Mr. Papadakis said almost nothing. The others spoke in favor of the confirmation of my appointment and I believe that in the end Mr. Kyriakydes, at Mr. Delta's request, withdrew his objections so that the vote might be unanimous.

Mr. Kyriakydes at first threatened to resign and then did resign. Mr. Delta asked him to withdraw his resignation and of course he consented to do so.

Dr. Capps also attended the meeting. I was glad that he had a chance to hear Mr. Kyriakydes in one of his violent moods.

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It was most unfortunate that you were away. If the meeting had been postponed, however, you and Carpenter and Babbitt and Capps might all have been absent.

I know you will be glad to hear the news. I am naturally greatly pleased for I can now plan ahead with more confidence. It is also a great satisfaction to know that the long fight over Ralph's appointment has ended.

We cannot make any definite plans about reductions in salaries till the letter from New York arrives. The American salaries can certainly be cut as long as the present rate of exchange prevails but it will be difficult to reduce Drachma salaries at a time the the cost of living is rising. Marjorie and I are going away for the rest of our Easter vacation and I shall try not to think about that question till we return and till the letter from New York arrives. I hope you will be here when the matter is brought before the Directors.

I hope your work in Cyprus goes well and that you will not stay there very long. With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Kyriakydes said in the meeting that we should have as President a man like Dr. Dewing or Dr. Gates.





## FROM OUR BOARD CHAIRS

It has been the greatest pleasure for me to see our campuses come to life again after the pandemic and the smile on the faces of our students and our educators as they return to their normal school life. The playing fields of the School are back to their normal swing and so are the student clubs and other activities that are complimentary to the educational process, sports, orchestras, choruses, theatrical performances, forensics, all activities that make Athens College so special. We all now appreciate this normalcy after a two-year hiatus. Sometimes it takes losing something to appreciate its value.

This is my second year as Chair of the Board of Directors and I feel a great sense of gratification to be able to serve our School from this position of responsibility. I am leading a team of dedicated Board members and we are all working tirelessly for the interest of Athens College. We have the benefit of the advice of our Somateio members and the support and encouragement of our Board of Trustees in the US.

I am particularly appreciative of the backing that Alexis Michas '76 has always given to our efforts and initiatives. His leadership has been vital and his decision to step down from the chairmanship of the BoT is courageous and fair. I am sure his successor will show the same sense of commitment to Athens College and to the harmonious relationship that the two Boards have been enjoying in recent years for the good of the School.

There are several impressive new projects that will make an impact on the life of the School and will help it accomplish its mission, which is none other than stellar education for the benefit of Greek youth. Necessary works of remodeling and upgrading of the Bodosakeion Elementary School in Kantza have continued thanks to the generous donation of our benefactor Thanassis Martinos '68. Then there is the Arts Building, a work in progress which has been initiated due to the magnificent donation by our alumnus, Dimitris Daskalopoulos x76. The winning architect team which produced a spectacular design was selected through an Open Architectural Ideas competition composed of an international committee. Work is expected to begin soon so that this great gift to our student population can be finished by 2025 as we will celebrate the Athens College Centennial.

The other enormous project which is under consideration is the creation of a new campus of Athens College at The Ellinikon where we hope to be able to create a state-of-the-art educational institution based on the Founding Law of Athens College and use all the special benefits and privileges that the law bestowed on Athens College in 1929.

I want to recognize the great contribution that our President, Costas Synolakis '75, has made to these projects. His enthusiasm, his high spirit, and his ability to convey the Athens College message to alumni, friends and donors, have been invaluable.

All these projects would be meaningless without the most valuable asset that we possess, our people. Our academic personnel is what has always made Athens College stand out. With their inspiring teaching and their cultivation of a code of values, they produce graduates that make us proud of their career achievements and their contribution to the common good on a global scale. Our alumni reinforce us with their love and active involvement. And last but not least, our administrative staff and maintenance personnel effectively support our School as it is approaching its first hundred years mark. We thank them all.

Annika Papantoniou  
Chair of the Board of Directors

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter, my last letter to you as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Chairman for the last 22 years.

I have enjoyed my tenure and I have given it my all. There is a time for all of us to move on and this is the right time for me to step down. I have informed the governance committee of the Board of Trustees that I do not intend to stand for re-election this coming March. We have a robust succession process and I trust you will soon have a new chairman you will be proud of.

Athens College is an incredible institution. We have all benefited from this institution as students, faculty, administrators, and members of the larger community. Athens College graduates have made an outsized contribution to Greek society as they have ventured to all corners of the world equipped with a good education and the values a civic society is built on; hard work, integrity, respect for others and a healthy dose of humility.

As the 100th anniversary of the School is fast approaching, the burden on the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors is to continue to build on the School's legacy. The goal is to make sure the next hundred years are even better than the last hundred years. To accomplish this, first and foremost we must remain true to our mission. To provide the best possible education to the most deserving students. As long as our compass points steady in that direction, we will find the way to address any challenges we face.

There will always be challenges and there will always be things we can do better. Compromises are for the lazy and those who lack imagination. It takes courage to admit your mistakes, it takes courage to admit that certain things need to be changed, it takes courage to hope and dream better outcomes. I will never forget one of my father's early admonitions when I was a young child. «Παιδί μου, η ζωή είναι για τους τολμηρούς!»

The future is bright. Athens College currently enjoys an outstanding leadership team in its Board of Directors and its Board of Trustees. I have enjoyed working with Annika; her love for the School, her common sense approach to problems and, when all else fails, her sense of humor is refreshing. The two boards have worked together seamlessly as one. The joint Strategic Planning Committee has laid out an ambitious roadmap for the future. And the feelings of respect and goodwill between the members of both boards are evident to all.

To sum it all up, I have never felt better about the future of Athens College. To all of you who think that you will miss me I will simply say, do not worry, none of us is irreplaceable and change is good. Athens College is an institution that is bigger than all of us.

Alexis Michas '76  
Chair of the Board of Trustees



# GOVERNANCE (2021-2022)

The Hellenic-American Educational Foundation (HAEF) is a non-profit organization, governed by a Board of Directors, which collaborates with a Board of Trustees in New York (Board of Trustees of Athens College in Greece) in order to promote the School’s goals. Members of both Boards, many of whom are alumni, are distinguished professionals who volunteer their services.

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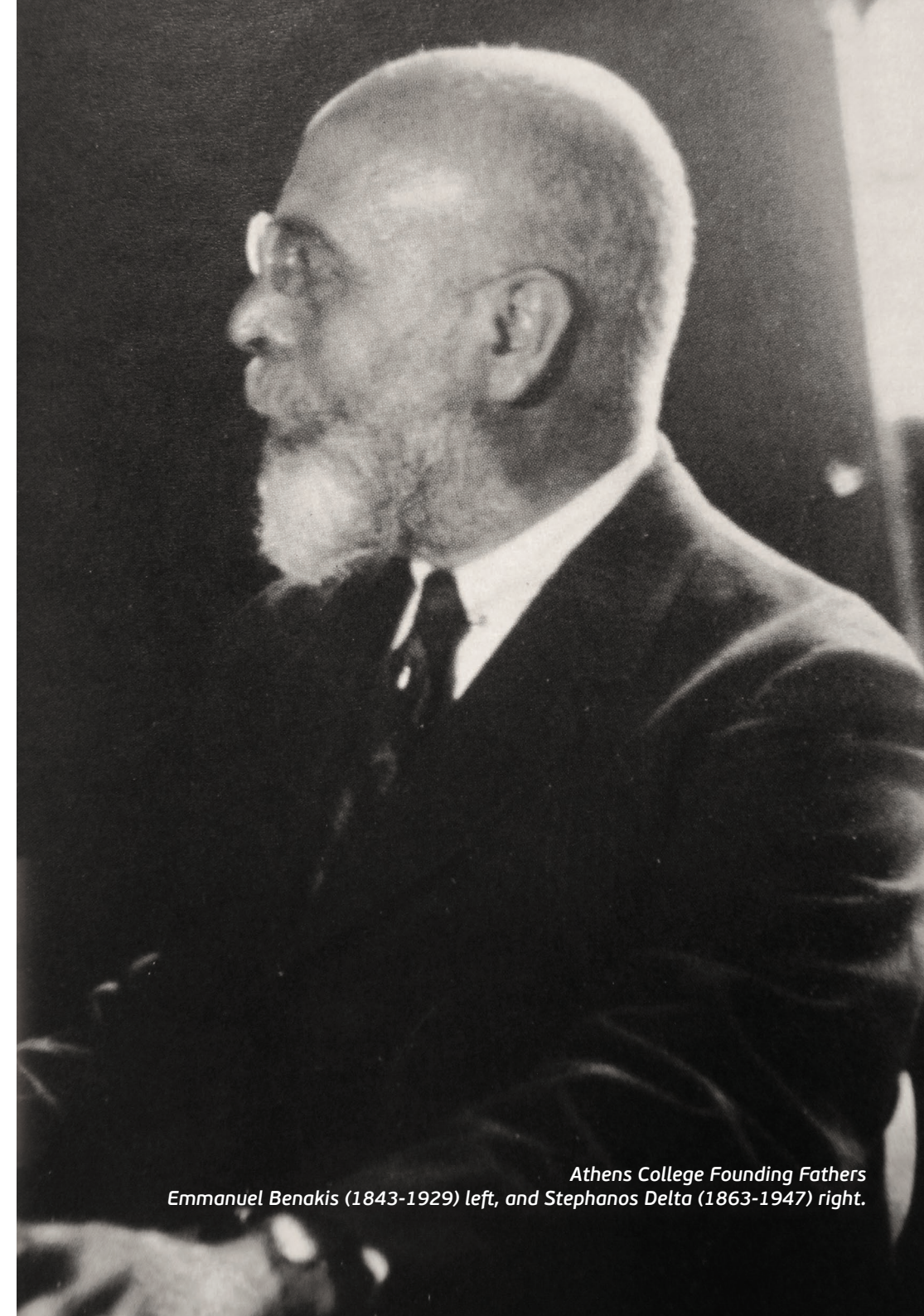
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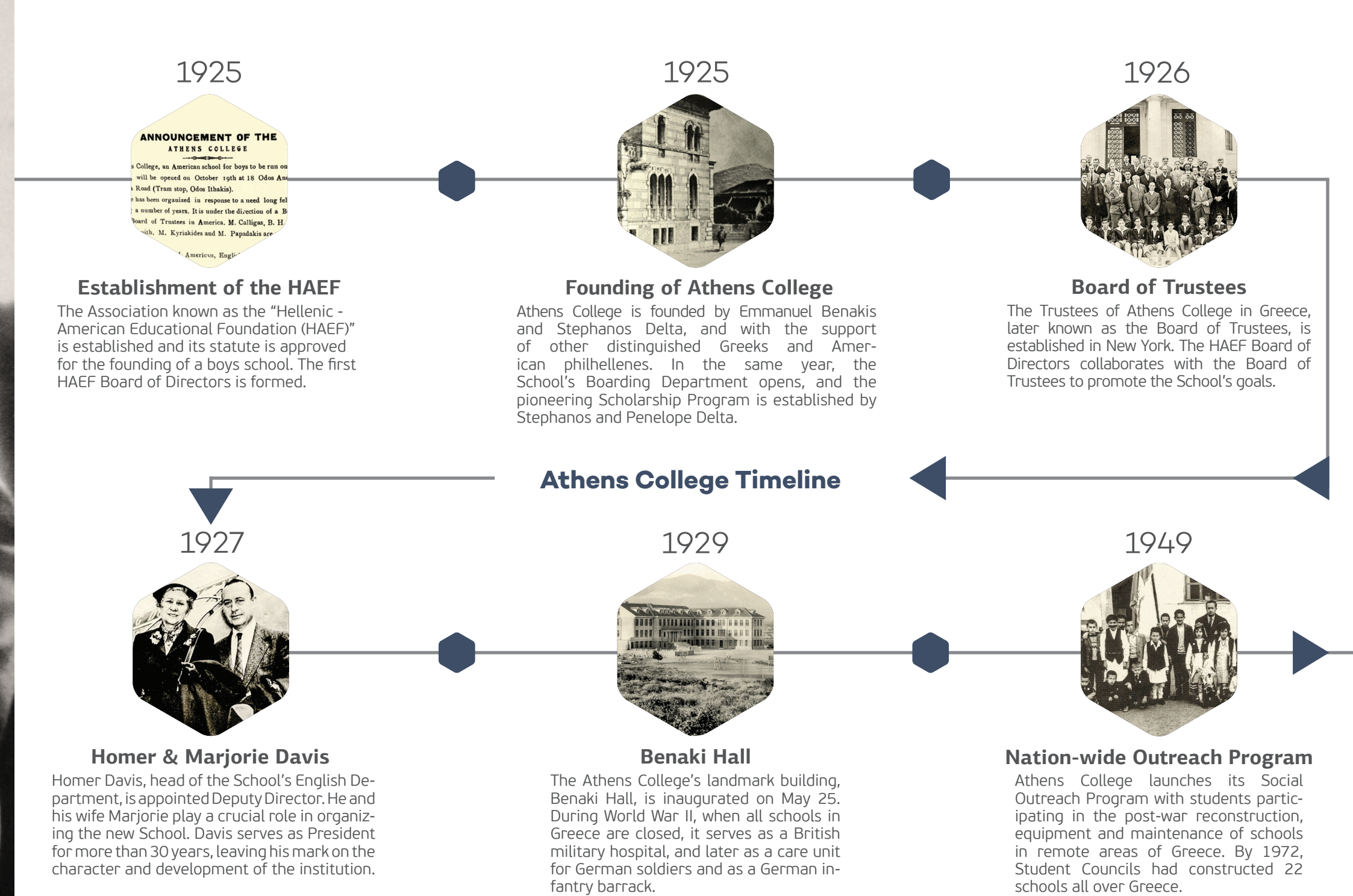
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*Athens College Founding Fathers  
Emmanuel Benakis (1843-1929) left, and Stephanos Delta (1863-1947) right.*





1962 & 2011



### Awards by the Academy of Athens

In 1962 the Athens College Student Community receives an award by the Academy of Athens for its continuous Nation-wide outreach program. In 2011, Athens College is also awarded for its 85-year contribution to Greece's educational and cultural life, as well as its extensive social outreach program.

1963



### Fulbright Fellowship Program

The Athens College Fellows Program is 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.

1964-1967



### Library & Science Buildings

The central Library and Science Buildings are constructed. The Library and the Science Buildings, complement and enhance the educational process by providing with the environment, materials and equipment necessary to develop and practice students' research skills.

1977



### Bodossakeio Building

The pioneering Bodossakeio Building in Kantza hosting the Athens College Elementary School is inaugurated. In 1978, it wins the Distinguished Building Award by the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

1977



### Co-Ed School

After 52 years of operation as an all-boys school, Athens College becomes co-educational. Its first female students, 69 in number and equivalent to 25% of the student population, graduate at Commencement 1988.

1980



### Psychico College

Psychico College is established. The new School, initially just an Elementary School, is housed on the Psychico campus, in buildings with underused capacity due to a shrinking Boarding Department. In 1995, the Psychico College Elementary is relocated to Kantza, in the newly built Latseio Building.

Athens College

Timeline

1982



### Athens College Theater

The new Athens College Theater is built. Apart from its primary role in the School's operation, the Theater serves as an educational and intellectual center and contributes to the cultural life of Athens, hosting a wide series of events, open to the public.

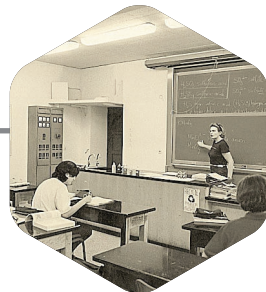
1984



### Adult Programs

The Adult Education Programs are launched, at first serving just the College Community and eventually the greater public. With a wide variety of courses, taught by renowned professionals, they are the oldest Adult Education Programs offered in Greece, and the largest programs offered in a school.

1996



### International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) is successfully introduced in Athens College and is now the largest program in Greece and one of the biggest in Europe. Since academic year 2000-2001, the IBDP is administered by Psychico College High School.

2010



### Informatics Center

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

2014



### Kindergarten

The model dual language "John M. Carras" Kindergarten is built on the Psychico campus. During its first year of operation, it receives the Platinum LEED building (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) awarded by the US Green Building Council.

2019-2022

















### PYP & MYP Authorizations

"John M. Carras" Kindergarten, Athens College and Psychico College are authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IB) as IB World Schools for the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP), implemented in the Kindergarten, Elementary School, Junior High School and 1st grade of High School.



ATHENS COLLEGE AT A GLANCE

<div>est. <b>1925</b></div>		<div><b>2</b> campuses</div>	<div><b>15,500</b> alumni worldwide</div>	<div><b>Academic Excellence Scholarships &amp; Awards</b></div> <div><div><b>19</b> Merit Scholarships</div><div><b>4</b> Merit Awards</div><div><b>3</b> Special Interest Scholarships</div></div>		<div><b>100%</b> SUCCESS RATE in top-rank universities in Greece and abroad</div> <div><b>100%</b> of our educational staff receive professional development training</div>	<div><b>Platinum LEEDS CERTIFICATION</b> for "J.M. Carras" Kindergarten in recognition of sustainability achievement</div>	<div><b>Diploma Programme</b> <b>Largest IBDP in Greece</b></div>	<div><b>IB CONTINUUM</b></div>
<div><b>560</b> teachers</div>		<div><b>200+</b> extra-curricular <b>clubs</b> and <b>activities</b></div>	<div><b>70%</b> of staff have Masters' or PhD degrees</div>	<div><b>87%</b> <b>Financial Aid</b> of applications approved</div>		<div>Member of</div> <div><b>Global STEM Alliance</b> A subsidiary of The New York Academy of Sciences</div> <div><b>ETSN</b>   European Talent Support Network</div>			
<div><b>4,719</b> students</div>		<div><b>Recognized by the Academy of Athens</b>  1962 &amp; 2011</div>		<div><b>Regional Scholarships</b></div> <div><b>1989-2020: 17</b></div> <div><b>2021-2023: 13</b></div>		<div> Largest &amp; most comprehensive School Library in Greece, with over <b>100,000</b> Greek and foreign language volumes</div>	<div><div><b>#1</b></div><div>Largest Fulbright Fellows Program in Greece</div><div>Largest Adult Education Program in Greece with 3,000 participants annually</div><div>Largest school Chinese language Program in Greece</div></div>		



OUR ALUMNI WORLDWIDE have been

shortlisted for **Nobel prizes**

elected **Prime Ministers** of Greece and members of the **Greek Parliament**

selected as **Global Leaders** by Google

elected to the **US National Academies**

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

listed among the **top-ranked Academic Researchers worldwide**

awarded the **National Medal of Science** by President Barack Obama

named in the Top 100 Annual Lloyd's List for Shipping

named in the **top 100 World Art Collectors list**

honored with the **Presidential Young Award** by US Presidents

elected members of the **Academy of Athens**

named in **America's Top Doctors** list

included in the **STEM Hall of Fame**

appointed **Presidents** and **Deans** at top-ranked Universities and Colleges

honored with prestigious awards such as **Hamaguchi, Horace Mann, Mofatt-Nichol**  
and the **Distinguished Fellowship Award** by the American College of Cardiology

members of **Greek National Sports Teams**

competitors in the **Olympic Games and World Championships**

named **best female Comedian** by CNN

elected to the Hall of Fame of **National Inventors USA**

holders of **World Champion Ski records**

recognized as a world acclaimed fashion designer

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

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

included into the list of **Financial News FN 100 most influential Women in Finance**

leaders in **Climate Change Education and Research**



## 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 holistic development of the child and prepares them to be good communicators and knowledgeable, caring and open-minded learners. As 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 Elementary School offers students ample opportunities to develop personally, academically, socially, and emotionally. While employing the Greek national curriculum, it is also a certified school 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 extra-curricular 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 School 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 achieving excellence on their own terms. At the same time, the students’ academic experience is enriched by a wide range of clubs and extra-curricular 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 reviewed to meet global standards. In grades 11 and 12, students can choose to either exclusively follow the Greek national curriculum, which we enrich in all subject areas, or to follow the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP). Whichever path they opt for, we successfully prepare them for university studies both in Greece and abroad. This year one of our students left one year early and is now at Caltech as a freshman.



### IBDP

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) 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 IBDP 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 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 IBDP include research, data analysis, academic writing, public speaking, project management, time management, leadership and becoming active in the global community.



### 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. Our School collaborates with global educational institutions and provides a series of seminars and hands-on workshops designed to meet the demands of educators and cover their specific needs in a variety of subjects. Furthermore, members of our faculty deliver inspiring lectures on their areas of interest open to the wider educational community.

Athens College runs an Adult Education Program since 1984, the oldest and largest in Greece. Offering a very diverse range of afternoon and evening courses to adults, this program aims to broaden students’ knowledge for both personal and professional enrichment. Foreign languages, sports, social science and culture, personal development, the arts, and business are all included in its course offerings.







## RAISING THE BAR: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS 2021-2022

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, Athens College students have excelled in many different areas. To name a few:



**100% success rate** in the Panhellenic Exams



**100% success rate** in world-renowned universities such as Columbia, MIT, Yale, Brown, Oxford, Imperial, LSE, Bocconi



**1st place** in the Panhellenic Forensics Association Tournament 2022



**1st Prize** in the International Competition EU-CONEXUS 2nd edition - Think Smart, Create Green Competition



**Gold Medal** in the World Artificial Intelligence Competition for Youth (WAICY) 2021



**Distinctions** in Panhellenic and international sports championships in swimming, track and field, tennis, archery, water skiing, water polo, rowing, beach volleyball, horseback riding, judo and more



**2nd and 5th place** at the International Economics Olympiad 2022



**2nd place** in the Greek final of the International Entrepreneurship Competition Diamond Challenge



**Presentation and Collaboration Award and Special Model Award** in the Panhellenic Robotics Competition



**Distinctions** in the Junior and Senior categories at 2022 Canadian Computing Competition



**Distinctions** in the Panhellenic Physics Competition "Aristotle 2022"



**2nd place** in the Greek National Competition "Best Virtual Business" and in the Greek Social Innovation Relay by Junior Achievement Greece



**Award** at the Greek National Competition CanSat in collaboration with the European Space Agency



**1st Prize and "Top Performer"** award at the US New Star Strings Competition, 1st prize at the Grand Prize Virtuozo, platinum medal at the Global International Music Competition, gold medal at the Global Genius Music Competition



## THE ATHENS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Athens College Scholarship Program is a distinct feature of our character and socio-pedagogical philosophy, whose objective is to support the diverse socio-economic composition of its student population.

Thanks to the Financial Aid Scholarship Program, each year hundreds of students whose families have limited financial means or who face serious financial hardships are able to study at Athens College, ensuring that -as Stephanos Delta always emphasized- education provided by our School is not only a “privilege of the affluent.”

Founders and first contributors of the Program were Stephanos and Penelope Delta, while Homer Davis, Athens College President for over 30 years, whose letter you can read in the beginning of this report, he spearheaded its design and operation.

In the past two years, we have introduced Merit Scholarships & Awards based solely on the outstanding academic performance and excellent conduct of students, as well as Special Interest Scholarships for outstanding performance in Athletics, Music and the Arts. Excellent students have the opportunity to attend summer courses at top-tier high schools/universities in the US, the UK etc, through the Summer Study Abroad Scholarship Program.

We have also revived the School’s Regional Scholarship Program, subject to entrance examinations. Today, students from different areas of Greece such as Astypalaia, Cephalonia, Corfu, Ikaria, Ioannina, Kalavryta, Karpathos, Rhodes, Volos and Zakynthos, take advantage of the great opportunities for education that our School has to offer. This year we have 13 regional scholars, while in the entire period 1989 - 2020, we had 17.

To diversify our student body, we also grant Scholarships of Special Purpose to students with special needs such as unaccompanied refugee children, immigrant children, and kids with disabilities. We granted 8 Special Purpose Scholarships since 2020.

Our Scholarship Program is funded by the Hellenic-American Educational Foundation, along with gifts received from individuals including alumni and members of the College community, companies, and institutions. During FY 2021-2022, we were able to offer financial assistance to more than 20% of our student body, of which, close to 50%, was funded through gifts from members of the Athens College community. Especially noteworthy are the activities initiated by alumni, parent and past parent volunteers (Alumni Fund Drive, Parents Fund Drive, Alumni Parents Fund Drive), as well as the Student Body, raised awareness and support our Scholarship Program. Our Merit, Regional and Special Interest Scholarships are funded exclusively by new donations. We are grateful.



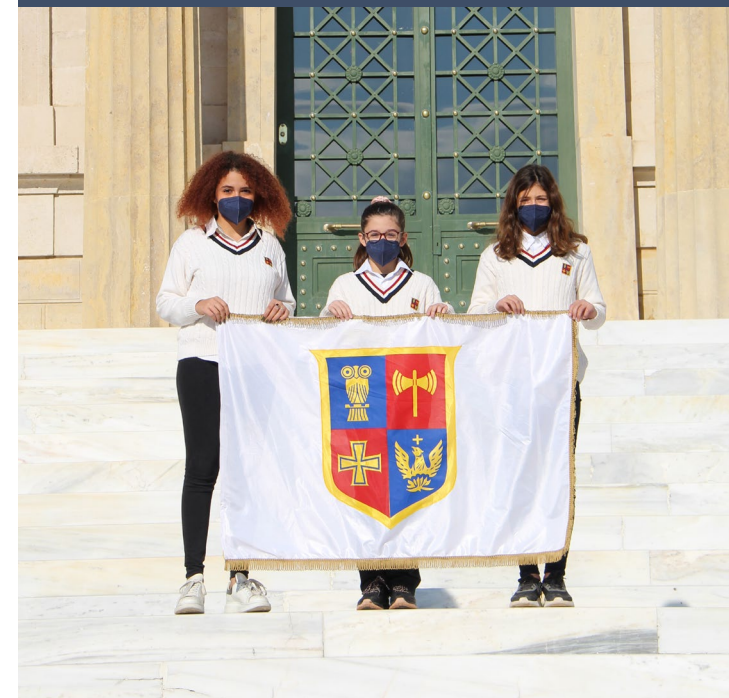
Financial Aid Scholarships



Merit Scholarships



Merit Awards



Special Interest Scholarships



Regional Scholarships



Special Purpose Scholarships





## WHERE LIFE CHANGERS ARE MADE

We believe that community service is a powerful mechanism for change. Through various volunteering activities, our students learn to help others, expand their worldview, develop empathy, and come to understand their responsibility to take action for a positive impact, and give back to the community.

Every year we partner with local and global institutions, such as Greenpeace, The HOME Project, Axion Hellas, the Association of Friends of Children with Cancer "ELPIDA," Make A Wish, the Holy Metropolis of Nea Ionia and Philadelphia, Safe Water Sports, Together for Children, 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.

Last year, our School's Social Welfare and Diversity Department coordinated the collection of about 35 tons of humanitarian aid for the people of Ukraine, as well as the provision of technological, educational and athletic equipment for schools in areas in the north of Evia island, struck by fires in the summer of 2021.

Alumni often point out 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 non-profit and public service organizations around the world. We are grateful to all volunteers and also to our Social Welfare and Diversity Department.



*Left Above: Our School sent technological, educational and athletic equipment to schools in areas of North Evia, struck by wildfires in the summer of 2021. The goods were delivered by teachers and members of the administrative staff.*

*Left Below: The Athens College community collected about 35 tons of humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. Students, teachers and members of the administrative staff were involved in the collection and sorting of goods.*



## A DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

As a pioneer school in technology, Athens College has always incorporated cutting edge technology in teaching methods, thus adapting in an ever-changing educational environment. Interactive materials, easy-to-use software, and platforms that manage the educational process are available to all educational staff in order to assist the enrichment of the teaching and learning experience. One example is the use of BrainPop in our classes, since 2020. Our aim is to also share our technological knowledge, and to become a point of reference for other educational institutions.

Our Informatics and Digital Education Department has continued implementing a ground breaking development plan to bring IT at the School in par with the best worldwide. Initiatives included:

- Digitalization of over 670,000 pages of Elementary School educational material and in the process of digitalizing material for Junior High and High School
- Creation of a digital database for all educational material through the MS TEAMS platform accessible to all relevant parties
- Creation of more than 3,210 new e-quizzes for students in all grade levels
- Continuous training of educational, administrative staff and parents on new digital skills, offering technical support as well as seminars on GDPR and online safety
- Development of new digital applications to facilitate everyday school operations (ID Cards, Interschool Calendar, Pedagogical Report, School Bus Route Monitor etc.)
- Installation of 16 new interactive boards in classrooms and upgrades in 20% of the School's IT infrastructure (computer stations, laptops and laboratories)
- Design of new STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading/Writing, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) laboratories in both campuses

The digital transformation of Athens College is further enhanced by the introduction of an innovative, useful digital platform designed and offered by our College Library. In the open source repository software **DSpace@Athens College** (<https://www.athenscollege.edu.gr/academics/our-libraries/college-library/d-space-@-athens-college>), our Library has archived significant volume of digital content such as Athens College publications, photographs, audiovisual material and bulletins. This content will constantly be enriched, offering all members of our faculty and staff access to our School's archives and will be of incredible value as our Centennial approaches.





## PARTNERING WITH GLOBALLY DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUALS AND FOUNDATIONS



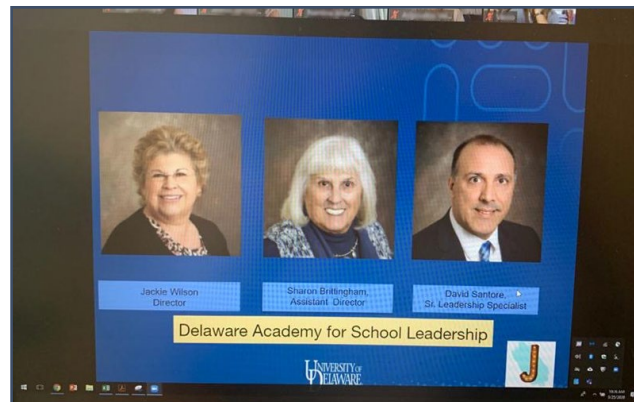
### Talks with COVID-19 Experts

Members of the Hellenic Committee for COVID-19 Professor of Pediatric Infectious Diseases Dr. Vana Papaevangelou and President of the Hellenic Society for Infectious Diseases Dr. Panagiotis Gargalianos spoke to the College community on the latest developments regarding the pandemic.



### Dr. Peter Early's lecture to faculty members

Dr. Peter Early, Professor Emeritus at the Center for Educational Leadership of the University College London Institute of Education, spoke to members of our Administration and to educators on thriving and reviving in leadership, as part of the School's continuous teachers' professional development program.



### Collaboration with the University of Delaware

Every year, lecturers from the College of Education and Human Development of the University of Delaware run seminars for newly hired members of our faculty. Last year, we also organized a two-day "Leadership for Learning" seminar for all our educational staff, in collaboration with the Delaware Academy for School Leadership.



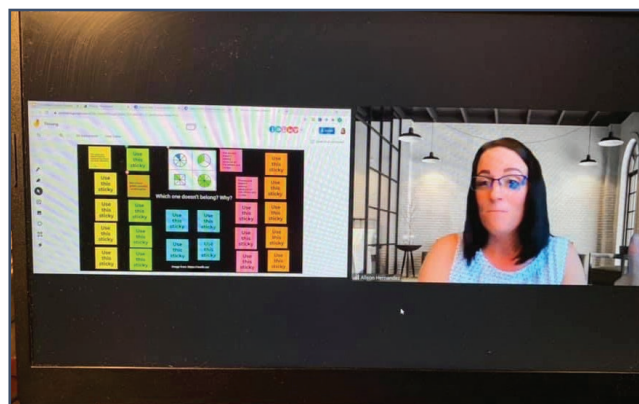
### Athens College Tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the Asia Minor Catastrophe

A series of lectures were organized to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Asia Minor Catastrophe. Mr. Loukas Christodoulou, President of the Center for the Study and Promotion of Asia Minor Culture gave a lecture titled "100 Years since the Asia Minor Catastrophe". Professor Jacob Michailides of the Aristotle University gave his Interpretations and Perceptions on the historical event, and Professor Nikos Andriotis of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens spoke of the arrival and care for refugees in Greece and especially Athens.



### Ecumenical School Project

We collaborate with NGOs "The HOME Project" and "Metadrasisi", offering Scholarships of Special Purpose to unaccompanied refugee children. The School's Social Welfare and Diversity Dpt. monitors their progress closely, supporting them with additional teaching hours as necessary.



### Seminars by Arizona State University

In collaboration with Arizona State University Prep Lab we organized a series of online seminars for our educators titled "New Generation Educators: Modernizing learning experiences". Participants examined research-supported, high-impact strategies that are most effective in creating classroom environments where students show interest, engagement and motivation in learning.



### Exhibition with Flag of Greece

Our School hosted the exhibition of the Civic Non-Profit Partnership "Flag of Greece", under the auspices of the "Athens 2021" Committee, presenting for the first time 200 items from its collection, which portray the history of the Greek flag from the end of the 19th century to the present. The exhibition also featured artwork by our students.



### Seminars on Immigration-Asylum and on Disability

Ms. Sofia Kouvelaki, CEO of The HOME Project, which hosts unaccompanied refugee minors, and Ms. Annie Maniati Efstathiou, member of the Board of Directors of ELEPAP for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled, spoke to our students to raise awareness and mobilize them on a range of social issues.



### Collaboration with Special Olympics Hellas

Each year, our students participate in basketball games with athletes of Special Olympics Hellas. In academic year 2021-2022, we also organized an exhibition of works of art created by both our students and Special Olympics athletes inspired by the 2022 Special Olympics Winter Games, to raise awareness of diversity.



### Lectures by distinguished Professors

Professor of History Dr. Maria Efthymiou and Professor of Economic and Social History Dr. Kostas Kostis of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and Professor of Government at the University of Oxford Dr. Stathis Kalyvas spoke to our students about different aspects of the Greek National Uprising.



### Student and alumni chats: Tereza Farmaki '96

As part of a series of discussions organized by the Social Welfare and Diversity Dpt, alumna Tereza Farmaki Founding Member and Managing Director of Astarte Capital Partners, spoke to female High School students, sharing her life and career experiences and answering all of their questions.



## PARTNERING WITH GLOBALLY DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUALS AND FOUNDATIONS



### Collaboration with non-profit PYRNA

Together with PYRNA, a non-profit cultural organization, we offered stationary supplies to a school in the Malakasa Refugee Camp collected by our Kindergarten students, as part of the activities organized to accentuate the value of solidarity and support to refugee children, enabling them to integrate smoothly into the community.



### Participation in a charity sports event

Our students participated in a charity triathlon race organized by IONAS Association - Department of Therapeutic Education and Sports for the Disabled. Proceeds were used for the replacement of the Olympic Stadium Indoor Swimming Pools elevator, used by people with disabilities, the elderly, and parents with strollers.



### Anti-Smoking Campaign

Ms. Nikoletta Rovina, a physician at the 1st University Pulmonary Clinic of Sotiria Hospital, and Associate Professor in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Athens spoke to our students on Smoking and Adolescence as part of our School's campaign to reinforce the anti-smoking attitude of our students.



### Saturday's Classical Concerts

The first two concerts from the "Saturday's Classical Concerts, Students and Teachers on stage" for the new academic year took place at our School's Chorem Theater. Athens College has a long tradition in Music, with 10 different orchestra and chorus ensembles, organizing over 50 musical events per year.



### Randall Davis' visit

Randall Davis, a descendant of Homer Davis, President of Athens College for over 30 years, visited the campus for the first time. He and his wife Deborah met with members of the School administration and toured the facilities, going back in the footsteps of Homer Davis, who left his mark on the formation and development of Athens College.



### Celebrating Halloween

As a Hellenic-American school, we celebrate Halloween with numerous activities. Students carved pumpkins, dressed up in their favorite costumes, went trick-or-treating and visited the really scary but fun "Haunted Campus" in Pyschico.



### Conference on Natural Disasters

Several high-level officers and officials in charge of responding to natural disasters spoke to our students and explained the protocol and operations during the wildfires that struck Greece in the summer of 2021. In his capacity as Professor of Natural Hazards President Costas Synolakis '75 stressed the importance of precaution, while Athens College Crisis Manager Mr. Vasilis Skanavis '08 spoke of all measures already taken by our School in this field.



### Presentation of a unique poetry collection

Our School's Social Welfare and Diversity Dpt. organized the book presentation of Ms. Katerina Vlachaki, who suffers from cerebral palsy. All speakers talked of the immense physical and emotional strength demonstrated by Ms. Vlachaki through the years, and how she found a way to escape through poetry, where she records her thoughts and dreams. Our students recited poems from her collection.



### Conference on Asia Minor Greeks

In collaboration with the Center for Asia Minor Studies, our School organized and hosted a conference titled: "Asia Minor Greeks: facets of the contribution to the development of Greek society". Distinguished speakers presented various aspects of the contributions of the refugees from Asia Minor in the reconstruction and rebuilding of the modern Greek society and state.



### Pre-Marathon Event

We organized a Pre-Marathon Event to support our runners at the 39th Authentic Marathon of Athens. Runners and supporters of runners participated in the "College Marathon" for a 12th consecutive year to support the Athens College Scholarship Program, spreading the College spirit and highlighting the values of volunteering, giving and solidarity.



### Parents Associations Fundraising Event

Our High School Parents' Associations in collaboration with the School organized an event to celebrate the Graduation of the Class of 2022 and raise funds to support the Scholarship Program. This new initiative will be established annually to celebrate each graduating class and bring together the community in order to support the Scholarship Program.



### October 28 Celebration

Our students proudly represented Athens College at the students' parades organized in the municipality of Flothei-Psychico and in Syntagma, for the Greek National holiday, to commemorate events of 1940.

## FALL 2022 HIGHLIGHTS





## DR. IOANNIS MIAOULIS '80 AT ATHENS COLLEGE

We are extremely proud to have welcomed back on campus our distinguished alumnus Dr. Ioannis Miaoulis '80, President of Roger Williams University, and former President and Director of the Boston Science Museum.

Dr. Miaoulis visited Athens College, toured its facilities, gave presentations to students and teachers and had great discussions with the Administration of the Schools regarding future collaborations of the Museum and the University with his alma mater.

In a lecture, open to all members of the Athens College community, he shared moments from his student years at the Boarding School, where he spent most of his school life, his studies in the United States, and his career up to now.

As a global pioneer in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), he shared with us the story of how he introduced Technology and Engineering into education, by designing introductory courses, that are now implemented in many schools and institutions around the world. Already we have introduced some of these concepts in Kindergarten and we are planning to implement them in the Elementary Schools.

Athens College President Professor Costas Synolakis '75 hosted a dinner in his honor, attended by his old classmates and teachers as well as joint Athens College and Tufts University alumni, where Dr. Miaoulis was a Professor of Mechanical Engineering for many years and was appointed Dean of the School of Engineering and Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.



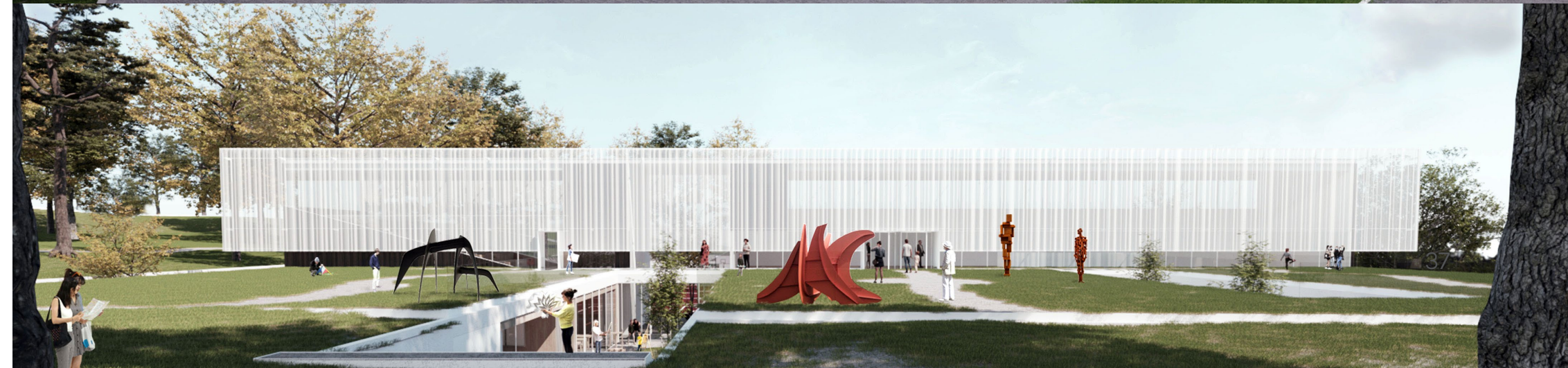
## THE NEW “D. DASKALOPOULOS ARTS BUILDING”

One of the most significant milestone events of the past year has been the launch of the new “D. Daskalopoulos Arts Building” on the Athens College Psychico campus, a visionary, extrovert and ambitious project, aligned with the School’s mission as an educational leader and faithful to its strong heritage and history in the arts and culture. Dimitris Daskalopoulos x76, an alumnus of Athens College and avid supporter of art education and young creators, accepted the proposal by Athens College President Professor Costas Synolakis '75 to finance the development of this new building, as he shares the President's profound conviction that exposure to contemporary artistic creation plants the seed of curiosity, enhances creativity and is an indispensable component of contemporary education.

Dimitris Daskalopoulos has already made possible educational programs in 145 schools with the participation of 16.848 students and has awarded more than €2.5 million in scholarships and grants in contemporary culture. The Arts Building will cost about €10 million, all covered by Mr. Daskalopoulos. It will host the International Baccalaureate (IB) Arts Program as well as Junior High and High School courses and will be completed in 2025, the Athens College Centennial year, marking a new era for Athens College in Arts and Culture.

Beyond its main function as an educational center, it will operate as a creative space for the wider community and through its exhibition spaces and public art programs, will serve as a cultural platform for collaborative and educational projects. The architect team responsible for the design of the new building, FIORE Architects, was selected by an Open Architectural Ideas Competition composed of an international committee.

The “D. Daskalopoulos Arts Building” will always serve as a reminder for future Athens College generations of our commitment to Arts Education, the eternal strong ties between alumni and their alma mater, and giving back to the School that once offered them so much. It will operate as a leading cultural center in the local area and a reference point for arts educational institutions globally and its programs will profoundly benefit Athens College students, parents, alumni and friends as well as the artists and members of the local community.







## OUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

### **Provide a high-quality education using best practices from Greece and abroad**

We provide an academic-pedagogical program that serves the “Mission Statement” of the Hellenic- American Educational Foundation and combines humanistic education with cutting-edge technology, as well as Greek heritage infused with contemporary, global intellectual and educational trends. The academic-pedagogical program integrates the Greek National Curriculum with additional teaching hours for selected subjects. The curriculum is enriched with a variety of extra-curricular activities, which give our students endless opportunities to discover and develop their interests and talents. Our School implements contemporary teaching methods, which stimulate creativity, critical thinking and reflection. These aim at engaged learning through an active community of students, extensive research in our Library and laboratories, and activities that promote cooperation, ecological awareness and social responsibility.

### **Prepare our students to become active and responsible global citizens**

In today’s world of constant change, we equip our students to face the real-world challenges with respect to diversity and social justice, which are also key components of school life. We believe that a diverse student body broadens our students’ horizons, makes them more extroverted, enriches their experiences and creates bridges of communication with other cultures. From Kindergarten through High School and the IB DP, our students take part in various community activities, actively participate in projects of public benefit and engage in environmental action while cultivating their sense of responsibility.

### **Invest in our teachers and support their further development**

Educators continuously advance and evolve professionally throughout their careers. We provide the largest Professional Development and Training Program in Greece addressed to educators, which includes a wide range of seminars and workshops on contemporary best educational practices and methodologies that attract and foster inspired teachers who, in turn, help students blossom academically, socially and personally. We collaborate with renowned educational institutions in Greece and abroad such as the Harvard Graduate School of Education, the College of Education and Human Development of Delaware University, the Arizona State University Prep Digital, the University College London Institute of Education, the University of Athens and the University of the Peloponnese. We attract educational partners from around the globe to implement innovative best practices and to participate in the debate on the challenges of 21<sup>st</sup>-century education, foremost of which is combating Climate Change.





## OUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

### **Collaborate with distinguished academics and professionals and internationally renowned institutions to inspire our students and the broader Athens College community**

Our School is open to collaboration and dialogue with all local authorities, the State, the Academy of Athens, as well as foundations in Greece and abroad. As a beacon of education and lifelong learning in Greece, Athens College has instituted a series of synergies, lectures, and events, partnering with world-renowned institutions, academics, and professionals, representing the realms of education, science, arts, music, business, athletics, and more.

### **Mobilize collective giving to support the School's mission and the vision of its founders**

Athens College is an independent, non-profit organization. Each year, the Scholarship Program allows hundreds of students whose families have limited financial means to study at the College. The support of donors and volunteers- members of the Athens College family – alumni, parents and friends – is invaluable and honors our School's longstanding tradition of giving. It empowers our students, sustains the high-quality education we provide and promotes a multifaceted concept of excellence, creating a modern and diverse student community. We encourage support of innovative programs and activities that reflect the values and choices of our donors, which simultaneously serve the strategic goals and priorities of the School. We give tomorrow's graduates the resources to develop actions that will have an extraordinary impact on society and ensure the Athens College experience for future generations of students.

### **Communicate with Athens College alumni, parents and friends from all over the world**

The continuous credible and timely flow of communication and dialogue with alumni, parents and friends of Athens College, the development of appropriate promotional material, our contemporary and user-friendly website and the ever-evolving social media and use of technology such as live streaming, allow us to share our latest news, events and achievements and communicate the Athens College priorities and initiatives with the global community. Lectures and events are broadcast live to our students, alumni and parents around the world, and they are, where relevant, open to the public for educational and inspirational purposes.



## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES 2022

With immense pride, we celebrated again this year the graduation of our students at the 93rd Commencement Exercises on Thursday, July 14, 2022. Four hundred and twenty six young women and men successfully concluded their journey at Athens College, equipped with values, knowledge and life skills, and ready for the next big step.

After two years of restrictions due to the pandemic, this year's ceremony was attended not only by our graduates' parents but also by their guests and by Athens College alumni. The ceremony began with the traditional alumni parade at the Benaki Hall, the new tradition of the marching of the flags, with the Class of 2022 marching last down the steps of our School's landmark building, as students for one last time.

The Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic-American Educational Foundation (HAEF), Ms. Annika Papantoniou, and Athens College President, Professor Costas Synolakis '75 delivered the opening speeches. President Synolakis also bestowed the prestigious President's Award upon HAEF member Ms. Alchistis Tricha for her invaluable and timeless contributions to the College.

This year's Commencement speaker was Lieutenant Governor of the State of California Ms. Eleni Kounalakis. In her inspiring words to our graduates, she reassured them that wherever life may take them, their Greek heritage will always guide them to the right path. "You have a powerful tool. You have perspective", she said.

Last we watched a video message by Greek Minister of Education and Religious Affairs and Athens College alumna Ms. Niki Kerameus '98. Ms. Kerameus shared experiences from her student years and wished the Class of 2022 every success in achieving their future goals.

The Ceremony concluded with the spectacular illumination of the Benakeion Building and the traditional tossing of the graduation caps.











## THE FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Athens College is proud to host the largest Fulbright Fellowship Program in Greece. Every year, young Americans, recent graduates from renowned universities in the United States, who have been awarded a place in the Fulbright English Teaching Assistants program, come to our School to gain teaching experience.

Fellows interact with our students by assisting, coaching and mentoring them during English lessons, in the Library, as well as in other English-language programs and activities offered by our School, such as Forensics, the Delta Speech Contest, Clubs, student publications, and SAT Prep courses.

They are young ambassadors, strengthening ties between our School and the United States. With their enthusiasm, knowledge, ideas, language, and culture, they enhance the cross-cultural educational experience offered in our school community. In a very meaningful sense, they serve as role models for our students.



Grace Skarzynski  
Fulbright Fellow '22-'23

*"As I look back on the last few months, I am still filled with a sense of awe and disbelief at all I have done thus far as a first-year Fulbright Fellow. I have gotten to develop relationships with the staff and the students in my office, gain experience that is directly tied to my future career, bond with the other Fulbright Fellows, and immerse myself in a culture that has received me warmly and with open arms. Even though my Fulbright journey is just beginning, I am excited for all that is yet to come."*



Emily Parks  
Fulbright Fellow '21-'23

*"In my time as a Fulbright Fellow, I have grown as a person and an educator while finding how I can enrich my student's educational experiences by providing cultural exposure and perspective. I have gained a wealth of educational and professional experience; discovering how creating new content designed for learning differences can contribute to an otherwise struggling student's success, to utilize my background as a global art historian in developing new approaches to our material."*



## A SINGULAR SCHOOL, A COLLECTIVE EFFORT

We would not be able to provide Athens College's unique educational experience without the support of the College family. In terms of major gifts for new buildings and renovations, in the past two years the President has raised €30,5 million. For reference, €29 million were raised in the period 2005-2020.

However, your giving of any amount empowers our students. It provides access to children who would otherwise never have the opportunity to attend the School and keeps our community intact and united. During fiscal year 2021-2022, we were able to offer financial assistance to more than 20% of our student body, of which close to 50% was funded through gifts from members of the College family, individuals, companies and organizations.

Your support helps our School to evolve, to pioneer, and to better equip today's students and tomorrow's global citizens to make a difference and have an extraordinary impact on society. It preserves and enriches the Athens College's distinctive character and ensures the College experience for future generations of students. It helps leverage support from other institutions and donors across the world. It fosters synergies with universities, corporations and other organizations, enhancing the School's added value, competitiveness and international exposure.

As we approach 2025 and the celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the Athens College's founding, the President have set new and important goals such as the reduction of the School size, focus on Excellence and Personalized Learning and Diversification of the student body. To achieve them, we need to act collectively and decisively. We need to mobilize more members to support our School in order to maximize the impact of our giving. With your help, we can.

We count on you - our community of alumni, parents and friends - to keep Athens College's tradition of giving alive.

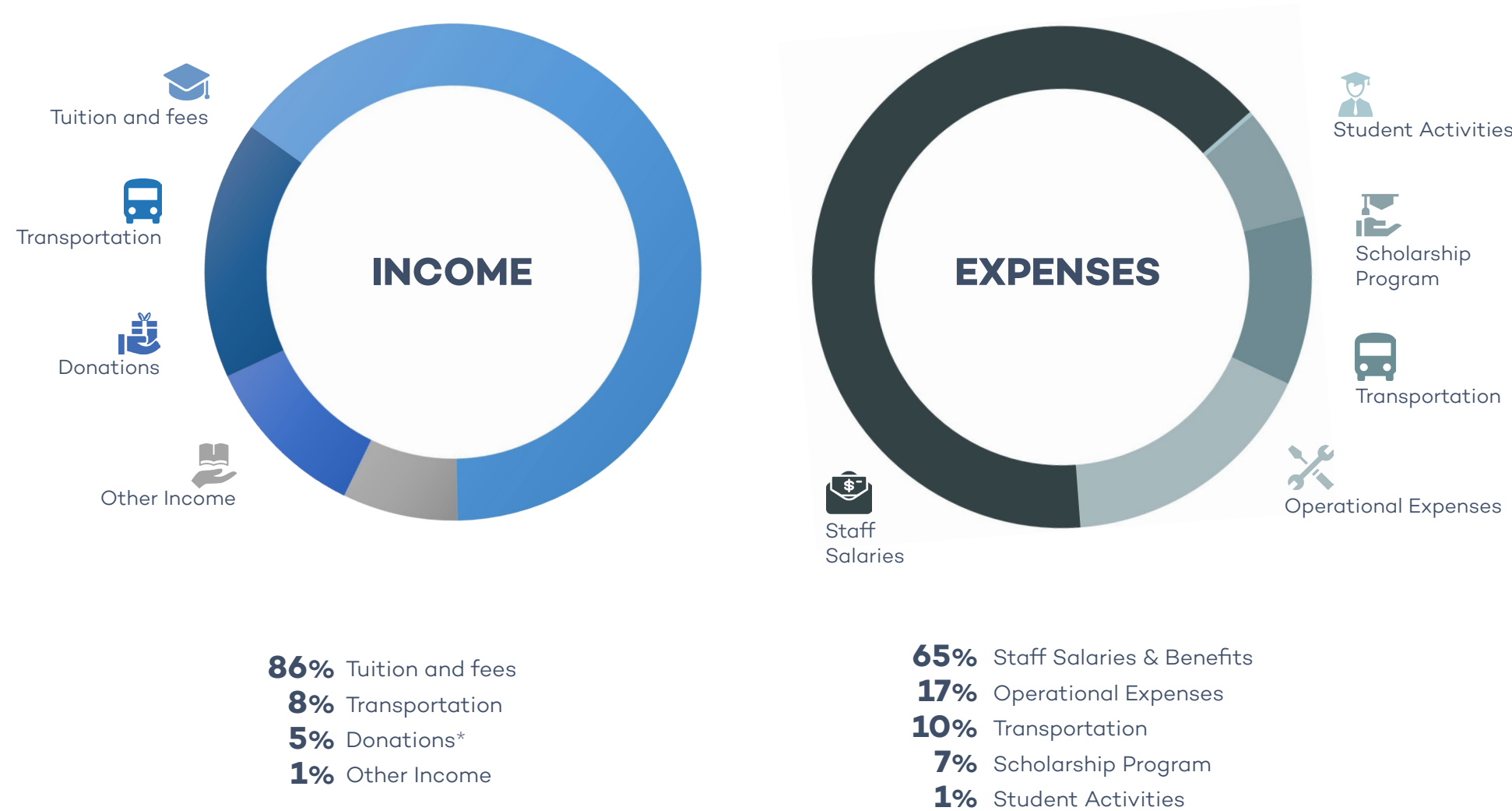
Thank you for empowering our students. Collective participation is our strength. Every gift is an act of optimism.



*Gifts of every size are welcome and help to make a difference.*







\*Included are gifts made in accordance with the donors' wishes towards scholarships as well as other intents (projects and infrastructure, programs, etc).

Despite the worldwide ongoing challenges imposed by the pandemic, Athens College secured its financial stability and healthy status, entering the new academic year with maximum enrollment and operating within its annual budget. Furthermore, it is debt-free, has a proven ability to operate within the annual budget, and has an endowment and reserved funds that enable the College to subsidize the cost of education for all students.

During fiscal year 2021-2022, financial assistance was given to about 1,000 students (including emergency financial aid to parents affected by the pandemic), a number equivalent to almost 20% of the student body. Of the total assistance given, which amounted to 6.6% of revenues, close to 50% was funded through gifts from members of the College families, individuals, companies, and organizations.

Our long-term strategic priority is to put any operating surplus towards reserved funds and the endowment in order to ensure the financial stability and sustainable development of our educational institution.

The challenge today is to keep tuition fees affordable while striving to perpetually improve the learning environment and the quality of education provided. At present, tuition covers approximately 80% of the total cost of educating its students, with private gifts, grants and income from the endowment and reserve funds subsidizing the difference. If one accounts for depreciation of our facilities, tuition covers much less. Athens College continues to support students whose families are facing financial hardship, and responds to the uncertainty of Greece's economy through a combination of conservative budgeting and prudent day-to-day management.

Contributing to the larger society is a cornerstone of Athens College's pedagogical philosophy and the vision of its founders. Support through donations helps the School reduce its dependence on tuition by providing a predictable source of income. It funds the "Merit Scholarship" program, which attracts academically top-tier students. It facilitates the development of innovative programs and allows improvements to its facilities. It offers the Athens College experience to students from all walks of life and secures the School's ability to offer its services to future generations of students by modernizing its facilities, as well as its technological and logistical infrastructure.









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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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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.



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