



# The Manoogian Voice

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A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School

## A Science Fair Golden First

### *Freshman Romana Svytko Wins First Place in Metro Detroit*

“It is with great pride and pleasure that we announce the outstanding achievement of Romana at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit,” said Mrs. Lisa Ogiemwonyi, Romana’s freshman science teacher. Romana, a ninth grader, was one of 15 students representing the Manoogian School. Her project involved analyzing vitamin C content of various fruits and vegetables. “We are thrilled about the great news. Romana’s first-place win among 1,500 participants brings great joy to our school community,” said Manoogian High School Principal Dr. Hosep Torossian. The competition took place at Cobo Hall on March 21 and the Awards Ceremony was held at the Detroit County Day School on March 26. Romana will now participate in the State Science Fair in Flint on March 31.



*Pictured are Mrs. Lisa Ogiemwonyi, Romana Svytko, and Dr. Hosep Torossian.*



*High School Science Fair winners.*

Ferhadson, Dolores Duduman, Kristina Mkoyan, Omar Acho and Salam Chalabi. The United States Air Force awarded certificates of achievement to Sali Kesto and Melanie Shammami, while the Society for In Vitro Biology recognized the outstanding achievement of Nayiri Kaissarian. Congratulations to all! *(See the list of award winners on the next page.)*



*Middle School Science Fair winners.*

## A.G.B.U. Education Director Visits Manoogian School

Mr. Artoun Hamalian was recently appointed Director of the Central Office of the A.G.B.U. Education

Department in New York. In the course of his worldwide visits to A.G.B.U. Schools, Mr.



Hamalian spent the week of February 5 through 9 in Michigan. During his stay, Mr. Hamalian became familiar with the Manoogian School’s overall academic process and the ongoing concern of meeting charter requirements. During the meeting with the Armenian language/history faculty members, a number of key issues concerning the Armenian program were addressed.

In his meetings with the School Board members and administration, Mr. Hamalian reassured them of A.G.B.U.’s commitment to pursue educational excellence. He noted the Alex & Marie Manoogian School as one of the well-established educational institutions. He also confirmed his belief that, “...Manoogian School has all the characteristics of becoming a model and experience base for other Armenian schools that need to become more inclusive and diversified, to keep pace with the changing needs and expectations of our communities and the new generation of parents.”

## Science Fair Winners

*continued*

### 6th Grade

Ari Sagherian  
Lilit Kazazian

### Honorable Mention

Maral Toukhanian  
Sara Klein  
Michael Hami  
Amanda Ferhadson  
Zena Atcho  
Solomiya Suvka

### 7th Grade

Lena Ferhadson  
Ani Karibian  
Hripsime Mamassian  
Damaris Duduman

### Honorable Mention

Inna Mirzoyan  
Stavros Yuhana

### 8th Grade

1st – Linda Kalfayan  
Carolyn Philip  
Garen Gilbert  
2nd – Arsen Melkonyan  
Anahit Movsessyan  
Yaroslav Shtyha  
3rd – Rayden Shemmammie  
Artak Movsessyan  
Julian Jarbo

### 9th Grade

1st – Dominique Duduman  
2nd Tie – Arick Flesch  
Kristina Mkoyan  
3rd Tie – Romana Svytka  
Nina Ferhadson

### 10th Grade

1st – Dolores Duduman  
2nd – Abigail Newman &  
Michelle Colfescu  
3rd – Ramia Hadad &  
Salam Chalabi

### 11th Grade

1st – Nayiri Kaissarian  
2nd – Angelica Terhune  
3rd – Anastasiya Amyelina

### 12th Grade

1st – Maria Yuhana &  
Simon Melkonian  
2nd – Alexandra Terhune  
3rd – Lisa Shekerdeman &  
Tamar Djaridjian

## 2007 Future City Competition

Students at the A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manoogian School participated in the Michigan Regional Future City Competition, sponsored by the National Engineers Week Committee. Like last year, the Manoogian School's team came away a winner, receiving the 2007 award for "Best Incorporation of Plastic Materials," sponsored by the Society of Plastic Engineers.

The Future City Competition's main goal is to promote math and science to youth in a unique and fun way. The by-products of the experience are numerous and include teamwork, writing skills, public-speaking skills, hands-on problem solving skills and a tremendous amount of confidence and pride.

The Manoogian team, with its mentors Dr. Hosep Torossian, Mr. David Collins and Mr. Mike Arzoumanian, contemplated the rebuilding of Gumry – the earthquake-devastated city in Armenia.

"The energy, dedication and excitement that our school's team displayed in the Future City Competition was impressive," said Dr. Torossian. "Their victory is something about which the Manoogian School community can feel justifiably proud." On this occasion, we present sincere congratulations to the mentors and especially student participants Hagop Krikor, Masis Rizko, Ani Karibian, Linda Kalfayan, Garen Gilbert, Elliot Stepanian, Carolyn Philip, Nicholas Aznavour, Harutyun Gevorgian, Damaris Duduman, Rachel Newman, Jessica Ferhadson and Artak Movsessyan for their dedication and hard work.



## Manoogian School Dance Troupe Performs

The Manoogian School was invited to perform, by the Bloomfield Hills Andover High School Foreign Language Department as part of their Cultural Awareness Week. The fifth- and eighth-grade students danced their traditional dances. Mrs. Nayiri Karapetian gave a brief history of the school, introduced the students and explained the movements and their history for the various dances. The school has invited us back again for next year's "cultural week."



## Two Jump to Next Level

Mrs. Marlene Baker, our school's *Reader's Digest Word Power Challenge* sponsor is pleased to announce that eighth-grader **Elliot Stepanian** was qualified to advance to the State Championship level of the *Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge* competition. Elliot competed with other 6th, 7th and 8th grade champions from schools across Michigan at the State Championship event on March 19.



Congratulations to junior **Melanie Shammami**. She is a Gold Medal Winner in Nursing Assistance and Creative Problem Solving at Oakland Technical School in Royal Oak. In April, she will advance to the next level of competition held in Traverse City.



# Recognizing Academic Achievement – 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2006-2007

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### *Administrator's List*

Ari Sagherian  
Zena Atcho  
Lilit Kazazian  
Solmiya Svytka  
Amanda Ferhadson  
Raha Richardsaon

### *Honor Roll*

Oleksandra Grygorenko  
Vonica Sallan  
Razi Antoon  
Lara Demirjian  
Merna Antoon  
Arev Vandevelde  
Maral Toukhanian  
Lucene Gilbert  
Oleksandra Sakhapova  
Tatevik Khachatryan

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### *Administrator's List*

Ani Karibian  
Inna Mirzoyan  
Damaris Duduman  
Sevan Markossian

### *Honor Roll*

Hripsime Mamassian  
Volodymyr Pikh  
Stavros Yuhana

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### *Administrator's List*

Carolyn Philip  
Khrystyna Bezkosta  
Olha Foroshivska  
Linda Kalfayan  
Arsen Melkonyan

### *Honor Roll*

Rachel Newman  
Jessica Ferhadson

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### *Administrator's List*

Omar Acho  
Dominique Duduman  
Romana Svytka  
Vartan Kurjian  
Kristine Mkoyan  
Dro Bush  
Arick Flesch  
Luai Kesto  
Nina Ferhadson  
Monica Shammami  
Rima Saghumyan  
Nicholas Naoumi

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### *Honor Roll*

Julia Papiyants  
Cardall Rabban  
Fallon Brewart  
Raymond Konja  
Arev Tossounian  
Ryan Kallabat

## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### *Administrator's List*

Zara Gilbert  
Dolores Duduman  
Abigail Newman  
Natalie Pope  
Vazken Bassmagian

### *Honor Roll*

Sara Bryant  
Sarine Dakissian  
Olivia Hosmi  
Razmig Dawidian

## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### *Administrator's List*

Nayiri Kaissarian  
Sali Kesto  
Angelica Terhune  
Yana Lapytska

### *Honor Roll*

Vazken Hartounian  
Vanessa Daoud  
Melanie Shammami  
Pavel Oganyan  
Vahan Bush

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### *Administrator's List*

Maria Yuhana  
Oleksandra Goysan  
Alexandra Terhune  
Halyna Chaykivska  
Inna Marynyak  
Tamar Djaridjian  
Lisa Shekerdeman

### *Honor Roll*

Zaven Bush  
Tamar Avakian  
Ivan Castorena  
Maryna Skoblyak  
Darisha Cop

# Raising Cultural Awareness

On Monday, March 5, the Center for Charter Schools hosted Dr. Hosesep Torossian, who led an informational session on Armenian culture for Center staff.

Dr. Torossian drew from his own cultural, educational and international experiences in leading this session. “Dr. Torossian is a dynamic school leader, and I am very pleased that he is available to share his knowledge and experience with our team,” said Jim Goenner, Executive Director of the Center for Charter Schools. “Dr. Torossian’s session helped us gain a deeper appreciation of Armenian culture and an increased understanding of the value and challenges of cultural education in a diverse educational setting.”



## Manoogian Welcomes Visitors

On Tuesday, March 13, local author **Virginia Haroutunian** met with teacher Anahit Toumajan and her eighth-grade students who read the book, *Orphan in the Sand*. Ms. Haroutunian spoke about her mother – an Armenian Genocide survivor featured in her book – and her mother’s experiences. The students engaged in a lively discussion with the author.



On Friday, March 16, Farmington/Farmington Hills State Representative, **Aldo Vagnozzi**, made a special visit to the Manoogian School. After meeting with students and reading a story to the Kindergarten class, Mr. Vagnozzi joined the school for its annual Michink.



Ms. Cheryl Phillips from Masco Corp., who is a board member of the Michigan Humane Society, invited **Mr. Ron Blauet** and his dog, Chip, to visit elementary students. Mr. Blauet spoke to the students about animal safety, being kind to pets and care and feeding of pets. Ms. Phillips also brought her cat, Carleton, to visit and the students enjoyed petting both of these animals.



# Ladies' Luncheon "Michink"

Manoogian School's annual Michink was held on Friday, March 16. It was organized by Mrs. Dakissian, Mrs. Silva Hovig Sagherian and Mrs. Arsho Djardjian.

The luncheon had more than 100 guests in attendance. Some of the elementary classes performed songs and recited poems while the dance troupe performed.

The guests enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies. The lunch consisted of Lenten delicacies such as sarma-dolma, ich, tahinov kofte, spinach pies, muhamara, salad, humos and hadig. A lot of preparation and hard work was put into this affair.

The luncheon made a profit of \$2,400. Manoogian School would like to thank the following people for their food and/or monetary donations:

Gina Bedirian	Hasmig Mardirossian
Mislehem Bedrossian	Viva Philip
Terri Blohm	Betty Sagherian
Lucene Boghossian	Rostom & Silva Sagherian
Linda Darian	Vartouhi Shekerdemanian
Anita Djaridjian	Hasmig Shirvanian
Haigan Ferhadson	Cindy Stepanian
Judy Kadri	Ani Tombouljian
Sonia Kalfayan	Hosep & Shoghig Torossian
Dyana Kezelian	Ani Vartanian
Sona Malkadjian	Mike Arzoumanian

# Manoogian Winter Sports

## Boys Basketball

The Boys Basketball team ended the season with a thrilling 65-62 win over Connor Creek East.



The boys tallied a final record of 6-10 for the winter sports season. James Dodd led the Cougars in points and rebounds as juniors Garo Demirdjian, Alex Kurjian and Razmig Dawidian also contributed to the team's success. Kaz Lukowski was the squad's lone senior and will surely be missed.

## Girls Volleyball

The undefeated Girls Volleyball team completed the winter sports season with a win over Star International Academy. In addition to being unbeaten in match play, the girls also never



lost more than one game to any team they faced. The Cougars were led by Anastasiya Amyelina and Inna Marynyak.

*Remember to Visit Manoogian School's Web Site:  
[www.manoogian.org](http://www.manoogian.org)*



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