



# The Manoogian Voice

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

## Students Observe Armenian History

The Manoogian School held its annual Vartanants program, February 20, commemorating the 5th-century Armenian struggle, a fight for religious freedom and cultural identity.

Eighth-graders presented a play entitled, "The Vision of Vartanants," where General Vartan Mamigonian and his closest confidant, Ghevont Yerets, pay a visit to Manoogian and rekindle the spirit and faith of the students.

The elementary students, who spent weeks preparing their favorite songs and poems about General Vartan, were also included in the program and expressed their pride in a nation that has overcome tremendous odds and obstacles to survive as an educated and cultured people.



*Manoogian School eighth-graders performed "The Vision of Vartanants," on February 20.*

## Students Honored for Good Work

Six Manoogian students were inducted into the Manoogian National Honor Society (NHS) Chapter during ceremonies held at the school, March 17. The newest members include: Vatche Bassmagian, Fabian Gammo, Avak Kahramanian, Aleksandr Osipov,

Michael Untea, and Jessica Yaldo. According to Stephanie King, Manoogian NHS Chapter president, being a member is an honor, and she hopes the new members will have a great experience. The NHS ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. More than 60 percent of the nation's high schools have chapters.

The Manoogian NHS Chapter is shown at left, left to right, front row: Avak Kahramanian, Leina Ablahad, Anita Djaridjian, Galine Torossian, Jessica Yaldo, Aleek Kahramanian, Ivanna Tytusa, Aleen Krikorian, and Stephanie King. Back row: Vatche Bassmagian, Shant Kasparian, Thomas Yuhana, Aleksandr Osipov, Michael Untea, and Fabian Gammo.



# Recognizing Academic Achievement 1st Semester 2002-2003

H I S C H O O L

<p><b>Administrator's List</b>  <i>12th Grade</i>                  Shant Kasparian                  Stephanie King                  Ivanna Tytusa                  Rita Khanwa</p> <p><i>11th Grade</i>                  Aleek Kahramanian                  Galine Torossian</p> <p><i>10th Grade</i>                  Vatche Bassmagian                  Fabian Gammo                  Avak Kahramanian                  Michael Untea                  Jessica Yaldo</p> <p><i>9th Grade</i>                  Naro Babaian                  Saro Babaian                  Paul Dawidian</p>	<p>Melene Hajakian                  Reyna Harabedian                  Harout Hartounian                  Patrick Maizy                  Ani Toumajan</p> <p><b>Honor Roll</b>  <i>12th Grade</i>                  Aleen Krikorian                  Bashar Makhay                  Trezu Nisan</p> <p><i>11th Grade</i>                  Anita Djaridjian                  Nora Palanjian                  Fadi Toma                  Janee Yasso</p> <p><i>10th Grade</i>                  Salli Naeem                  Aleksandr Osipov                  Rusha Waad</p>	<p><i>9th Grade</i>                  Rami Hadad                  Jeffrey King                  Vali Toma                  Zena Yaldo</p> <p><b>Citizenship Award</b>  <i>12th Grade</i>                  Joyce Carter                  Stephanie King                  Aleen Krikorian                  Siran Toukhanian                  Ivanna Tytusa</p> <p><i>11th Grade</i>                  Anita Djaridjian                  Ashley Jones                  Aleek Kahramanian                  Fadi Toma                  Galine Torossian</p>	<p><i>10th Grade</i>                  Myhaulo Burda                  Christina Carter                  Salli Naeem                  Michael Untea                  Jessica Yaldo</p> <p><i>9th Grade</i>                  Naro Babaian                  Saro Babaian                  Nadeya Burda                  Rami Hadad                  Reyna Harabedian                  Katie Kalilmai                  Jeffrey King                  Steven Oganyan                  Vali Toma                  Ani Toumajan                  Zena Yaldo</p>
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M I D S C H O O L

<p><b>Administrator's List</b>  <i>8th Grade</i>                  Silva Arslanian                  Armineh Kasparian                  Elana Mosesian                  Shant Palanjian                  Lisa Shekerdeman                  Garen Torossian                  Maria Yuhana</p> <p><i>7th Grade</i>                  Nayiri Kaissarian                  Michael Kalfayan                  Sali Kesto                  Tatevik Movsisyan                  Narine Shirvanian                  Martin Tobia</p>	<p><i>6th Grade</i>                  Sarine Dakissian                  Zara Gilbert                  Sylvia Hanna                  Joshua Klein                  Anoush Mardigian                  Lucig Palanjian</p> <p><b>Honor Roll</b>  <i>8th Grade</i>                  Heather Dickow                  Tamar Djaridjian                  Garooneh Hagnazarian                  Nareg Misassian                  Avedis Tcholakian</p> <p><i>7th Grade</i>                  Anastasiya Amyelina                  Carol Chang                  Christina Demirjian                  Reem Hanna                  Vazken Hartounian                  Alec Kurjian</p>	<p><i>6th Grade</i>                  Sarmad Chalabi                  Razmig Dawidian                  Anto Palanjian</p> <p><b>Citizenship Award</b>  <i>8th Grade</i>                  Silva Arslanian                  Tamar Avakian                  Garooneh Hagnazarian                  Armineh Kasparian                  Elana Mosesian                  Lisa Shekerdeman                  Avedis Tcholakian                  Maria Yuhana</p> <p><i>7th Grade</i>                  Anastasiya Amyelina                  Carol Chang                  Reem Hanna                  Nayiri Kaissarian                  Mikey Kalfayan                  Sali Kesto</p>	<p>Alec Kurjian                  Tatevik Movsisyan                  Martin Tobia</p> <p><i>6th Grade</i>                  Nairi Bagdasarian                  Salam Chalabi                  Zara Gilbert                  Nazdar Malko                  Anoush Mardigian</p>
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# Student Profile

**Editor's Note:** *Student Profile* appears in each issue of the *Manoogian Voice*. Senior Shant Kasparian is featured this month.



A co-valedictorian carrying a 3.56 grade point average, Shant is following in the footsteps of his uncle. In June, Shant will join his uncle as a Manoogian graduate – and former captain of the Manoogian varsity basketball team.

NAME: Shant Kasparian  
AGE: 18  
GRADE: Senior  
FAMILY: One sister who also attends Manoogian  
CITY OF RESIDENCE: Novi  
FAVORITE SUBJECTS: Math and science

**What are your aspirations after Manoogian?** “Hopefully, I’ll get into the University of Michigan and major in biology or chemistry.”

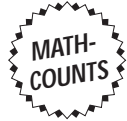
**Who is the person you admire most and why?** “My uncle, because he is a doctor.”

**What is your biggest personal accomplishment?** “Doing well athletically and academically, and at the same time, being helpful around school.”

## The Things Kids Do...



Shant Palanjian was Manoogian’s first-place recipient of the 8th Grade America & Me Essay Contest. His essay will be entered in the state competition in Lansing in May. Arminouhi Inofak and Elana Mosesian received honorable mention.



The following students participated in MATHCOUNTS at Oakland University on February 15: Silva Arslanian, Elana Mosesian, Shant Palanjian, Lisa Shekerdemian, Nayiri Kaissarian, Michael Kalfayan, Narine Shirvanian and Martin Tobia.



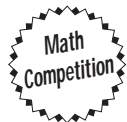
The following students received honors in the Middle School Science Fair: The Grand Prize winner was Maria Yuhana (8th). Josh Klein (6th), Reem Hanna (7th) and Garen Torossian (8th) all received first-place nods.



National Geography Bee Contest: Joshua Klein (6th) won the School Competition. Narine Shirvanian (7th) and Renee Kallabat (8th) were the runner-ups.



Seniors Siobhan Boji and Trezu Nisan have received “Outstanding Student Awards” from the Business Management, Marketing and Technology Department at Oakland Schools Technical Campus in Royal Oak, which they also attend.



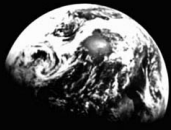
Michael Untea was Manoogian’s first-place winner in the 10th Grade American Mathematics Competition.



## Meet the Board

*The Manoogian Board of Education. Seated, left to right: Dickran Kurjian, Principal Dr. Nadya Sarafian, Dr. Richard Marburger, Edmond Azadian, and Janice Torosian. Standing: Assistant Principal Hosep Torossian, Alice Nigoghosian, Esther Lyons, Dr. Linda Darian-Karibian, James Derian, Esq., and Martin Shoushanian.*

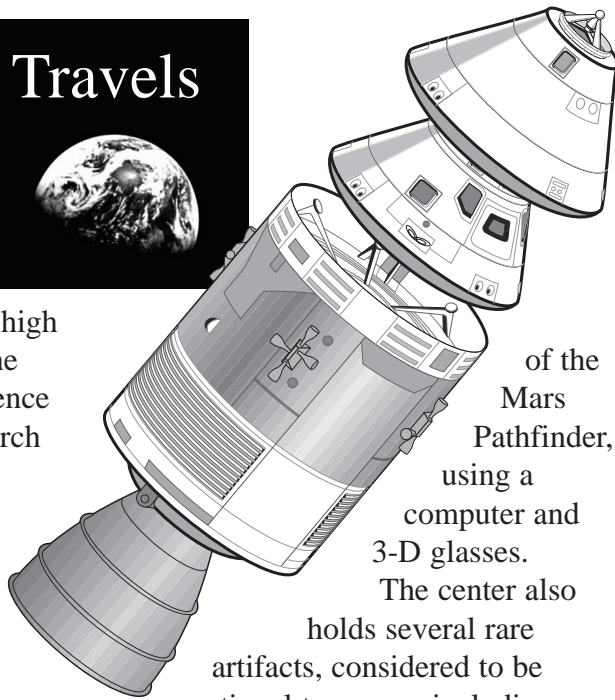
# Manoogian Travels to Space – Sort of



Fifty-one Manoogian high school students visited the Michigan Space and Science Center in Jackson on March 12. Manoogian science teacher Cynthia Stickley organized the trip.

Opened in 1977, the Michigan Space and Science Center sits on the campus of Jackson Community College. The center was built with matching state and college funds, as a tribute to several Michigan-connected astronauts.

The center presents hands-on experiences in which visitors are able to view a moon rock through a microscope, sit in a space capsule simulator, explore a black hole, and drive a full-sized replica



of the Mars Pathfinder, using a computer and 3-D glasses.

The center also holds several rare artifacts, considered to be national treasures, including a piece of moon rock collected by Jackson astronaut Al Worden's Apollo 15 team.

However, according to reports following the visit, students were most intrigued by the 30-year-old food packs and the personal hygiene challenges that the astronauts had to endure.

After fascination with food almost twice as old as themselves

and how astronauts go the bathroom with those suits on, the students were able to turn their attention to the Apollo 9 rocket and other rocket engines, as well as see the landing capsule and the rescue basket used for the astronauts' reentry. Several retired satellites were also on display.

## Events Calendar

**Tuesday, April 17**  
Spring Recess –  
11:30 am Dismissal

**Monday, April 28**  
Classes Resume

**Tuesday, April 29**  
88th Anniversary –  
Armenian Genocide

**Sunday, May 18**  
Khunjouyk

## DATES TO REMEMBER

*Remember to Visit Our Web Site for a Virtual Cornucopia of Information About the Manoogian School: [www.manoogian.org](http://www.manoogian.org)*



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