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

Manoogian Students with Bill Ford

Recently, students from A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manoogian School's Automotive Engineering class had the opportunity to meet with Bill Ford, executive chairman of Ford Motor Company. The meeting at Ford Field was facilitated by the Detroit Economic Club and gave the students the ability to ask Mr. Ford questions regarding the automotive industry.

Mary Rose Azar, a student who participated in the meeting, shared the following about her experience:

"The students had the unique opportunity to speak with Mr. Ford and ask questions about the future of the automotive industry and the challenges faced by Ford Motor Company. Mr. Ford discussed how rapidly accelerating advances in technology are disrupting industries and how his company is addressing the change."



FIELD TRIP TO KENTUCKY



Dear Ms. Torakis,

On behalf of the Manoogian Automotive Engineering team and the school community, I thank you for your very generous donation of \$5000 as a major sponsor of our electric car.

Your sponsorship allows our students to be more creative with their innovative designs. It will give them the freedom to experiment with new materials such as carbon fiber to reduce the mass of the car and to improve its efficiency.

Equally impressive and much appreciated was your hospitality during our recent visit to the MVC plant in Kentucky. It made a huge impact on the students for which we are all grateful.

Please visit us and the auto team anytime.

Best wishes,
Dr. Hosep Torossian

Dear Dr. Torossian,

We were honored to participate with the Automotive team on the electric car project and to have you and the students come to Kentucky to visit. I enjoyed it immensely. The students were wonderful, they were engaged and asked great questions. They are truly an impressive group and will definitely be having an impact on the future.

All the best,
Linda Torakis

(Linda is the daughter of Manoogian School Board member Esther Lyons)

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY INTERNSHIP

This past summer, five of our outstanding high school students received certificates for completion of the Summer High School Apprentice Program in Engineering (SHAPE). The SHAPE initiative was introduced this year as an opportunity for high school students to work on emerging technologies, especially batteries. The initiative was coordinated by Dr. Leela Arava, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Wayne State. “We visited the Manoogian School as part of the Mobile Energy Lab program and recruited those five brightest students to come and work in our lab for six weeks,” said Arava. “They worked with my graduate students and gained tremendous hands-on experience at a very early stage of their careers.” When the students and their Principal, Dr. Hosep Torossian visited the Wayne State campus in September, they had an opportunity to share their impressions with College of Engineering Dean Farshad Fotouhi and Professor Nabil Chalhoub, Chairman



of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The students gave glowing reviews of the program and several indicated their intention to pursue undergraduate studies at Wayne State. One of the five students, Daryna Gopchenko, has decided to pursue a career in Mechanical Engineering and has switched her elective course to Automotive Engineering. Petro Kindratsky will continue his

research at Wayne State. Petro could not stop talking about his amazing and unique experience this past summer. He graduated in June after being in the country for only three years. He totally impressed the doctoral researchers with his incredible aptitude, diligence, and work ethic. “I want to extend my utmost gratitude to Drs. Chalhoub and Arava for their passion and commitment to inspire and train our future engineers,” said Dr. Torossian. “Our students loved their engineering internship. Their lives have been changed forever by this experience.”

Lawrence Tech University STEM Summer Camp

12 students attended the STEM summer camp at LTU and shared their impressions and experiences with Dr. Torossian.

Kevin and Kristina Petrus attended the Biomedical Engineering camp

Jessica Kasto, Marleen Kothi, and Daryna Gopchenko attended the Molecules in Medicine camp

Daron Markosian attended the Game Art camp

Vasyl Kindratsky attended the Electrical and Computer Engineering camp

David Zakharian, Wella Yatooma, and Mykyta Mihalkin attended the Business and Entrepreneurship camp

Mahran Mahran attended

the Architectural Engineering camp

Sergiy Yakibchuk attended the Automotive Engineering camp

According to Dr. Torossian, “the students loved the program. They were highly complimentary of the quality of the camp and especially appreciated the hands-on exploration and the field trips. I can’t thank LTU enough for affording this wonderful opportunity to our students at the Marburger STEM Center. The students sent a thank you card to express their gratitude, and it is my hope that we can continue benefiting from this extraordinary opportunity every year.

Volleyball Team

The Girls Volleyball team had one of Manoogian’s most successful seasons in its school’s history. The team finished 9 and 2 while finishing tied for 1st in its new division and losing in the league championship. The girls went 8 and 1 in the division in a tie with Star International Academy and Canton Prep Academy, and lost to Star in that championship game. The girls were led by senior captains Alladia Saco and Meklee Gumma. Alladia was the team’s top setter, Meklee was the team’s top hitter, and each were great servers on the team. Monica Gharibyan and Raquel Kesto were the team’s other seniors who contributed well to the team’s success. Several returners provided the depth on the squad. Aida Richardson and Marleen Kothi were strong hitters. Mary Rose Azar was one the team’s servers while Jessica Kasto, Wella Yatooma, Taleen Avakian, and Lerna Lacinian also provided consistency as servers and/or hitters. Freshmen Amina Kotenko, Renee Kesto, and Julia Avram and newcomer Jasmine Rogers are promising for the team’s future. Renee and Amina both played key roles. Renee was one of the team’s top setters and Amina served fantastically and, along with Julia, showed a lot of hitting potential. Congratulations on a great season, Cougars!

Middle School Mask Competition

In October, the entire Middle School split up into teams of three and had a Halloween mask-making project. Three teams emerged as winners:



Kateryna Furda (8th grade), Maksym Grygorkiv (7th grade), Dalvin Kalabat (6th grade); Wahaj Yatooma (8th grade), Sophiia Groshko (7th grade), Valeria Derwartanian (6th grade); Iryna Lapshynska (7th grade), Benjamin Muthi (7th grade), Stephanie Snitken (6th grade).

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony



The Manoogian Chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony on October 12 in the Manoogian School high school multi-purpose room. Ten students were selected for membership based on the four NHS pillars of Scholarship,

Service, Leadership and Character. The students are: 10th graders Nazarii Kifor, Andrey Shturko, Tiffany Tufenkjian and Raquel Yaldo; 11th graders Daryna Gopchenko, Reema Oraha, Valentina Saleem, Sergiy Yakibchuk and David Zakharian; and senior Shamiran Jeddo.

Remembering Ms. Kezelian – Gone, But NEVER Forgotten

On October 5, 2017, all students, faculty, staff, administration and school board members participated in a tree-planting ceremony on the first anniversary of the passing of our beloved Ms. Dyana Kezelian. They were joined by members of the Kezelian Family, along with Very Rev. Fr. Aren



Jebejian, pastor of St. John Armenian Church and Deacon Rubik Mailian, choir director of the church. Elementary School students sang Ms. Kezelian’s favorite Armenian song, “Azk Parabandz.” Two High School students, Nayiri Sagharian and Lerna Lacinian, shared cherished memories of their former teacher and principal. A memorial lunch was served to the entire school. Here is a memento that Ms. Kezelian left to Abhik Arya, now a 6th grader, showing her great love for students and education.

Abhik,
To our future scientist, who we know will make great contributions to this world!
Good luck -
Olive -
Ms. Kezelian
November 14, 2014

Armenian Independence Day and Cultural Month Celebration

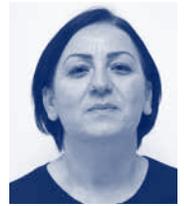
In October, Elementary School students celebrated these two Armenian holidays with a program featuring videos of Armenia, recitations by each Armenian

class, and songs sung by all the students. Many parents were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the show. Principal Sonia Kalfayan congratulated the students

and their Armenian teachers for doing a stellar job.



Meet Our New Teacher



Mrs. Alenush Telbelian is the Middle School mathematics teacher for the 2017-2018 academic

year. She attended the University of California, Riverside, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Education. Also, she has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Oakland University with a major in Elementary Education and endorsement in Mathematics. She has been teaching for seventeen years. When she is not teaching, Mrs. Telbelian enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, painting, and exercising. She believes in “Dream high, to achieve high.”

My Philosophy of Education:

Education is the fundamental necessity for the betterment of society and is a lifelong learning process. As an educator my duty is to guide each child to grow and mature emotionally, socially, physically, and intellectually in a stimulating environment. As human beings, we should strive to be the best that we can be. In order to achieve this, we learn to respect ourselves, other human beings, and our environment. The process of education is delivered and accepted should we choose in many methods, including through personal experiences, knowledge, and exploration. I believe each child has a unique gift, and, as an educator, I will help each child to become an active member of a diverse society.

CAMP CENTRAL

Ten students (Lousin Agemian, Katrina Azar, Liliya Gandzyuk, Nicole Gapoyan, Zachary Garabedian, Trinity Harris, Khrystyna Masnytska, Giselle Mihalian, Antonina Velychko, Fadi Yatooma) from the Middle School had the privilege of attending CMU’s Camp Central from July 12, thru July 15, 2017. Camp Central is a unique four day, on-campus experience for rising seventh graders. The goal of the camp is to deepen understanding of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM). Camp Central also works on developing leadership skills and to build the confidence in students to believe university attendance is a realistic option. It is designed to allow students the opportunity to discover and envision their future; all while residing in the residence halls and having fun.

REGIE RAINBOW



This fall, our preschool classes participated in their second annual Regie Rainbow program, designed by The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. This program was developed to educate children on nutrition and physical activity. Students incorporated healthy eating in a creative way, that was easy for them to understand by relating the colors of fruits and vegetables to the colors of a rainbow. The program is led by Regie, a broccoli superhero. The children traveled with Regie to a new island, read a new story, tried new fruit and vegetables, and took home a healthy recipe to share with their families.



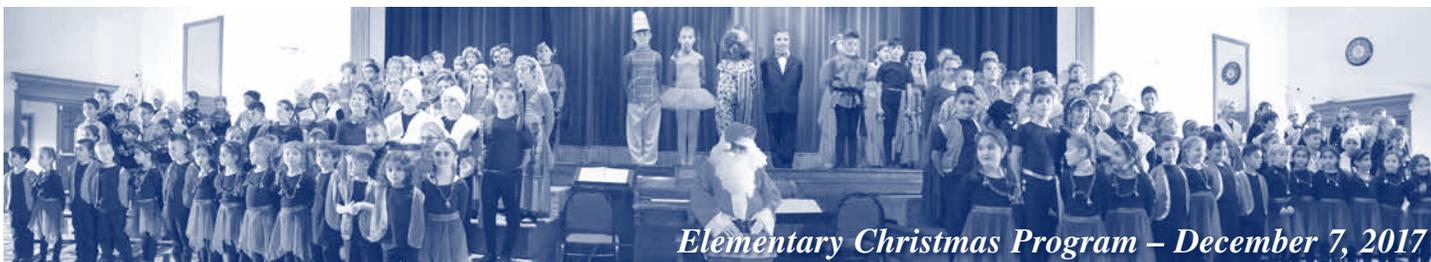
It is a curriculum implemented by teachers in the classroom, providing activities that reinforce literacy, language development, mathematic skills, scientific understanding, creative arts, social/emotional development, approaches to learning, and physical health and development through the series of seven interactive books, called "The Adventures of Regie Rainbow." On Nov. 10, Regie came to visit the preschoolers to talk, exercise, and dance. It was a blast!



High School Girls in Armenian Costumes

Cross Country Team

Manoogian began a new tradition this fall as six students made history as the school's first Cross Country team. The boys' team was made up of sophomore Matthew Kakos and freshman Vitaliy Nakonechna and the girls' team of senior Zoriana Vasylyk, sophomore Yuliya Vaskiv, and freshmen Elaine Azar and Isabella Fournier. The standout of the team was Zoriana Vasylyk. Besides setting the girls' 5k school record on October 2 at a time of 30:36; she also placed 7th in the girls' league championship race, earning a silver medal. Yuliya Vaskiv was not far behind with a time of 32:30 and Elaine Azar and Isabella Fournier both had personal bests under 40 minutes. Vitaliy set the boys' school record on October 2 with a time of 25:56, while Matthew Kakos set a personal best near 30 minutes. Matthew was also a leader in training as he was at all the races and was almost always at the training sessions, but each member worked very hard to improve their times throughout the season. Hopefully these runners will be leaders for larger teams in the future. Great job, Cougars!



Elementary Christmas Program – December 7, 2017



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