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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES 2009

The 2009 Commencement Exercises proved successful, once again beyond expectations. The ambiance; the procession of the students; the presence of the family and friends of the graduates; the memorable speeches on the part of the representatives of the affiliated universities; the conferring of the degrees; the keynote address by Dr. Olivier Giscard d'Estaing; the musical interlude by the acclaimed mezzo soprano Angelica Cathariou accompanied by concert pianist Titos Gouvelis; The reception musical background provided by James S. Mooney and his band; the delicacies and refreshments graciously offered by our president, Mr. Elias Foutsis, provided for a memorable evening and an event not to be forgotten.

This year's valedictorian was Natalie Petsali, who graduated at the top of her class and who delivered a stirring valedictory, as parting words prior to her registration for post graduate studies with the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Austria, by which she has been accepted.

The benediction was delivered by His Eminence Paul, Metropolitan of Glyfada, representing His Beatitude Ieronymos, Archbishop of Athens and all Greece.

Honorary guest was His Excellency Dr. Rexhep Meidani, Former President of Albania who presented to a student from Albania, his diploma.



President Elias Foutsis welcomes Dr. Olivier Giscard d'Estaing at NYC Commencement Exercises Ceremony

Invited VIP guests, who honored us with their presence, were, the members of the Greek Parliament and former Ministers Mr. Petros Doukas and Mr. Anastasios Liaskos, the Ambassador of Brazil to Greece Mr. Alfonso Massot, the President of the Lemania Group of Schools Mr. Jean-Pierre Du Pasquier.

Representing our affiliates was from SUNY/EMPIRE Dr. Kingston Nyamapfene, Dean, Dr. Hugh B. Hammet, Vice President, Dr. Karolyn M. Andrews, Academic Program Director, from IUKB Professor Charles Dufault, dean of the business program, from LaSalle Philadelphia Dr. Joseph F. Burke, President Emeritus and Dr. Gerard Molyneaux, Director.

Honorary certificates, for services to New York College and to the community at large in general, were presented to Dr. Elias Siorres, Mr. Nikolaos E. Manos and Ms Donna Torney.

Our President, Mr. Elias Foutsis, greeted our graduating class with remarks of farewell and best wishes in their future endeavors. A reception with food, beverages, and music contributed the final touch to a beautiful evening to be remembered by all who participated.

A SIGNIFICANT AND PLEASANT NOTE

For the first time the graduation ceremonies were covered "live" by most of the major television networks.



Congratulations!!!

Distinguished Harvard Professor Howard Gardner Speaks at New York College

On Tuesday, May 26, 2009 Dr. Howard Gardner, Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education; Senior Director, Harvard Project Zero; and world renowned author and expert, best known for his theory of multiple intelligences, visited New York College and presented a lecture on "MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES: 25 Years Later".

Dr. Gardner, whose many books have been translated into twenty-seven languages, and who has received honorary degrees from twenty three colleges and universities including institutions in Chile, Ireland, Israel, Italy, and, on the same day of his speech at New York College, the University of Athens, held the many invited guests and our faculty and students in awe due to the wealth of his knowledge and experience, as well as deracinating subject of his speech, and his eloquent delivery.



Dr. Howard Gardner lecturing at NYC

Evripidis Gavras, Valedictorian 2009

...We are the graduate class of clinical counselling psychology and tonight you all here represent the society as a whole. Tonight our college/university delivers this graduate class to you, the society, with the confidence that it has achieved, not only to turn good people into scientists, but with the confidence that it has turned good scientists into better people. The values and the principles that we all share, is the way that we are all connected to each other tonight. It's the way that this speech will obtain meaning for you also.

M.A. in Clinical-Counselling Psychology
LaSalle University



Natalie Petsali, Valedictorian 2009

"..On behalf of the students, I would like to thank the staff and faculty of New York College and Empire State College who have supported us throughout our studies with their most sincere interest in both academic and personal issues.

I would also like to express my appreciation and gratitude to certain professors and lecturers; in particular, Mr. Dimitris Mitropoulos, Miss Penny Vlagos, Mr. Leonidas Gontzes and Dr. Tom Tsionos. It has been an honour for me to be your student and I consider myself privileged to have met you! Thank for being a source of inspiration and motivation for me and my fellow-students! "



Valedictorians 2009

- Natalie Petsali, BS in Marketing & Management, Empire State College, SUNY
- Dejeti Oltjon, Bachelor in Business Administration, IUKB
- Nefeli Polymeropoulou, Executive MBA in Tourism Management, IUKB
- Angeliki Dimaritou, Master in Business Administration- Human Resources, IUKB
- Flavia Mara Rossi Donovan, Master in Business Administration, IUKB
- Evripidis Gavras, M.A. in Clinical-Counseling Psychology, LaSalle University
- Aurela Rama, M.A. in Professional Communication and Public Relations, LaSalle University
- Kosmas Liaros, Extra-curricular Activities Award, 2009



AHEPA Award of Excellence

As part of the annual AHEPA “Greek-American Friendship and Education” ceremony, Awards for academic excellence and community service, were awarded to deserving students. NYC students, for the first time, were recognized and presented awards for academic excellence. Students Maria Papanikou, Natalie Petsali and Antonios Rigkos were the proud recipients of these awards on behalf of NYC. Students from Deree College, Athens College, Psychico College and American Community School were also, similarly, awarded.

Present at the ceremony were His Excellency, Theodore Kassimis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; His Excellency, Daniel V. Speckhard, US Ambassador to Greece, who was presented with a special award for the promotion of the Greek-American Relations particularly in the field of Education. Keynote speaker was Dr. Stefanos Gialamas, President of the American Community School. As part of the ceremony, and in recognition of the services offered by the several educational institutions whose students were feted, their presidents were, also, acknowledged by Ambassador Speckhard, and presented by him with a memento as a token of the occasion. The awards were kindly sponsored by Mr. Ioannis Georgopoulos, manager of Ethniki Asfalistiki, Syntagma branch.



Deputy Minister Theodore Kassimis, Dr. Ann Speckhard, Ambassador Speckhard, President Elias Foutsis, Professor Byron Massialas from St. Thomas University-Miami, Ahepan George Nikezis, Past Ahepa Lt. Governor Yiannis Mitropoulos and event coordinator Mr. Aris F. Mattheou at the foyer of the Old Parliament Building before the event on “Greek-American Friendship and Education”.



Deputy Minister Theodore Kassimis, 2nd Award recipient Natalie Petsali on behalf of NYC, Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard and Mr. Ioannis Georgopoulos who sponsored the awards.



Deputy Minister Theodore Kassimis, 1st Award recipient Maria Papanikou on behalf of NYC, Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard and Mr. Ioannis Georgopoulos who sponsored the awards.



Deputy Minister Theodore Kassimis, 3rd Award recipient Antonios Rigkos on behalf of NYC and Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard



President Elias Foutsis, as well as the rest of the Presidents of the Participating Institutions, receive a memento of the occasion from US Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard.

New York College Students’ Distinction in the 15th Pan-Hellenic Student Competition of Economia Group

A group of New York College undergraduate students, under the supervision of their instructor, Mr. A. Proestos, were presented with the Third Team Award among 28 participants mostly from state universities, for their project on “Young persons and Entrepreneurship: Challenges, Obstacles, Prospects”. Students received their award by the Greek Minister for Development, Mr. K. Hatzidakis. The distinguished students are: George Alexopoulos, Nikos Giannakoulis, Spyros Giannikopoulos, Stefano Desipri, Joanna Douka, Costas Karagiannis, Chari Loupa, Minas Mavromoustakos, Andreas Papazisis, Aggeliki Tassiopoulou, Stavros Foutsis, and Aggelos Chiotis.

Minister Hatzidakis with the winners



VIPS on Campus

Professor Devra Lee Davis - Nobel Prize Winner at NYC

On Monday, June 15, 2009 world renowned cancer researcher, White House consultant and Nobel Peace Prize Winner (together with former US Vice President Al Gore), Dr. Devra Lee Davis honoured us with her presence and delivered a lecture on our Amalias Campus on "The Secret History of the War on Cancer".

Dr. Davis' lecture was based on her recent book, a top pick by Newsweek and currently used at major schools of public health, including Harvard, Emory, and Tulane University.

The audience of faculty students, and guests was most favourably impressed not only by the content and importance of the information, but, also, Dr. Davis' credentials, presentational skills, and eagerness to entertain questions and remarks.



Dr. Devra Lee Davis

Rita Cosby, CBS Anchor visits NYC

Internationally recognized and acclaimed journalist and CBS TV anchor person, and world-broadcasting radio host, presented a lecture on our Amalias campus on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 on "From Warzones to the White House".

Her explanation of the intricate details regarding news gathering, broadcasting, and the dangers, powers, and challenges facing journalists kept the audience at the end of their seats. Her recounting of the numerous interviews she has conducted with world leaders, such as Pope John Paul II; Presidents Ara-

fat and Sharon; and the last interview with Slobodan Milosevic, was only a sample of the interesting and exciting contacts of a great journalist. Her vast knowledge and wealth of journalistic experiences allowed our students to take part in an imaginary journey through wars, politics, entertainment, information, and the background and the intricacies and intrigues of power games.

Her receptive attitude and friendly demeanour encouraged the audience to engage in discussions far into the evening.

Rita Cosby with President Elias Foutsis and husband, Tom Bednarek.



Professor Stephen G. Miller at NYC speaks about Nemea

Following our NYC faculty, staff, and student participation at the 2008 Nemean Games, we extended an invitation to professor Professor Stephen G. Miller (founder and chief architect of the entire "Nemea Project"), for a lecture on his archaeological excavations and experiences at Nemea, and the Nemean Games, "finding and reviving history".

Professor Miller presented his lecture through slides and analyses relevant to the meaning of the ancient games; his involvement in excavations; the revival of the Nemean Games; and current developments and projects.



Professor Stephen G. Miller during his presentation at New York College

Visit of Dr. Margarita Pinkos, *Former Assistant Deputy Secretary and Director, Office of English Language Acquisition, US Department of Education*



Dr. Margarita Pinkos, President Foutsis, Provost Chionos, Mr. Pinkos, Dr. Carter and Dr. Andreou

Dr. Pinkos, whose title, duties, and responsibilities are equivalent to those of the Deputy Minister of Education in Greece, appeared in our campus and delivered a major address on the significance of multicultural education and the meaning of equal opportunity for the educational preparation of youth. As a Cuban-American, Dr. Pinkos is uniquely qualified by education and experience to address the specific issues, and her lecture was especially illuminating on matters so relevant to the current Greek educational experiment. Dr. Pinkos, in her remarks, accentuated the fact that NYC serves as a real example of multicultural education, not only because students from all the world meet and study in our classrooms, but, also, because universities and educational programs from the USA and Europe, "meet" and are "present" in our curricula. Dr. Paul M. Carter, Jr., the Deputy Counselor for Political Affairs of the US Embassy in Athens was present for the occasion as the Embassy representative; offered some introductory remarks regarding education, and launched the NYC initiative for this significant visit.



Dr. Pinkos during her lecture on multicultural education

Dr. Paul M. Carter, Jr.

As part of the NYC lecture series, Dr. Paul M. Carter, Jr., Deputy Political Counsellor, US Embassy, Athens, was invited and presented a film documentary and a lecture on "US Black History, Slavery in the US, Causes of the Civil War and the Role of African-Americans". Following a question and answer period by our students and others in the audience, Dr. Carter was presented on behalf of NYC, as a token of our appreciation, with a memento of the occasion.



Dr. Paul M. Carter Jr. with Provost Dr. Tom Chionos and Director Aris F. Mattheou

New York College Department of Maritime Studies

Seminar on Somali Piracy

Mr. Elias S. Pendas L.L, J.D and Commander Philip N. Campbell, Assistant Naval Attaché, US Embassy – Athens conducted a seminar on the "Impact on ship operations owing to Somali Piracy" on Wednesday, June 17, at the premises of New York College in Athens, organized by its department of Maritime Studies. More than 35 representatives of the Greek ship owner community, as well as others representing global shipping interests, were present; participated in the very informative question and answer period; expressed their satisfaction for the event; and registered their keen interest in being kept informed of any future events relating to the industry, and assured us of their support for and participation in any such activities.



President Elias Foutsis is offering a memento plaque to Commander Philip N. Campbell, commemorating his visit.

Beijing Olympic Champions at NYC

Rowing silver Medallists at the Beijing Olympics, Vassilis Polymeros and Dimitris Mouyios presented a lecture to our students during their visit at our campus as part of the program "Series of Lectures at NYC". The Olympic Champions outlined to the students the efforts required in order to achieve victory, and the details necessary in order for one to reach the top. Furthermore, they presented a video of their victorious rowing effort at Beijing and, of course, received a rousing round of applause on the part of members of the faculty, students, and staff of the College. President Elias Foutsis, in welcoming the Olympic winners exemplified learning to rowing against a river current, and stated that one needs to continue to row in order not to be drawn backwards by the current. He stressed that it is important for one to continually try, to evolve, to improve, to learn, and to enjoy the joy and happiness of the challenge.

Mr. Vassilis Ganotis Olympic wrestling champion at the 1968 Mexico Olympiad, and member of "Ethikos Gymnastikos Syllogos", honoured us with his presence.

Finally, the silver Medallists were presented by President Foutsis and Mr. Ganotis, as our award, with two miniature single sculls made of silver and wood.



Mexico 1968 Olympian Vassilis Ganotis, President Elias Foutsis and Beijing Olympians Dimitris Mouyios and Vassilis Polymeros

Visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate

It was a special honour for NYC students, who, as part of the educational activities of the college, visited the Ecumenical Patriarchate, where they were received by the, His Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

His Holiness, in receiving the College contingent, stated: "From what I know, the emblem of your College is the Statue of Liberty, which, liberty, is one of the greatest ideals representing a value recognized by all mankind, and represents a significant gift of Christ, who, by assuming human form, presented us with freedom from sin, and enabled us to feel an inward spiritual freedom regardless of external conditions. Spiritual freedom is something that no one can deprive of any human. It is my wish that you complete successfully your studies at New York College, and that you enjoy a blessed career. I congratulate you on the fact that you have included this visit in your educational programs".

New York College General Manager, Dr. Dimitris Andreou, presented His Holiness with a full scholarship (offered by President Elias Foutsis), for one student from Constantinople, as well as a musical instrument for a student from the "Megali tou Genous Scholi", handed by His Holiness to the recipient.

The group of our College visited "Pringiponissa", where they were received by His Eminence, Metropolitan Iakovos of Pringiponissa, where they attended the Holy Liturgy, following which they were hosted to a luncheon.

The moment of meeting with and being received by His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos, igoumenos of the Chalki Theological School, was most moving for all.

Finally, the visit to the Megali tou Genous Scholi, left all those present speechless in view of Grand Significance of the conception, the mission, and the edifice.



His Holiness with the NYC visitors.



NYC Athletics

The ancient Greeks were saying, "Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body".

Following the philosophy of our forefathers, we, at New York College, provide for our students a program rich in sports and athletics.

Team sports, such as basketball and soccer; individual sports such as fencing and tennis; together with rafting, dancing, excursions and other activities present our students with many opportunities

for exercise, fair play, camaraderie, and social networking, all so necessary for university students preparing for a successful career in business, industry, or government.

Many of our teams have been crowned champions in many of these events in the past few years.

The entire program is ably and successfully organized, administrated and managed by our Krinanthi Gavreilidou, our Director of Athletics.



President Elias Foutsis, Sports Director Krinanthi Gavreilidou and one of the winners



The Championship Trophy!



President Elias Foutsis with NYC soccer team members who won the tournament in Thessaloniki



More highlights!

Communication Festival

From June 5th to 12th the NYC Student Union in cooperation with the Student Affairs organized a series of lectures and activities on the subject of Communication and Humanities. Lectures included "Politics and Society", "Com-

munication and Society", "HIV Issues in Real World", while students and staff participated in blood donation in cooperation with Tzaneio Hospital. Guest Lecturers included Mr. Karidis, member of the National Council and Secretary

of Commercial Shipping Section, PASOK; Mr. Seitanidis, editor and journalist, Ms. Livaditou, Voyager Magazine, Mr. Sianis, journalist, as well as other distinguished guests from academia, press and art.

NYC students invited to attend American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce conference

Following an invitation from the AHCC, NYC students attended a two-day conference held on November 24 and 25, 2008, at the Athenaeum Intercontinental Hotel. The NYC contingent was headed by President Foutis and Mr. Aris F. Mattheou, communications and public relations director.

The following students from our College attended the conference: Dimitris Atha-

nassopoulos, George Kourtoglou, Harris Loupas, Isidora Makrinou, Nicholas Sarof, Ioanna Maria Sparangi, and George Tzoganakis. Their comments and impressions were included in the "Business Partners" magazine (January-February 2009 issue) of the Chamber. The experience of our students, as well as their contribution to the conference was valuable for all concerned.



NYC Students at the luncheon break at the Athenaeum Intercontinental Hotel



NYC Students Participated at the Conference on Greek Economy organised by the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Susan Wurtele, Associate Academic Dean of National American University, Visit and Executive Seminar at NYC

Dr. Susan Wurtele of Graduate Studies and Project Manager for European Affiliations of National American University (N.A.U), during her most recent visit to our campus presented an executive seminar on "International Partnerships", during which she explored current changes in US Government, global business partnerships, and held a discussion involving global partnerships in education and business. The seminar also addressed the characteristics of specific companies with global affiliations and discussed what attributes are necessary when establishing and creating successful international affiliates.

In conjunction with her visit and seminar, Dr. Wurtele participated in a conference on the Greek Economy, organized by the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, and was interviewed by Mr. Raymond Matera, publisher and editor of the Chamber's "Business Partners Magazine"—the interview appearing in the January-February, 2009 issue.

In view of our distance-learning programs offered in collaboration with NAU, Dr. Wurtele, during her interview, delved into the details of distance learning, as they are incorporated in our "Best of Both Worlds" program.



Dr. Susan Wurtele with Dr. Dimitris Andreou and Professor Angelos Themelis with NYC students

NEW YORK COLLEGE ANNUAL PARTY

Almost two thousands attend the New York College anniversary party. For another year, New York College administration, faculty, staff, students and thousands of friends, met at the spectacular BALUX club on the shores of magical Saronic Gulf at Voula to reminisce about the year just ending; to taste the delicacies offered by the club chef; to quench their thirst with the refreshing drinks; and to dance till the morning hours to the music selection of the most talented DJ. President Elias Foutis, as usual, was a most gracious host of the event, and, for whose generosity, we are all grateful.



Career Fair – Company Visitation Day

Representatives of 27 companies participated in this year's 15 consecutive annual event.

Companies representing advertising, networking, human resources, public relations, banking, insurance, computing, marketing and management, were hosted by the New York College Career Office at our Amalias campus.

In addition, throughout the week, seminars and lectures were conducted by specialists in the field of human resources, with students and alumni attending and benefiting from guidance regarding successful job-search techniques, and personality testing.

Information was disseminated regarding youth and women's entrepreneurship.



Mr. Yiannakis Gritzalis is advising NYC students on successful job-finding techniques.



Mr. Michael Spanos gave an important lecture on female and youth entrepreneurship.



NARIC Recognition for SUNY/ESC graduates

Bachelor degrees from the State University of New York, ESC are recognized by the British NARIC, thus ensuring the New York College students recognition of their degree in the European Union. Psychology graduates as well as other majors have already applied and secured the NARIC recognition. Similarly, IUKB MBA graduates have also had their MBA and BBA degree recognized.

NARIC is the National Agency in Britain responsible for providing information, advice and expert opinion on vocational, academic and professional skills and qualifications from around the world.

NARIC's document in the hands of NYC's graduate



New Programs

- On-line Executive MBA in Tourism, IUKB
- MSc Engineering Management, University of Greenwich, UK
- PhD by Publication – University of Bolton, UK
- MA Management of Language Learning, University of Greenwich, UK
- BA in Film Studies, University of Greenwich, UK
- BSc(Hons) in Business Information Technology, (top-up on HND), University of Greenwich, UK



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