



Dear friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. In 2006, we were busier than ever with students, teachers and families in two Los Angeles County school districts, and in Armenia. We take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to share snapshots of our main activities.

Celebrating Students of Glendale Unified School District

Glendale, GUSD

For the past ten years, CASPS has organized an annual event honoring all Armenian students graduating with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, from Glendale schools. This celebration has become an educational tradition and includes scholarships, an art exhibition and awards.

Mistress of Ceremonies Lia Oganessian eloquently conducted the evening's program on Thursday June 1, 2006 at Brandview Collection.



High achieving Armenian graduates receive their scholarships and awards from community and district leaders.

2nd Annual Education Conference in Armenia

Tsaghkadzor, Armenia

CASPS participated in this international conference and discussed issues facing Armenian students in public schools in the diaspora. CASPS founding member, Mrs. Medea Kalognomos presented a well received paper on CASPS, its mission and its activities.



CASPS Board Member Medea Kalognomos with conference directors at the 2nd Annual Education Conference in Tsaghkadzor, Armenia in August 2006.

Scholarship Fundraiser

Westwood, UCLA

For the second consecutive year, Mr. Raphael Minaskanian has delighted friends of CASPS with his special talent. Mr. Minaskanian has generously donated a portion of the proceeds to the CASPS Scholarship Fund for outstanding Armenian high school graduates.

Educational Seminars for Young Athletes

Wrightwood, Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter

For the second consecutive year, CASPS has been invited to hold workshops for a group of one hundred 10-14 year old athletes about the social, personal and cultural pressures facing young Armenian-Americans.



Attorney Garo Ghazarian holds discussion session with athletes on the ravages of drugs, at the AYF campsite, on September 23, 2006.



Virtuoso pianist, Raphael Minaskanian, performs a piano recital commemorating Mozart and Schumann on Sunday March 26, 2006 at UCLA's Schoenberg Hall.

Case Management

Glendale, GUSD

For the past ten years, CASPS has collaborated with the GUSD Healthy Start program to provide case management services to students and their families. By working with school and district personnel, the case managers provide academic counseling, and when necessary, refer clients to resources and services in the community.



Anna Stepanian, Social Services Supervisor for GUSD and Mirian Marin, full-time CASPS case manager for Healthy Start.

Intervention/Prevention Clinical Group Counseling

Glendale, Columbus Elementary School

This innovative program was piloted at Muir Elementary School from 2000-2003. Through play/talk/create activities, K-6 students develop self-discipline, respect for authority, appropriate behavior and social skills. For the past two years, CASPS has offered Columbus students the Intervention/Prevention Clinical Group Counseling, conducted by Dr. Ida Karayan and her staff.



Principal Kelly King and at-risk teacher Cy Ledesma of Columbus Elementary, site of Intervention/Prevention Clinical Group Counseling for elementary students.

Branching Out

San Fernando Valley, LAUSD

For the past several years, CASPS has offered parenting and staff development workshops in the San Fernando Valley. The LAUSD CASPS subcommittee is currently organizing a recognition event scheduled in May 2007 for high achieving Armenian LAUSD graduating seniors.



One of three brainstorming sessions involving LAUSD educators and CASPS volunteers in the North Hollywood/Van Nuys areas.



Helping Children Blossom
We are all in it together!

DON'T MISS IT!

Please join us for a special afternoon of fun and laughter featuring comedians

Lory Tatouljian and Voki Kalfayan

Sunday March 11, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

at a private Glendale residence

Cocktail Reception and Dessert

Donation - \$50 per person (fully tax-deductible)

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