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## THE NEW PARAMAZ AVEDISIAN BUILDING

Construction of the new Paramaz Avedisian Building is underway and is scheduled for completion in Fall 2008.

“This new state of the art building will add 100,000 square feet to the existing facilities at AUA including classrooms, seminar rooms, laboratories and research areas,” stated President Haroutune Armenian. “Room naming opportunities are now providing donors a unique and lasting way to secure recognition for their support of AUA, honor family members and loved ones, and help ensure timely completion of the building.”

Lucig Danielian, Vice President of AUA added, “The Paramaz Avedisian Building will allow the University to expand its academic programs, research activities and enrollment capacity as well as ease space and size limitations in the main Bagramian building. We look forward to accommodating a growing student body and recruiting more international students and Armenian students from the Caucasus region and the greater Middle East, as well as providing greater study abroad and exchange opportunities. With your support of the Paramaz Avedisian Building, you will help AUA maintain its place as a top-ranked provider of graduate education in the region.”

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, any donation in support of the final construction and furnishing costs will be matched. Your gift can only be matched if it is received prior to June 1, 2008 so your contribution now is doubly important. Please let us hear from you today.



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While AUA has a long-time and close affiliation with the University of California and benefits greatly from this partnership, neither UC nor the US government provides direct funding for programs, faculty or students. The majority of funds come from private contributions from concerned individuals. It is the generosity of our donors that has made AUA possible, and a whole generation of our graduate students are grateful to them. AUA can achieve its important mission only with your continued support.

**Mihran Agbabian, AUA Trustee and Founding President**  
Los Angeles, California

## THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY NAMED ROOMS WANT YOU TO KNOW...

As the first board chairman of AUA and former vice president and provost of the University of California, it has been my pleasure to work with a team of dedicated professionals who conceived, created and grew AUA from the very cold and bleak winter days following the 1988 earthquake until the present day.

AUA has been a crowning achievement of cooperation for the University of California, and one in which my wife and I are proud to personally invest through our contribution and room naming in the Paramaz Avedisian Building. We heartily encourage everyone reading this to join us.

**William Frazer, Founding Chair of the Board of Trustees**  
Vail, Colorado



“Education and learning has been an engine of progress and civilization -- ‘An investment in knowledge pays the best interest’” to quote Benjamin Franklin. Investing in human capital with a strong commitment to education will constitute a legacy of generational advancement and provide the tools of achieving competitive excellence and enhanced opportunity in the modern world.

The American University of Armenia has embraced this challenge with operational excellence and accredited progress, bringing American graduate education: to the continued growth and development of our Motherland and the entire region.

In our family, investing in human capital with a strong commitment to education has been an all out effort with perseverance. I am humbled and honored to contribute for the construction of the new Paramaz Avedisian building addition to the AUA campus in Yerevan, which will now include my Family’s name in perpetuity.”

**Bedros Mangikian, M.D.**  
Syracuse, New York

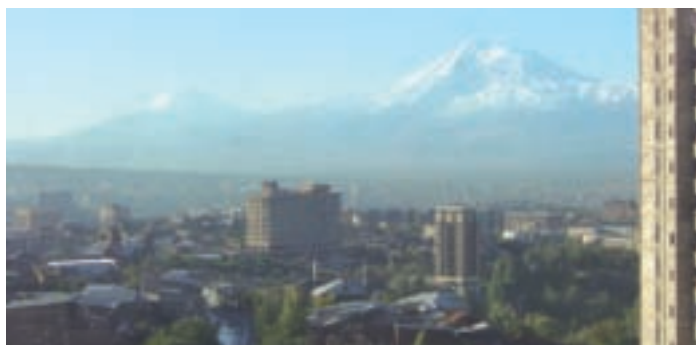
My wife Linda and I are thrilled to support the Paramaz Avedisian Building. As a dean and member of the faculty, I know from firsthand experience how important this facility is to the future of AUA.

It has been said that making money can be relatively easy, but giving it away, wisely, is much harder. Linda and I have worked hard and had the good fortune to live a comfortable life. As we are getting older, we are less concerned with accumulating wealth; we want to make good things happen, to support causes we are passionate about. AUA is one of them, and we feel that our gift is an extremely wise investment in the future of AUA, Armenia and the region.

**Robert Ashod Bagramian, DDS., MPH, PhD**  
AUA Dean, College of Health Sciences



# TOP 10 "WHY IS THE PARAMAZ AVEDISIAN BUILDING SO IMPORTANT?"



**# 1 To continue AUA'S social and economic impact**

AUA has had a major impact on the economic and social development of Armenia and the region during its first 15 years of existence. It is currently broadening its direct impact to groups beyond the urban areas of Armenia. The current facilities were built during Soviet times and no longer meet the needs of a growing Western style University.

**# 2 To make Armenia the hub for higher education in the region**

AUA has the capability to be the regional center for the delivery of new and advanced educational programs to Armenia and the region. They could include a spectrum of short-term postgraduate professional educational programs ranging from specialized courses in nursing, computer sciences or law, to areas of study that encompass doctoral degrees in a variety of fields. Delivering such services necessitates modern physical and technologically well-equipped facilities.

**# 3 To surpass and sustain accreditation expectations**

This past year AUA became the first University in the region to be accredited by a US accrediting organization. The accreditation followed a number of formal reviews over five years and AUA received the maximum possible of seven years of accredited status. The potential for the development of appropriate technical and physical facilities is one of the dimensions upon which accreditation is provided and maintained.

**# 4 To enable the growth of national and international research programs -- A hallmark of the American higher education model**

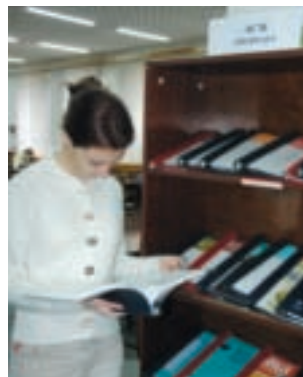
The growth of our research programs is dependent on the existence of adequate large scale research facilities and equipment. Currently the University has difficulty functioning optimally and accepting new development projects because of the lack of physical space.

**# 5 To serve as a source of pride and inspiration for students, faculty, country region and the diasporic communities**

With completion of the Paramaz Avedisian Building AUA will have a new campus environment in the heart of Yerevan. With Mount Ararat in the view of a majority of the rooms in the new building the sight will be inspirational for students and faculty.

**# 6 To enrich the quality of day-to-day student life**

The Paramaz Avedisian Building will enrich student life with a student center and gym where students and faculty will be able to interact in a more informal environment: a characteristic of the American higher educational system.



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## TOP 10 CONTINUED

### # 7 To promote Armenian cultural expression

The Paramaz Avedisian Building will include a modern auditorium and art exhibition space where a rich cultural program can be implemented to include concerts, plays and special events. The best of Armenian cultural expression will be showcased together with the best from the Western world.

### # 8 To provide space for joint programs between the US, European and international agencies

The new facilities will provide additional space for joint educational and research programs, symposiums and conferences with major universities and organizations in the US and Europe.



### # 9 To double student enrollment

Within the next few years, AUA is aiming to double its student body with international students and students from the diaspora. The Paramaz Avedisian Building will accommodate such an expansion.

### # 10 To showcase a model facility for the country region and beyond using AUA'S knowledge of engineering and environmentalism

The Paramaz Avedisian Building has several features that are unique for Armenia and the region. As a building it makes efficient use of energy resources and is environmentally very friendly. The building construction has used some of the most advanced technologies for safety from future earthquakes and is introducing new techniques to the construction industry in Armenia.



## VISITING AUA

We invite you to visit AUA and meet with our faculty and staff while in Yerevan. Donors who have named rooms will be invited to attend all opening ceremonies to be held this fall in Yerevan. They will be photographed in the rooms beside the plaques honoring their generosity in perpetuity. All friends of the University are invited to visit the campus at any time while in Armenia. The University website lists appropriate information for arranging tours and meeting with faculty and students.

## Giving to AUA

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## New Development Web site

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Large Lecture Hall (1) \$1,000,000 (No longer available for naming)
Guest Suite (1) \$500,000
Art Gallery (1) \$250,000
Tiered Classrooms (2) \$200,000 (One available for naming)
Student Café (1) \$150,000
Classrooms (14) \$130,000
Conference Rooms (2) \$115,000 (No longer available for naming)
Wet Laboratory (1) \$75,000 (No longer available for naming)
Laboratories (2) \$50,000 (No longer available for naming)
Seminar Rooms (8) \$45,000 (Five available for naming)
Library Room with Furnishings (7) \$40,000
Dean's Offices (7) \$35,000 (Five available for naming)
Research Rooms (5) \$35,000 (Four available for naming)
Faculty Offices (33) \$20,000 (32 available for naming)

## DONORS

Louise Simone in memory of Alex and Marie Manoogian	\$ 2,500,000.00
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Dollar amounts reflect cost of construction and furnishings.  
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