“Congratulations FABSIT!”

Messages from Turkey at FABSIT’s 20th Anniversary Dinner, May 12, 2007

Dear Friends of the American Board Schools in Turkey,

On behalf of the Health and Education Foundation, may I salute you on this festive evening.

Through formal communications between our organizations as well as through informal communications that exist among friends on both sides, I am sure you are informed that our schools and hospital continue to function as centers of excellence in their respective locations. We continue to offer primary and secondary education second to none to train leaders who shall be of service to their country and lead fulfilling lives.

Our cooperation in the past has been exemplary. FABSIT has constituted an invaluable resource that has supported us in the achievement of our goals. We expect this to continue in the future. Nevertheless, we must recognize that we live in difficult times. The international and national environment in which our institutions operate are changing, competition is intensifying. In order to meet the challenges we are facing, we must explore new ways and modes through which FABSIT may help us build a better future. We will address this question at SEV and I trust you may be doing the same at FABSIT. We will naturally be in communication.

As you enjoy the evening, I can assure you that our hearts are with you. I know that your hearts are with us too. Once again, I send you my best wishes and warmest greetings.

Professor İlter Turan
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
SEV-Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı

Dear Friends,

Please know that we are with you in our hearts this evening for FABSIT’s 20th anniversary celebration.

It is fitting that you honor some of the many American Board school graduates who have distinguished themselves in fields of learning and service. Those who have educated them at the American Board schools surely rest content in their souls from the fruits of their labor. This success is what inspires us now to ensure that the coming generations will benefit from the unique atmosphere and contribution of the American Board schools in Turkey.

We congratulate those being honored this evening, and all our accomplished alumni, together with the board and staff of FABSIT.

With our respect and affection,

Ken and Betty Frank—Joint General Secretaries,
American Board, Istanbul

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-- Prof. İlter Turan,
Chairman, SEV Board of Trustees

Dear FABSIT Members,

As the ACI and SEV family, we congratulate you on your 20th anniversary and wish you many more years of service and success. We thank FABSIT for all its generous assistance with scholarship funds, overseeing USAID-ASHA grants, ABH alumni development, and building stronger ties between the United States and Turkey.

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Erc Trullio
Director
Happy Birthday, FABSIT!

On Saturday, May 12, Board school alumni, faculty and friends gathered at the Battery Gardens Restaurant overlooking New York Harbor, to celebrate FABSIT’s 20th anniversary and honor our alumni. Guests enjoyed dinner and dancing and helped raise funds for FABSIT programs in a silent auction of items donated by Erden and Itır Arkan, Barclay Shepard, Ahu Terzi, Lale Tüysüzoglu, David Whitelaw, and Nancy Wittler. Many thanks also to the Event Committee: Deniz Ömürğönülser, Ayşe Celil, Ahu Terzi, Lale Tüysüzoglu, FABSIT President, and Paula Dinçer, FABSIT Executive Director. As several guests commented, “It felt like a night on the Bosphorus.”

Left, Selin and Lale Tüysüzoğlu, FABSIT President. Below Aydın Çubukcu, FABSIT Treasurer, reading messages from Turkey. Right, Paula Dinçer, FABSIT Executive Director.
news from the FABSIT Family

Dear Friends,

Our six month home assignment in the United States was short and busy. We rented an apartment at the School of Theology in Claremont where Ken taught a course on Interfaith Relations. One or both of us visited California congregations of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church Disciples of Christ at least every Sunday.

Betty was almost six weeks in New England during October. She visited with FABSIT Board members Dee and Bob Keller, but the focus of her trip was her appearances in congregations of the UCC in Connecticut. She visited 17 such congregations, some of whom have a long tradition of support of the American Board schools in Turkey. Betty appreciated the many questions that reflected a desire for a global perspective and an understanding and appreciation of Islam.

Since we returned to Istanbul we have again interested ourselves in the lives of the historic American Board Schools whose founder we represent. Our visits to the schools have resumed, and Betty continues to assist the library staffs on the three campuses, especially with the automation processes in Üsküdar and Tarsus. We have also resumed our interests in refugee work, social welfare issues, and interreligious understanding. As we do this we get used to the basics of life again here in Istanbul -- house keys for three locks on the door, washing and drying clothes, shopping, walking to public transportation, using a bank, and so on. It comes back quickly.

The story of how the American Board schools in Turkey have been successfully handed over to local, independent Turkish management (SEV) was positively received in the churches where we spoke. Although declining economic resources has meant that the American Board presence in Turkey, as elsewhere, is severely curtailed, the ideals of education and service live on in the graduates who now run the schools. In these days of rising nationalist feelings and talk about "clashes of civilizations," it is a hopeful sign when people show courage in reaching out internationally in friendship, crossing the barriers of fear. The American Board schools continue to model this ideal.

--Ken and Betty Frank, March 2007

Letter from Mrs. Gwen Scott to the Talas Class of 1964

Beloved Former Students,

It is with deep gratitude that I write this note to be read to all of you at your reunion in Turkey this Spring. Although I was never privileged to teach Cem (Baysal), my daughter Roxanne, and her husband Don remember him well and will be my messengers via the computer.

I will be with you all in spirit as you gather together in Ankara or other familiar spots — we’ll all be in Talas in our hearts and conversations. Just now the hillsides there are bursting with flower and vegetable blooms as I remember May of days gone by.

Whatever you plan for future get-togethers, be sure the spirit of John Scott will bless your endeavors. John was so proud of things you boys accomplished in your years at school — he must be a hundred-fold more proud of what you are doing for your country.

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Kenneth and Elizabeth Frank, Joint General Secretaries, Amerikan Bord Heyeti / American Board, Istanbul

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Dear Mr. Eric Trujillo,

I would like to express my gratitude for initiating the involvement of Izmir University of Economics in the project titled “Young Entrepreneurial Spirit Helps Boost EU/Turkish Integration” and for sharing the videoconference facility of American Collegiate Institute with us all through the project.

By means of this project, you have made it possible for our students to have an enriching experience. Hence they were able to express their opinions about EU/Turkish integration and gain a cross-cultural understanding as well as sharing their business ideas to gain different insight from students and experts all over Europe.

I again thank you for your cooperation and hope to establish other mutually beneficial collaborations in the near future.

Prof. Dr. Attila SEZGIN
Rector

ACI has been busy over the course of the past year; we accepted 115 new students for the 2006-2007 school year, higher than the 102 students we enrolled for 2005-2006. For the upcoming 2007-2008 academic year we have set the contingency at 120. We are pleased that the incoming enrollment has been increasing each year since 2003 while at the same time the entrance points have also increased.

In September ACI began teaching the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). We have a total of 37 students placed in the IB Science and IB Turkish-Mathematics tracks. They have been working very hard both inside and outside of the classroom, and I am proud of their strong work ethic.

A few highlights since my last letter are: The Model United Nations (MUN) team represented the United States at The Hague International MUN Conference in January. The team members did an excellent job representing the United States and due to our strong performance, we strongly believe that the general atmosphere of the conference was affected positively. We participated in very hot debates on crucial issues around world politics. I would also like to thank the team sponsor, Didem Erpulat (ACI ‘87) for her guidance and leadership. I am also proud of our students for their hard work and performance at their second international MUN confer-

ACI Girls Tennis Team (top) receiving trophy for 2nd place in Turkish National Tennis Finals, and ACI Boys Tennis Team receiving trophy for 4th place.

The TAC community will soon say “good bye” and “thank you” to Director Daryl York for his three years of service and dedication to Tarsus American College, its students, parents, and faculty. As of August 1, 2007, Mr. York will be succeeded by Mr. Robert J. Mallett.

Recent events at TAC...
Trip to Ankara Universities
In late November 32 TAC students visited universities in Ankara including Middle East Technical University, Bilkent University, TOBB Ekonomi ve Teknoloji, and Ankara Siyasal ve Hukuk.

The Community Spirit of Boarding Students
TAC boarding students gave a disabled visitor to the school a wonderful present: a brand new wheelchair. During an activity of the community service group hosted by TAC, the boarding students were particularly interested in a disabled child in the group of students from İnköyü. These boarding students, noting that his wheelchair was worn and in need of replacement, pooled

Students and Faculty enjoying the musical instruments and new student lounge funded in part by a USAID/ASHA(American Schools and Hospitals Abroad) grant made possible by FABSIT.
ÜAA update from Director Whitman Shepard

At Üsküdar, we continue to be busy on the international as well as the national level. I would like to share some of the recent highlights with you. As you know social and community service is one of our most important co-curricular activities. Model United Nations (MUN) is another program that we value, and we have been looking for non-European experiences that our students can take part in. Last year we attended a MUN conference in Qatar. Given the success of the conference we repeated the trip to Qatar this year. However we were still searching for alternative experiences for our students. This year we were able to combine social service with MUN in a trip to Ghana in Africa. The Lincoln International School in Ghana hosted a MUN conference combined with a Habitat for Humanity project prior to the main conference. Thus seven students and a faculty member headed off to Ghana during the last week of the semester break. They spent two days at a village in northern Ghana helping to build homes using local methods and technology. Basically this meant shovels, trowels and using one’s feet to mix the plaster to be used on the buildings. After two days of manual labor and a night of sharing dancing and singing, our team was ready to head for the ocean for a jump in the southern Atlantic to wash off the accumulated sweat and grime before heading to Accra for the conference. Our team was the highlight of the conference. Not only had we traveled the longest distance to participate, our students were impressive with their debating and rhetoric skills. They returned to Turkey with blisters that will heal and memories that will never fade.

In Istanbul, our social service club continues to be innovative and active. They have come up with three new projects. The first concerns the local Üsküdar orphanage that we support. Every

GAH update excerpt from the March 2007 letter from Erhan Dumanlı, newly elected Chairman of the SEV Board of Directors; translation by Kenneth Frank

“Our Hospital’s new MRI* instrument is now in service in the hospital’s new imaging center, and it is the first and only one of its kind in all of Southeast Anatolia. Our MRI machine went into service in November and serves about 45 patients per day.

The SEV Gaziantep American Hospital opened an Education and Consulting Center in Karatas in February. The intention of this center is to provide education and raise public awareness of health and disease. So far the specialist doctors of our hospital have given free public presentations on diabetes, pain, and back pain. Presentations continued on 8 March, World Women’s Day, with family planning, and on 10 March the topic was breast cancer.

Our project in Gaziantep, "From Work to Home: Reproductive Health and Family Planning," which received a grant from the European Union, concluded at the end of March. Until now more than 9000 workers have benefited from the training sessions. We are widening the scope by taking the project to Kahramanmaras. Results of the project were reported to the EU at the end of March.”

*made possible in part by a grant awarded to FABSIT by USAID’s American Schools and Hospitals Abroad division (ASHA).

Other GAH News:
• As a result of the efforts of FABSIT Board member Dr. Barclay Shepard and others, the Hospital is in receipt of $133,000 which is accumulated interest from endowment funds held by the UCC, and designated for medical work at Gaziantep American Hospital.
• Thanks to FABSIT and the Spring Glen Church of Hamden, CT, GAH will receive $850 toward the purchase of a laboratory microscope.
ence, the St. Andrews International Model United Nations (SAIMUN) Conference held in Dublin, Ireland in April where we represented North Korea and Paraguay.

This year ACI began participating in the EU Comenius Programs. Also known as School Projects, these are cross-curricular schemes that involve at least three schools or colleges from at least three European countries. They enable ACI staff and students to work alongside partners in other countries, and last for up to three years. Real friendships have developed across Europe for schools involved in Comenius and the projects enable a broadening of horizons through European cooperation. Our first project will be "Media Links in Europe," with a school from Holland and potential partners in other countries, and last for up to three years. Real friendships have developed across Europe for schools involved in Comenius and the projects enable a broadening of horizons through European cooperation. Our first project will be "Media Links in Europe," with a school from Holland and potential partners in other countries, and last for up to three years. Real friendships have developed across Europe for schools involved in Comenius and the projects enable a broadening of horizons through European cooperation. Our first project will be "Media Links in Europe," with a school from Holland and potential partners in other countries, and last for up to three years.

In January, one of our English teachers, Gözde Kızılışık (ACI '85) attended the preliminary visit in Sicily and came back with valuable insight on how to best make the project work. We will begin the next steps starting this school year.

In April the ACI boys and girls tennis team won the Izmir tennis championships and in the following national championships, the girls won second place in Turkey while the boys won fourth place. We are very proud of their performance. Our Junior Achievement (JA) Club visited Connecticut at the end of April and visited several high schools, where we exchanged ideas on creating, marketing and selling of products between the high schools. ACI is proud to be the leader in Turkey for high schools participating in the JA Program and we have watched our students benefit from their participation.

I am also pleased to introduce Mrs. Aydan Tezçoşkun YAKIN (ACI '89) in her new position as Alumni Development Coordinator. In this capacity she will represent the school in working with the ACI Alumni Association as well as provide a full-time professional on the campus to serve as the liaison between the school, the alumni association and its members.

With this new position, we are planning to start fund-raising campaigns to raise money for the "ACI Scholarship Fund" which is to help academically successful students from modest economic backgrounds study at ACI. The first campaign is the "Name-a-Seat at the Blake Performing Arts Center" campaign where ACI alumni, parents and corporations can donate to the Scholarship Fund and have a seat named in their honor. U. S. donors should send their contributions to FABSIT, designated for the ACI Seat Naming Campaign. For details please go to www.acialumni.org. All funds raised from this campaign will solely be used by the ACI Alumni Association for academic scholarships.

The Association has kindly provided many scholarships over the years which have allowed students to attend ACI who may not have otherwise had the opportunity. Your donation can ensure that a future student can attend ACI and experience the 'spirit' of ACI which so many of our graduates hold dearly. On behalf of the school I strongly encourage you to fulfill the school's motto ‘Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve’ by generously donating to the Association's scholarship fund and/or contributing to the "Name-a-Seat Campaign”

Finally, I must announce that my wife, Lisa Seed Trujillo, and I have decided to return to the United States at the end of the 2006-2007 school year. The sole reason for this decision is that the move will allow us to be closer to our parents and family. It is not a decision which came easily or quickly.

Although the school year is not finished yet, we must thank you for your strong support during our time here. We have loved our experience at the campus, in Izmir, and in Turkey and consider ourselves lucky to have met and worked with such a warm and wonderful group at ACI.

I am pleased to announce the new ACI Director and his spouse, Mr. Charles and Mrs. Julie Hanna. Mr. Hanna is coming to ACI after three years as the Superintendent of Taipei American School (TAS). Before TAS, Mr. Hanna served for over 20 years at the John F. Kennedy School in Berlin in a variety of roles including elementary teacher, Elementary Principal, and Managing Principal. Mrs. Hanna has extensive teaching and administrative experience and will be joining us as an English teacher in our lower school. We are very pleased and fortunate to have two such professional educators join the ACI family.

As always, the ACI family wishes our alumni and friends the best; we look forward to hearing where you are now, and all your latest news.
month the orphanage designates children of the month. Members of our club act as big brothers and sisters and take the children of the month out for a day on the town usually involving games, a movies and lunch. At the beginning, there were four or five children of the month. Due to the success of the project, this number has swelled to twenty. Luckily we have a large number of students involved and thus we will not run out of big brothers or sisters for this project. Another innovative project has begun with a neighboring elementary school. Our students are visiting the school and are providing introductory lessons in English and Computer Studies to the 3rd graders. Initial feedback from the school is extremely positive as our students take on the role of teaching students in schools less fortunate than ours. The third new project is a joint one with the Prep students. In their curriculum, the students are reading a story about a street child. This project attempts to connect curriculum to the reality of modern day Turkey. We will be meeting the food needs of the Istanbul Shelter for Street Children for a month. Depending on our success, we may increase the level of our support.

Our music program continues to thrive. During the semester break we will be sending one of our percussion groups to St. Petersburg in Russia to perform as well as take in the wealth of musical offerings that the city has to offer. We decided to open this trip up to non performers as well. We have had a good response from students and faculty. Thus in April, Üsküdar will be conquering St. Petersburg, at least musically.

Our sports teams continue to do well. We continue to offer a wide variety of sports, both competitive and non-competitive, to our students. This year we have added Rugby to the list. Our students continue to do well on Uludağ, above nearby Bursa. This year Mehmet Ali Ünal has been tearing up the slopes in snowboarding and has become a Turkish national champion. We were able to recognize his success in front of the whole community at a Friday flag ceremony.

We will be having our Council of International Schools accreditation visit at the end of April. The whole community has been involved with the self study that precedes such a visit. It has been a comprehensive task that has taken much time and dedication of the faculty. We are presently putting the finishing touches on the report and are looking forward to the team’s visit. We are sure that their insights will help us to continue on the road to improvement.

This summer we hope to continue the retrofitting projects that the SEV foundation has begun on campus. Through their support and efforts we have been able to retrofit and refurbish Huntington Hall, Martin Hall, Morgan Hall and Emir Konak. We are now focusing on Barton Hall and Bowker Hall. As you know these two halls were the original buildings on campus. As we retrofit and refurbish them, we need to remain true to their original architectural style. It is a difficult process, but one that we must undertake.

Your support for these projects is much needed as we continue to combine the legacy of our past with the challenges of the future.
“Thank you” to Our Supporters

On behalf of FABSIT’s Board of Directors, our schools in İstanbul, İzmir and Tarsus, and the Gaziantep American Hospital, we extend our sincere gratitude to our generous donors for gifts received from December 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007.

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