

Alumni Affairs

Reflections

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I feel like it was only yesterday that I attended and graduated ACS Athens. As many Hellenic-American expats and indeed all Alumni can verify, the ACS Athens experience is an "experience in life".

In 1974 my parents decided to leave the U.S., where I was born, and move to Greece. The whole process of uprooting and relocating was quite daunting but exciting at the same time. When we moved to Athens, thankfully my parents decided I would attend ACS Athens. At the time it was just another school that, due to its international background, eased the experience of living in a new land where everything seemed foreign. Little did I know that while receiving a diversified education in a multicultural and multinational environment, I was also becoming part of a local and global expat network, and I was right at the center of it all at ACS.

Leaving ACS Athens, I found myself well equipped with an empowering set of skills. The diversified curriculum taught me everything from accounting to typing and set me on my way to immediate employment. In fact, my first job was in a moving company and that is where I caught the "moving bug". With this newfound passion as a spark and a whole community at our side, a few years later my husband and I started our own international moving company, Celebrity International Movers SA. The support that we received from ACS Athens both locally and internationally, at a personal level and at a professional level, be it from encouraging wishes to assigning projects, was indeed

heart-warming and priceless.

Today Celebrity can boast a host of clients ranging from private individuals, to embassies, schools, to multinational corporations. The global mobility services we provide are diverse, tailor made and second to none. Our team is like a second family to us and the relationship we have developed together is both long-term and open-hearted. This has helped us build a reputation of trust both locally and internationally. So, it was no surprise to us when ACS Athens Principals Ammerman, Hunt, Dr. Dorbis, their families and even the current President, Dr. Gialamas awarded us their private moving and relocation projects.

In turn both I, on a personal level, and Celebrity as a company do our very best to support ACS Athens. Over the years we have participated in various events, sponsored the many worthwhile bazaars and supported the yearbook too. It is also without hesitation that we introduce all our expat relocation clients to ACS Athens, readily recommending it as the place to mold the minds of the future generation. Indeed, when those minds graduate we have received them both as interviewees and employees.

For me, ACS Athens is not only an institution of learning, it is a place that warmly receives students from many cultures from all over the world, it works to welcome them and help them flourish. ACS Athens creates a community that lives by ethical means and (as this magazine is so rightly named) ethos. It is this ethos that has carried me to where I am now, that has guided me in building a very successful international moving and relocation company and continues to influence my actions to this day. It is this enduring ethos that I observe in ACS Athens that compels me to continue supporting the school.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I stand witness and have the honor to participate in the celebration of 70 years ACS Athens excellence and ethos. I would like to extend a great thank you to ACS Athens, the PTO and the Alumni for all their support and I think the best wish I can give, both as an expat and as a Greek, is "NA TA EKATOSTHSETE." I look forward to being there to celebrate that with you too!!!





Opposite page:
George Chrisovergis with
Kathy Capous-Chrisovergis
(holding white bubble-
wrap), with the Celebrity
team at their warehouse in
Pallini

**Current page from top to
bottom:**
Kathy Capous-Chrisovergis
(middle) as a student at
ACS, sitting in the recess
area
Kathy Capous-Chrisovergis
(bottom right) with her
ACS Athens peers