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Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Dr. Rouben Adalian
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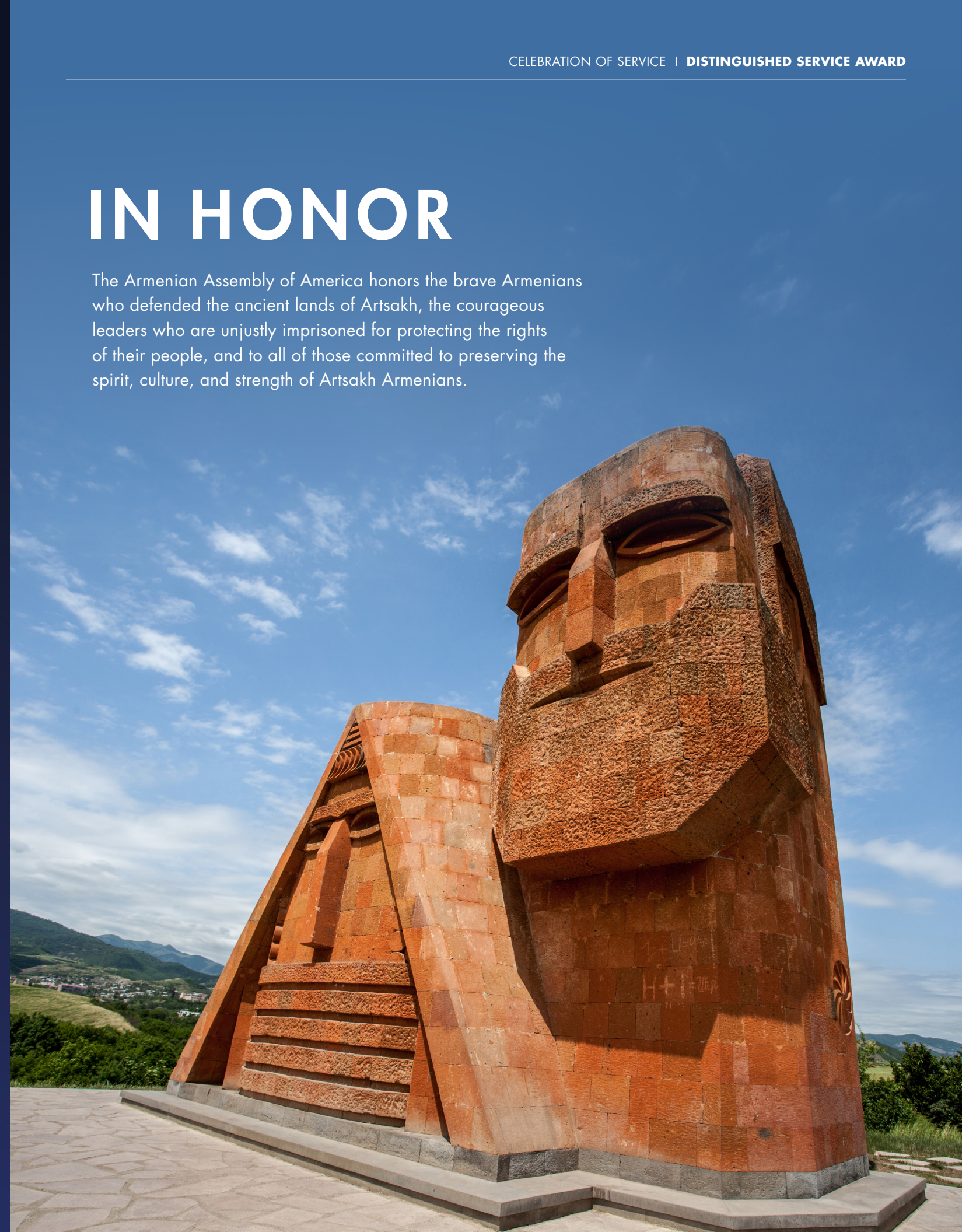
The Armenian Assembly promotes public awareness of Armenian issues, encourages greater Armenian American participation in the American democratic process, and assists in humanitarian and development programs in Armenia and Artsakh, while strengthening U.S.-Armenia relations.

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IN HONOR

The Armenian Assembly of America honors the brave Armenians who defended the ancient lands of Artsakh, the courageous leaders who are unjustly imprisoned for protecting the rights of their people, and to all of those committed to preserving the spirit, culture, and strength of Artsakh Armenians.





ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA

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Dear Members and Friends,

It is our privilege to recognize and celebrate six extraordinary individuals, each of whom has devoted more than 25 years of service to our world-wide Armenian community—impacting lives and helping shape far-reaching policies and outcomes in U.S.–Armenia relations, Armenian Genocide research and recognition, genocide prevention, humanitarian aid, preserving cultural heritage, and advancing environmental protection and stewardship.

PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- Dr. Rouben Adalian**, *Director, Armenian National Institute*
- Bryan Ardouny**, *Executive Director*
- Anthony J. Barsamian**, *Immediate Past Co-Chair, Board of Trustees*
- Mary Garabadian**, *Archivist*
- Van Z. Krikorian**, *Chair Emeritus, Board of Trustees*
- Carolyn G. Mugar**, *President Emerita, Board of Trustees*

Their service reflects and advances the core mission of the Armenian Assembly of America, which is to strengthen U.S.–Armenia relations, promote democratic values, and ensure the enduring presence and voice of the Armenian community in public life. For more than a quarter century, their steadfast commitment, generosity, spirit, and leadership have strengthened our programs and advanced the work of individuals and organizations throughout our community. Collectively, their service reflects thousands of hours contributed with quiet consistency—being present, responding where needed, and supporting others without seeking recognition.

Each honoree will receive the Armenian Assembly of America’s Distinguished Service Award in recognition of their contributions to the organization’s advocacy, research, scholarship, Armenian Genocide education, and community impact across generations.

Thank you for recognizing their remarkable service. We are deeply grateful for the example they set and the lasting difference they have made through their time, care, and dedication. We hope their service serves as a lasting legacy for all who work with them and follow in their footsteps.

Please accept our sincere congratulations to each honoree on this well-earned achievement.

Sincerely,


Oscar S. Tatosian
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VISION

The Republic of Armenia will be secure and prosperous, made possible by democracy, the rule of law, advanced market reforms and a people in full and vigilant partnership with their government at all levels.

Via the direct participation of its duly elected leaders, Artsakh Republic's final status – either as an independent state or as an integral and contiguous part of the Republic of Armenia – will be resolved, internationally recognized, and guaranteed.

The Diaspora will be a vital partner for Armenia and Artsakh throughout the world and linked together in effective collaboration to advance pan-Armenia interests globally. A Diaspora-wide consensus will have been realized for the Republic of Armenia to deal with historic and contemporary questions that impact all Armenians.

In view of its ongoing growth in size, competence and reach, the Armenian Assembly of America will be the leading champion in deepening the U.S.-Armenia and U.S.-Artsakh relations and will be in the forefront of a comprehensive, non-partisan, Diaspora-wide effort to irrevocably secure Armenia's and Artsakh's freedom, democracy, and security.

MISSION



✓ TO SUSTAIN

and strengthen the organization as the community's preeminent non-partisan advocate representing Armenian-American interests to the U.S. public and the policy-making community.

✓ TO PROVIDE

ever-expanding opportunities for the active participation of all Armenian-Americans in the American democratic process at the federal, state, and local levels.

✓ TO EXPAND

the organization's pioneering research, education, and advocacy campaigns for universal affirmation of the Armenian Genocide.

✓ TO PROMOTE

public and private civil society initiatives within Armenia and Artsakh, simultaneously maintaining the organization's policy of non-interference in those societies' internal affairs.

✓ TO LEAD IN

securing increasingly more effective collaboration among Armenian-American organizations and to establish results-oriented working relationships with non-partisan advocacy entities and relevant individuals world-wide.

Life Trustees

Established in 1983, the Assembly's endowment was launched with two foundational \$1 million gifts from Hirair and Anna Hovnanian and from Stephen and Marian Graves Mugar. The endowment helps ensure the Assembly's long-term sustainability.

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HONOREES

CAROLYN G. MUGAR

Carolyn Mugar serves as President Emerita and Board Member of the Armenian Assembly of America. She has been involved in the Armenian Assembly since 1974. Carolyn, along with her late husband John O'Connor, founded the Armenia Tree Project (ATP) in 1994. ATP has planted over 10 million trees since its inception. ATP is responsible for protecting the environment and investing in communities in Armenia through community tree planting and rural reforestation, community development, poverty reduction, and environmental education directed to the next generation. Carolyn is also a Founding Board Member of the Armenian National Institute. Carolyn was the Executive Director of Farm Aid from its inception in 1985 until January 1, 2025. Farm Aid works to keep family farmers on the land to guarantee an agriculture system that ensures farmers a fair living, strengthens communities, protects natural resources and provides good food for all.

Carolyn has experience in grassroots organizing, legal advocacy, non-profit work, and human rights. A native of Watertown, MA, Carolyn holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from New School for Social Research, New York City, NY, and a law degree from Northeastern University, Boston, MA. She resides in Cambridge, MA.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: David and Martha Mugar, Marian, Stephen and Carolyn Mugar. From the awarding of the first Armenian Assembly Distinguished Service Award given to Stephen Mugar, a founder of the Armenian Assembly of America



John O'Connor and Carolyn Mugar

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MARY GARABADIAN



For more than 30 years, Mary Garabadian was a steadfast presence at the Armenian Assembly of America. Joining the Assembly in 1991, Mary became one of the most trusted stewards of the organization's history and community.

As an archivist, longtime support to the Executive Director, and dedicated member of the Membership & Development team, she helped preserve the Assembly's institutional memory while nurturing the relationships that sustain its mission.

Mary's service to the Armenian Assembly was deeply personal. The daughter of genocide survivors, she carried forward her family's legacy of Armenian identity, community, and remembrance in every task she undertook.

Throughout her three decades of service, Mary supported countless events, briefings, and initiatives, always working behind the scenes with commitment and care. As the first employee in the Assembly's history to retire, she leaves a legacy defined by dedication to her community.



Assembly Mission Trip to Armenia, Village of Garni, Armenia, 1997



Dr. Rouben Adalian, Margaret Mgrublian, Mary Garabadian, Bryan Ardouny

HONOREES

BRYAN ARDOUNY

Bryan Ardouny was appointed Executive Director of the Armenian Assembly of America in April 2005 following a one-year term on the Assembly’s Board of Directors. Previously, Bryan had served as Acting Executive Director and Director of Government Relations at the Armenian Assembly, where he spearheaded efforts to maintain Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act during the House and Senate floor fights in 1998 and 1999, respectively.

In 2000, Bryan rallied congressional and community support for an Armenian Genocide resolution that was slated for consideration by the House of Representatives, but, despite expectations of approval, was pulled from a vote at the last minute due to the Administration’s invocation of a national security concern.

Undeterred, Bryan oversaw the Assembly’s continued efforts throughout the years that culminated in the historic passage of the Armenian Genocide resolution in the House of Representatives in 2019 by an overwhelming vote of 405 to 11. The United States Senate followed suit the same year passing a companion resolution by unanimous consent.

Bryan has also testified before Congress on key issues impacting Armenia and Artsakh. He has urged Congress to stand up for democracy and human rights, help prevent genocide, enforce Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act, and provide robust assistance to Armenia.

Before coming to the Assembly, Bryan served as Legislative Counsel to a senior Member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Bryan graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Hofstra University and received his law degree from California Western School of Law.



Bryan Ardouny testifying before House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, chaired by Congressman Sonny Callahan, 1999, with Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Co-Chair of the Armenian Caucus



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ANTHONY J. BARSAMIAN

Anthony Barsamian is the Immediate Past Co-Chair of the Armenian Assembly of America; Managing Partner of Hutchings, Barsamian, Mandelcorn & Zeytoonian, LLP; and Chief Executive Officer and President of Gravestar Corporation. He is a business and estate planning attorney and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Suffolk University Law School.

Anthony serves on the Board of Trustees of the Armenian Assembly of America, the Executive Committee of the Armenia Tree Project, and is a Board Member of the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative and World Link for Law.

Anthony was the first Armenian American to be elected President of the Massachusetts Council of Churches - the oldest ecumenical Christian fellowship in the United States - and served for 12 years as a Board member of the National Council of Churches of Christ, including three years on its Constitution and Bylaws Committee, representing the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Anthony is a frequent speaker and commentator on U.S.-Armenia relations, Armenian Genocide recognition and education, as well as legal issues related to estate and family succession planning.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: The Barsamian Family: Thomas and Tamar O'Brien Barsamian, Nancy, Anthony and Raffi Barsamian

HONOREES

DR. ROUBEN ADALIAN

Dr. Rouben P. Adalian is the Director of the Armenian National Institute (ANI), the Washington, DC-based non-profit organization created in 1997 dedicated to educating the public through the study, research, and affirmation of the Armenian Genocide. ANI maintains the largest and most widely-consulted institutional website on the Armenian Genocide, www.armenian-genocide.org, which hosts a multitude of instructional resources, including a set of downloadable digital exhibits. Dr. Adalian is the compiler and editor of the ANI website, which closely tracks the international record of acknowledgement of the Armenian Genocide. He is also the researcher and designer of the digital exhibits which are based on the documented photographic evidence of the Armenian Genocide retrieved from the U.S. National Archives, the Library of Congress, and other American repositories. The ANI exhibits include: The United States Military in the First Republic of Armenia; American Relief in the First Republic of Armenia in 1918-1920; Iconic Images of the Armenian Genocide; The First Deportation; and The First Refuge and the Last Defense: The Armenian Church and the Armenian Genocide. The ANI website also hosts the Armenian Genocide online museum, www.armeniangenocidemuseum.org, launched in the centennial year of 2015, and in 2024 ANI created an entire new webpage dedicated to the

ethnic cleansing of the Armenians of Nagorno Karabakh, <https://www.armenian-genocide.org/nagorno-karabakh.html>.

Dr. Adalian began at the Armenian Assembly in 1987 as the Director of Academic Affairs. His responsibilities included developing curricular and reference material in the area of human rights education, creating a resource center on Armenian issues, organizing workshops and presentations at schools and conferences, supporting institutions dedicated to education and research in areas of parallel interest. He developed and assisted an international network of scholars specializing in research on human rights and genocide, while also working on major documentation projects, among which in 1993 Dr. Adalian completed the collection of documents on the Armenian Genocide in the United States National Archives. As a result, Chadwyck-Healey Inc. published 37,000 pages of American evidence along with the accompanying 476-page Guide to the Armenian Genocide in the U.S. Archives 1915-1918 issued in 1994. Dr. Adalian was also the associate editor of the award-winning Encyclopedia of Genocide (1999), and contributed to a number of publications including Genocide in Our Time (1992), Genocide in the Twentieth Century (1995), Studies in Comparative Genocide (1999),



LEFT: Vahagn Khachaturyan, President of Armenia seated center with staff
RIGHT: (Seated left to right) Alice, Dvin, Diran, and Dr. Rouben Adalian, Bryan Ardouny, and Carolyn Mugar
July 4, 2023, Presidential Residence



President of Armenia Vahagn Khachaturyan awarding Dr. Rouben Adalian the Presidential Medal, 2023

Pioneers of Genocide Studies (2002), America and the Armenian Genocide (2003), and the widely utilized textbook Centuries of Genocide: Critical Essays and Eyewitness Accounts (2023) now in its 5th edition.

In addition to undertaking all these projects, Dr. Adalian was made the Director of the Armenian Assembly's Summer Internship Program, which he managed from 1991 through 1996 and streamlined by creating the program's operating manual. While running the internship program, he was made the Director of the Office of Research and Analysis in 1992, which position he also held through 1996. He created the program area by initiating and designing a series of publications intended to inform the Armenian and American public of developments in Armenia upon the independence of the country.

Dr. Adalian received a Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is a specialist on the Caucasus and the Middle

East, and taught at a number of universities, including the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University; School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University; and School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. He is also the author of From Humanism to Rationalism: Armenian Scholarship in the Nineteenth Century (1992), and Historical Dictionary of Armenia (2002, 2nd expanded and updated edition, 2010), and contributed to several publications, such as The Making of Foreign Policy in Russia and the New States of Eurasia (1995), and Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa (2004), and has articles that have appeared in the Journal of Genocide Research, Social Education, Journal of Modern Hellenism, Armenian Review, Journal of Armenian studies, among others.

In recognition of his many contributions, in 2023, the President of the Republic of Armenia, Vahagn Khachaturyan, awarded Dr. Adalian the Presidential Medal of Gratitude.

HONOREES

VAN Z. KRIKORIAN



In 1977, after unpacking to start at the George Washington University, Van visited the Armenian Assembly DC office, then 2 blocks away from his dorm. Dennis Papazian and Van Ajemian put him to work the same day, and his service to the organization and his commitment to its ideals have continued with the mentorship of Assembly pillars. He grew up splitting his time between Framingham and Whitinsville, MA, had been the Framingham AYF chapter president, a Camp Haiastan counselor/lifeguard, NCAA Division 1 swimmer, attended the ARS Summer Studies at UPenn in 1979, studied at the Armenian Seminary in Lebanon during the wartime summer of 1980, graduated from Georgetown Law in 1984.

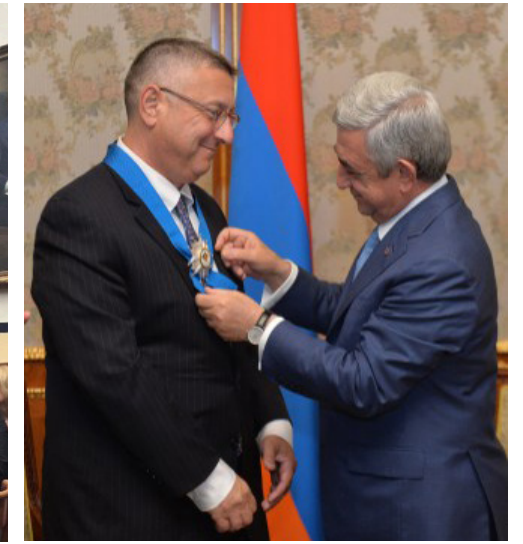
His first task was to review and analyze every media piece available on the Assembly matters. He also took notes at Assembly meetings, attending and analyzed relevant Congressional hearings, interned for Congressman, Father Robert Drinan, and poured scotch for the Assembly Treasurer who would come to the office Friday afternoons to approve and sign checks. In 2017, President Serzh Sargsyan awarded him Armenia's Order and Medal of Honor. In his 2005 book "Unsilencing the Past," scholar and diplomat David L. Phillips described Van as "a battle-tested champion of the Armenian people." At Georgetown, he began the FOIA case, that evolved into Krikorian v Department of State, a widely cited precedent which yielded the first Federal District Court and Court of Appeals decisions acknowledging US policy recognized

the Armenian Genocide. His subsequent, public accomplishments include: authorship of Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act; authorship of the Humanitarian Aid Corridors Act, which requires recipients of US assistance to allow passage of aid to other recipients; Congressional passage of US earthquake relief assistance to Soviet Armenia; Congressional and Administration reaffirmation of the Armenian Genocide, with a role which Senator Robert Dole recognized after the monumental 1989-1990 Senate effort by referring to him as "Bob Byrd's Vahan Cardashian," after Byrd called him out on the Senate floor as the modern version of that historic lawyer; and multiple other Congressional and Administration actions. He regularly testifies at Congressional hearings. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush appointed him to the US delegation to the Moscow Human Rights meetings, in conjunction with the Assembly organized programs to educate on Nagorno-Karabakh as well as organized the Congressional and other American observers to Armenia's referendum on independence. When Armenia became independent, he served as its counsel and deputy representative for its first, challenging session at the UN General Assembly in New York.

In 1983, Priscilla Dodakian was an Assembly intern for Congresswoman Nancy Johnson of CT. Priscilla and Van wed in 1985, and live in Rye, NY, are Life Trustees, and proud of their children (all of whom did Assembly/intern time), George, Lena, Sarah, Ani plus her husband Frank.



As Assembly Co-Chair, Van Z. Krikorian testifying before the Congressional Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission alongside a new photo exhibit displaying Azerbaijan's pattern of war crimes and human rights violations against the Armenian people of Artsakh, 2024



Van Z. Krikorian Awarded Armenia's Medal of Honor by President Serzh Sargsyan, 2017



Van Z. Krikorian and Priscilla Dodakian Krikorian, Armenian Assembly Intern Program Alumni

Three grandchildren, Frank, Charlotte and Henry live nearby. Van had been a partner at a national law firm until 2003, when he joined Global Gold Corporation and has been Chair & CEO there for over 20 years. Like Priscilla before him, since 2003, he has been on the faculty of Pace Law School, teaching International Trade Law, International Arbitration, Corporations, Conflicts of Law, and other courses. In 1998, he was elected the youngest chair of the Assembly's Board of Directors. From 1995-2025, with Anthony Barsamian and with Carolyn Mugar, he co-chaired the Assembly's merged Board of Trustees.

From 2000-2003, he was the sole Armenian American on the Turkish Armenian Reconciliation Commission, which yielded the unprecedented legal opinion confirming the Armenian Genocide as such under the UN Genocide Convention, commissioned by the entire group and published in the Turkish press. He argued the case before the panel. He also served as amicus counsel of record for the Assembly in the Massachusetts Federal case *Griswold v. Driscoll* which rejected Turkish efforts to mandate teaching a false history of the Armenian Genocide. A founding board member of the Armenian National Institute, he has been Chair since 2011, served on the GWU School of International Affairs board for over ten years, an elected delegate to the Diocesan Assembly since 1999, and Chair Emeritus of the Assembly. Known for a special brand of humor, on special occasions, he has been known to tell the funniest joke in the world. He credits any good he has done to his family and happily takes the blame for all the rest. Recently, the World Council of Churches published his chapter "Addressing Failed Legal Frameworks to Save Churches, Protect Freedom of Religion, and Confront Genocide in a New 21st Century: Doing Better to Do Good."

2026 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

CO-HOSTS

DR. HENRY BEN MORGENTHAU IV

Dr. Henry Morgenthau IV (Ben) is a double Board-Certified practicing Pediatric Hospital Medicine physician in the San Francisco Bay Area. A graduate of Yale University and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, he was also a doctoral student in Public Policy and Management at the Wharton School of Business.

Ben is the great grandson of Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, and a strong supporter of Armenian causes. His Mother, Professor Ruth Schachter Morgenthau, fled Vienna with her family at the age of seven to escape the Holocaust.

Ben has given talks honoring the work of his great grandfather who alerted the world to the Armenian Genocide, and documented it in “The Murder of a Nation,” as well as his grandfather Henry Morgenthau Jr, who formed the War Refugee Board as Secretary of the Treasury under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt,



and his Uncle Robert Morgenthau, a driving force in the establishment of the Museum of Jewish Heritage during his service as the longest serving District Attorney of Manhattan. Beginning with Ambassador Morgenthau, all three spoke up to shed light on the horrors of genocide.

Ben has traveled to Armenia twice including in 2015 to mark the centennial of the Armenian Genocide. He has visited Etchmiadzin, and given talks in Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Yerevan, and at Tsitsernakaberd discussing the actions of his ancestors and the importance of recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

Ben grew up in Boston where he was an avid Red Sox fan. He is grateful to be here, and thrilled to be returning home for this important celebration with his wife Beckilynn, and his son Henry Morgenthau V.



KRISTINA AYANIAN
HOST, NASDAQ LISTINGS

Kristina Ayanian is a first-generation Armenian-American whose dynamic career spans finance, journalism, pageantry, philanthropy, and the arts.

As the youngest executive producer and reporter in Nasdaq's history, Kristina pioneered the “Live from MarketSite” series, where she sits down with top C-suite executives across more than 80 industries — from high-growth startups to Fortune 500 companies — to explore their milestones, industry trends, and the strategies driving their success. Under her leadership, the series has grown to an audience of over 100 million, featuring conversations with notable figures including Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, Shark Tank Investor Mark Cuban, and NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman. She was named to Forbes 30 Under 30 in Media in 2024.

In 2023, Kristina represented Armenia at the 71st Miss Universe Pageant, where she leveraged her global platform to raise awareness about the humanitarian crisis in Armenia and Artsakh, advocating for necessary actions to address the crisis.

Earlier in her career, Kristina made her mark as a reporter for Teen Kids News, a groundbreaking syndicated television program, earning an Emmy Award nomination for her interview with Great Britain's Prince Edward.

An actress and writer, she completed her first feature-length film, Pride Jewel, now streaming on Amazon Prime. Her writing has been published in the Anthology of Short Stories by Young Americans, and she is a contributing writer to the Armenian Weekly.

Beyond her professional work, Kristina is an accomplished musician who has performed at prestigious venues including Carnegie Hall, and is a recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold, Silver, and Bronze Level Awards.

Kristina is deeply committed to service and community. She serves on the boards of Who We Are, a non-profit advancing cultural identity and understanding; Etre Girls, which empowers the next generation of young women leaders; and GOALS Armenia, dedicated to developing soccer leagues and impact programs for young women in rural communities. She is also the co-founder of Eye Support, which delivers critical humanitarian aid to Armenia and displaced families from Artsakh.

Kristina graduated cum laude from Bentley University with a dual degree in finance and global studies and a minor in corporate communications, and is currently pursuing her MBA at NYU Stern School of Business. She is a proud graduate of St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School.

Our Advocacy, Our Community

GRASSROOTS

- Having earned widespread respect with key international organizations, the Assembly has been a Member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 1999. The Assembly also initiated the Central and East European Coalition comprised of 18 nationwide organizations representing over 20 million Americans to advocate on security and foreign policy issues with Congress and the Administration.
- Through our network of State and Regional Chairs, the Assembly mobilizes Armenian-Americans across the nation to contact their Members of Congress on a broad range of issues, and to take action on key issues.

TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

- With well over 1,000 alumni since 1977, the Assembly offers college-aged students two summer internship opportunities: the Terjenian-Thomas Assembly Internship Program (Washington, D.C.) and the Yerevan Internship Program (Yerevan, Armenia). With the assistance of the Assembly, successful candidates experience once-in-a-lifetime placements, including many on Capitol Hill.

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER

- Advanced U.S.-Armenia relations and worked with Congress to ensure over \$3 billion in U.S. assistance to the homeland.
- Initiated and continue to grow the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, there are currently over 100 Members.
- Secured passage in Congress of numerous relevant pieces of legislation, human rights initiatives, and resolutions addressing trade, blockades, transportation, Armenian Genocide affirmation, humanitarian assistance, economic development and military parity. In addition, all 50 U.S. states have affirmed the Armenian Genocide, and 10 have approved school curricula to ensure the lessons of the Armenian Genocide are not forgotten.
- Halted Turkish efforts to remove Armenian Genocide education from Massachusetts classrooms, with the support of teachers, students, and survivors.
- Founded the NGO Training and Resource Center in Yerevan and partnered with the League of Women Voters to foster civil society and coalition-building. There are now thousands of NGOs (non-governmental organizations) in Armenia.

- Built an Armenian-American Housing Manufacturing Facility in Gyumri, Armenia to support rapid reconstruction in response to the 1988 earthquake, which is still in operation.
- Monitored the distribution of U.S. humanitarian assistance (kerosene, heaters, and containers) to some 200,000 at-risk individuals during the energy crisis in Armenia.
- Advocated for and secured U.S. House and U.S. Senate resolutions recognizing the Armenian Genocide.
- In 2020, during the 44-day Artsakh War, the Assembly raised \$2 million for ArmeniaFund to aid relief efforts.
- On April 24, 2021, decades of advocacy work resulted in President Joe Biden's U.S. reaffirmation through his Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day statement.

Learn More by Visiting: armenian-assembly.org

- Established the Armenia Tree Project (ATP) to help with Armenia's social, economic, and environmental recovery, with over ten million trees planted since its inception in 1994.

Learn More by Visiting: armeniatree.org

- Educated the public about the Armenian Genocide through the Armenian National Institute (ANI) whose instructional products, digital exhibits, and websites have reached millions around the world since 1997.

Learn More by Visiting: armenian-genocide.org and armeniangenocidemuseum.org

- Launched "Armenia 360", a weekly reference on major national and international organizations as well as governmental, media, and think tanks that include news and information about Armenian issues to promote public understanding.

Learn More by Visiting: armenia360.com



Ribbon cutting at new Armenian Assembly of America headquarters, April 14, 2026

ADVOCACY SUMMIT SCHOLARS



2024 Advocacy Summit Scholar Program: Inaugural class of 20 students with Deputy of the French National Assembly Hon. Astrid Panosyan-Bouvet



2025 Advocacy Summit Scholar Program: Year 2 class of 80 students with Emmy Award winning actor and director Joe Manganiello

Launched as a pilot program in 2024 with 20 college students, the Armenian Assembly of America’s Advocacy Summit Scholars initiative has grown into a dynamic platform for education, leadership development, and community building—made possible through the generosity and vision of devoted Assembly supporters. Their investment has empowered the next generation

of Armenian American advocates to lead with knowledge, purpose, and passion. Building on the success of its inaugural year, in 2025, the Advocacy Scholars Program quadrupled to 80 students. A vibrant cohort of Armenian American college students from across the United States—and Armenia—brought

youthful energy and a renewed commitment to advancing the Armenian cause.

In 2026, the Advocacy Scholars Program reached a significant new milestone, drawing nearly 200 applicants for 130 scholarships—an extraordinary testament to both the program’s growing impact, youthful energy, and commitment to advancing pro-Armenian issues.

Throughout the Summit, Advocacy Scholars engaged directly in the Assembly’s advocacy efforts, sharpened their policy knowledge, and forged lasting peer connections that will strengthen grassroots activism on college campuses nationwide—extending the Assembly’s reach well beyond Capitol Hill.

2026 Advocacy Summit Scholar Program: Year 3 class of 130 students



NEXUS PROGRAM

US Embassy, Yerevan Armenia with US Chargé d’Affaires David Allen, 2026



The Armenian Assembly of America’s Nexus Program is an immersive, week-long trip to Armenia, bringing together graduate students from top U.S. policy schools to engage directly with government officials, military leaders, and diplomats on the ground.

It is designed to turn classroom knowledge into real-world understanding and build a lasting network of U.S. policy professionals who know Armenia deeply and can engage meaningfully on its behalf.

What makes this program distinct is who it attracts — students who will staff leading bureaus at the State Department, and shape U.S. foreign policy for decades to come.



Founded in 1997 by the Armenian Assembly of America, the Armenian National Institute is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the study, research, and affirmation of the Armenian Genocide. ANI has produced a wide range of instructional material and exhibits documenting the Armenian Genocide primarily based on United States archival and historical records along with authenticated contemporary photography attesting to the crimes committed against the Armenian people during World War I.

The Institute is headed by Dr. Rouben Adalian, a historian specializing in the history of Armenia and the broader region. ANI is overseen by a Board of Governors and an Academic Council. The ANI Board of Governors includes: Van Z. Krikorian, Chairman, Bianka Kadian-Dodov, Treasurer and Secretary, Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, Dr. Armen Baibourtian, Mark Malkasian, Carolyn Mugar, and Annie Totah. Previously, Hirair Hovnanian, whose major gift to the Assembly made the formation of ANI possible, Edele Hovnanian, Jirair Haratunian, Anoush Mathevosian, and Aram Kaloosdian long served on the Board of Governors, with Kaloosdian holding the chairmanship for many years.

The Institute is also guided by an Academic Council composed of distinguished scholars and professors, with Dr. Baibourtian serving as

chairman of the Council, whose members include: Gregory Aftandilian of American University, in Washington, DC; Peter Balakian of Colgate University, in New York; Paul Boghosian of New York University, in New York; Antranig Dakessian of Haigazian University, in Beirut; Asya Darbinian of the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education at Brookdale Community College, in New Jersey; Barlow Der Mugerdechian of California State University, in Fresno; Daniel Fittante of the University of Helsinki, in Helsinki, Finland; David Hovhannisyan of Yerevan State University, in Yerevan, Armenia; Stefan Ihrig of the University of Haifa, in Israel; Harutyun Marutyan of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia, in Yerevan, Armenia; Robert Melson emeritus Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana; Claire Mouradian emerita, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), in Paris France; Vahram Shemmashian of the University of California, Northridge, California; Erna Shirinyan of the Matanadoran in Yerevan, Armenia; and Michelle Tusan of the University of Nevada, in Las Vegas. Previously, William Parsons of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; Christopher Simpson of American University, and Richard Hovannisian of UCLA served on the Council, with Hovannisian as its founding chairman.

ANI maintains a widely consulted website, www.armenian-genocide.org, where all of the information developed by the Institute, the documentary products, and a vast array of historical records are made freely available to the public.

The site is expressly designed to assist educators, researchers, policymakers, and the media with answers to the range of questions that are typically raised in discussions of the Armenian



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Armenian Ambassador to the U.S. Tatoul Markarian, Henry Morgenthau III, and Dr. Rouben Adalian

Genocide. Since its launch the ANI website has been utilized by over eight million visitors, and usage of the site has continued to grow year upon year. Also accessible through ANI is the online interactive Armenian Genocide Museum, www.armeniangenocidemuseum.org, that invites visitors to explore facets of the Armenian experience at their own pace. This project was supported by generous contributions from the Hirair & Anna Hovnanian Foundation, Edele Hovnanian, Estate of Agnes Kazanjian, Dr. Nishan Kechejian, Dr. Sarkis Kechejian, Anoush Mathevosian, the Alice Ohanessian Irrevocable Trust, Julie Kulhanjian Strauch, Noubar Tcheurekjian and the Trustees of the Armenian Assembly of America.

The ANI site also includes several digital exhibits originally created for the occasion of the centennial of the Armenian Genocide and that have remained extremely popular as they are freely downloadable. More recently, to document the ethnic cleansing of the Armenians of Artsakh and



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Carolyn Mugar, Robert Aram Kaloosdian, Hirair Hovnanian, Armenian Ambassador to the U.S. Dr. Arman Giragossian, and Dr. Rouben Adalian at ANI-Library of Congress 2000 Conference on "The American Response to the Armenian Genocide"

prevent the denial of another genocidal episode, ANI collected a large body of official documents and systematically compiled them on a webpage recounting this latest chapter of the Armenian Genocide, <https://www.armenian-genocide.org/nagorno-karabakh.html>.

ANI has organized and participated in numerous conferences and educational seminars, nationally and internationally, given countless print and broadcast media interviews, assisted researchers across the globe, furnished officials with requested materials and the latest scholarship on the Armenian Genocide, and undertaken extensive documentation projects. Among these one in particular is dedicated to preserving and honoring the memory of Ambassador Henry Morgenthau. This commitment has resulted in donations by the Morgenthau family of an official portrait of the ambassador and of his personal library to ANI that future generations may continue to be inspired by his exceptional service as a public figure and a humanitarian.



ATP friends and family visit the newly planted Arevashogh forest. Village Arevashogh, Spitak region, October 9, 2015



Since 1994, Armenia Tree Project (ATP) has become the recognized leader in climate and environmental work in Armenia, with more than 10 million trees planted across the country. Through large-scale reforestation and urban greening, ATP has restored degraded landscapes, revitalized communities, and strengthened Armenia's ecological resilience. A defining feature of ATP's work is its commitment to growing and planting native and endemic species. This includes the establishment of a pioneering seed bank dedicated to Armenia's endangered "Red Book" species, safeguarding critical genetic diversity, and supporting future conservation and reforestation efforts. Recognizing that long-term impact depends on people as much as ecosystems, ATP invests in environmental education to engage youth as the next generation

of stewards of Armenia's land through hands-on learning and community-based programs. ATP's impact extends beyond tree planting. Each year, ATP creates between 400 - 500 jobs in rural communities and supports vulnerable populations—including women and displaced individuals from Artsakh—in building livelihoods connected to the green economy. Overall, our programs engage thousands of beneficiaries annually, from rural villages to urban centers.

With decades of experience and a science-based approach, ATP continues to lead national efforts to combat climate change, restore biodiversity, and promote sustainable land use. Its work not only protects Armenia's natural heritage but also strengthens the well-being and resilience of its people for generations to come.



Dr. Henry (Ben) Morgenthau IV, Beckilynn Morgenthau, Henry Morgenthau V tree planting in memory of Ambassador Henry Morgenthau on the centennial of the Armenian Genocide with the Armenia Tree Project, Armenia, April 27, 2015



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ATP fruit trees with Mt. Ararat in the background

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ԱՄՆ Հայոց Արևելեան թեմի Առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Մեսրոպ Եպիսկոպոս Պարսամեանից տեղեկացանք Ամերիկայի Հայկական Համագումարի կողմից կազմակերպուող մեծարման հանդիսության մասին, յըթացս որի յատուկ պատուի պիտի արժանանան Համագումարի գործունեության մեջ երկարամեայ ծառայություն բերած ազգանուէր հայորդիներ Տիար Անթընի Պարսամեանը, Տիկին Քարոլին Մուկարը, Տիար Վան Գրիգորեանը, Դոկտ. Ռուբէն Ատալեանը, Տիար Պրայըն Արտունին և Տիկին Մարի Կարապետեանը:

Համազգային մեր կեանքում մեծ ու գովարժան վաստակ ունի Ամերիկայի Հայկական Համագումարը՝ հիմնադրման օրից ի վեր արդիւնաւորութեամբ նպաստելով հայութեան շահերի պաշտպանութեանը, Հայոց Ցեղասպանութեան միջազգային ճանաչմանը, Արցախեան հիմնախնդրի արդարացի լուծմանը և ԱՄՆ-Հայաստան միջպետական կապերի սերտացմանը: Իր աւելի քան կէս դարեայ առաքելութեամբ հաստատությունը համախմբեց ամերիկահայ համայնքի բազում նուիրեալների, ովքեր իրենց կարողությունները, փորձառությունն ու ներուժը ծառայեցրին ազգային նպատակների իրագործմանը և հայրենիքի զօրացմանը: Համագումարը կարևոր դերակատարություն ունեցաւ հայ ժողովրդի ձայնը Միացեալ Նահանգների քաղաքական շրջանակների առջև աւելի լսելի դարձնելու, ինչպէս նաև մեր երիտասարդ սերունդների ազգային ինքնագիտակցությունը զօրացնելու և համահայկական միասնականութեան ոգին կենսունակ պահելու գործում:

Հայրապետիս համար գոհունակություն է, որ այս տարի մեծարանքի են արժանանում Ամերիկայի Հայկական Համագումարի գործունեության ծիրից ներս աւելի քան քսանհինգ տարիներ անձնուէր ծառայություն բերած նուիրեալ գաւակները մեր ժողովրդի: Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնից Մեր սրտագին շնորհաւորանքներն ենք յղում պատուարժան մեծարեալներին՝ մաղթելով անսասան կորով, նորանոր յաջողություններ և ձեռքբերումներ հայրենանուէր առաքելութեան մեջ:

Հայրապետական Մեր օրհնությունն ենք յղում Ամերիկայի Հայկական Համագումարի Հոգաբարձուների Խորհրդի համաատենապետեր Տիար Օսքար Թադոսեանին և Տիկին Թային Եաքուպեանին, պատուարժան անդամներին և կազմակերպութեան գործունեության մեջ ներգրաւուած ազգասէր հայորդիներին:

Աղօթում ենք առ Ամենակալն Աստուած, որպէսզի Իր օրհնութեամբ անսասան ու հաստատուն պահի Ամերիկայի Հայկական Համագումարը՝ շարունակելու իր բարի ու արդիւնաշատ ծառայությունը մեր ժողովրդին և Հայրենի երկրին:

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To the Armenian Assembly of America
Boston, USA

With fatherly love and blessing, I extend my greetings to all members of the Armenian Assembly of America, our compatriots, and distinguished guests attending the Celebration of Service event.

For decades, the Armenian Assembly has played an important role in fostering a better understanding of Armenia and its people, our culture, our values and aspirations. Today, the Republic of Armenia, Artsakh, our Diaspora, and our Church, inseparable and integral parts of the Armenian nation, face new and more challenging threats. The Armenian Assembly's inclusive approach and firm engagement to professionally and realistically representing our positions, concerns and expectations in Washington and beyond are much appreciated.

My warm congratulations go to Mary Garabedian, Dr. Rouben Adalian, Bryan Ardouny, Carolyn Mugar, Anthony Barsamian, and Van Krikorian, for their highly distinguished service and accomplishments. I must note that Van was my student in 1980, at the Holy See of Cilicia, and that special relationship has endured. Their example should inspire every Armenian and remind us all that it is through firm unity, unconditional devotion, and committed service that we will preserve strength and resilience to overcome ordeals, protect our values and identity, and build a brighter future for our people and homeland as well as for the generations to come.

I wish the Armenian Assembly, the Honorees and all your supporters and friends a successful continuation of this important mission.

May God bless you.

Prayerfully,

ARAM I
CATHOLICOS OF CILICIA



May 15, 2026

Oscar Tatosian, Co-Chair
Talin Yacoubian, Co-Chair
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1016 16th Street NW, Suite 300
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Dear Oscar and Talin,

With prayerful good wishes, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Armenian Assembly of America on the occasion of its Celebration of Service. This gathering is a beautiful opportunity to honor faithful leadership, devoted service, and the enduring love our people have for the Armenian nation, the Armenian Church, and the Armenian-American community.

For more than five decades, the Armenian Assembly has served our people with dedication, and a deep sense of responsibility. Through advocacy, education, public engagement, and the strengthening of the bonds between the United States and Armenia, the Assembly has helped give voice to the concerns, hopes, and aspirations of Armenians across this country and beyond.

I am especially pleased to join you in recognizing this year's honorees: Anthony Barsamian, Carolyn Mugar, Van Krikorian, Dr. Rouben Adalian, Bryan Ardouny, and Mary Garabadian. Each of them, in their own way, has offered years of faithful service, generous leadership, and meaningful contribution to the life of the Armenian people. Their commitment and dedication has strengthened institutions, inspired new generations, and helped preserve the sacred inheritance entrusted to us.

As Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, I give thanks for the spirit of partnership and shared purpose that unites so many Armenian organizations in service to our people. When we work together with humility, wisdom, and love, we honor the sacrifices of those who came before us and prepare a stronger path for those who will come after us.

Please convey my sincere appreciation to the honorees, organizers, supporters, and all those gathered for this special evening. May God bless the Armenian Assembly of America, strengthen its mission, and guide all who serve our people with renewed hope and courage.

*"Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season
we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9)*

With prayers and blessings,

Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan
Primate

June 6, 2026

To the Honorees of the Armenian Assembly of America's Celebration of Service Gala

It is with profound joy and heartfelt admiration that I extend my sincerest congratulations to each of you upon receiving the Armenian Assembly of America's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of your more than twenty-five years of devoted and exemplary service. Though I am unable to be present with you in person for this auspicious celebration, please know that I am with you in spirit and in prayer, offering thanksgiving to Almighty God for your steadfast witness, leadership, and enduring commitment to the Armenian-American community and our collective sacred cause.

The Armenian Assembly of America has long stood as a pillar of advocacy, scholarship, Armenian Genocide education, and community engagement, and your faithful stewardship has helped shape and strengthen the organization across generations. Anthony Barsamian, Immediate Past Co-Chair; Van Krikorian, Chair Emeritus; Carolyn Mugar, President Emerita; Dr. Rouben Adalian, Director of the Armenian National Institute; Bryan Ardouny, Executive Director; and Mary Garabadian, Archivist — each of you has offered your talents, wisdom, and tireless energies with remarkable dedication and zealously in carrying forth the noble mission of the Assembly with enduring affection and conviction.

Over the years, I have had the blessing and privilege of knowing you personally as outstanding members of society and true gems within the Armenian-American community. Your integrity, perseverance, and unwavering devotion have inspired countless individuals and have enriched not only our national institutions, but also the spiritual and cultural fabric of our people. Through your service, you have preserved truth, advanced justice, strengthened Armenian identity, and uplifted future generations with vision and hope.

The Holy Scriptures remind us: "Serve one another humbly in love" (Galatians 5:13). Indeed, your lives stand as living testimonies to this sacred calling. In an age when genuine dedication and selfless service are ever more precious, your example shines brightly as a beacon of faithful leadership and communal responsibility.

May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless each of you abundantly with wisdom, strength, and peace. May He reward your labors of love and grant you many more years of fruitful service for the betterment of our Church, our nation, and all humanity.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Hovnan Derderian
Primate, Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America





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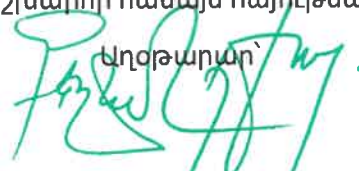
Քրիստոնեական սիրով եւ ազգային ապրումներով կ'ողջունենք Ամերիկայի Հայկական Համագումարը, Տնօրեններու Խորհուրդը, Պատուոյ Բարերարները, Ժրաջան գործակիցներն ու անդամները, որոնք աւելի քան 25 տարիէ ի վեր կը գործեն՝ Հայաստանի եւ Ամերիկայի Միացեալ Նահանգներու միջեւ գործակցութիւն հաստատելու ուղղութեամբ, նպատակ ունենալով ամրապնդել երկու երկիրներու յարաբերութիւնները պատմական, բաղաբական, տնտեսական, ընկերամշակութային եւ կրթական կալուածներէ ներս, միշտ յօգուտ Հայաստանի եւ հայ ժողովուրդի գոյութեանական իրաւունքին եւ Սփիւռքի մէջ հայկական ինքնութեան անաղարտ պահպանման:

Յատկապէս այս առիթով կը շնորհաւորենք Միութեան անսակարկ աշխատանքը Ամերիկայի բաղաբական կեանքէն ներս, ուր ան կը գործակցի Քոնկրէսի անդամներու, պետական պաշտօնեաներու եւ զանազան կազմակերպութիւններու հետ, մարդասիրական բարձր ամպիոններէ հնչեցնելու համար իրաւագրկուած հայ ժողովուրդի ծայրը՝ անցեալ դարու Հայոց Ցեղասպանութեան ճանաչման, Հայ Դատի արդար լուծման, թէ մօտիկ անցեալին արցախահայութեան անասելի կորուստներու հատուցման պահանջով:

Նաեւ, այս առումով կը գնահատենք Ամերիկայի Հայկական Համագումարի դերը՝ Հայաստանի պետականութեան աւելի եւս ամրապնդման եւ վիրաւոր Արցախին ցուցաբերած բոլորանուէր աջակցութեան համար եւ ի սրտէ կը շնորհաւորենք այսօրուան մեծարեալները, որոնց նուիրումովն էր յօգուտ Հայաստանի եւ հայ ժողովուրդին, ուսանելի է, տիպարային ու ներշնչող նաեւ գալիք հայ սերունդներուն համար:

Մեծարանքի արժանացած Տիկնայք եւ Պարոնայք,

Մեր մաղթանքն է, որ ծառայական ձեր ուղին մնայ լուսաւոր ու պայծառ՝ որպէս ազգային հաւատարմութեան ոգի: Թող Ամերիկայի Հայկական Համագումարին աշխատանքներն ու ծրագիրները նոր յաջողութիւններ պարգեւեն ամերիկահայ համայնքին եւ դառնան ազգային հպարտութեան աղբիւր՝ աշխարհի համայն հայութեան համար:


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June 6, 2026

Armenian Assembly of America
1016 16th Street, NW, Suite 300
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, we extend our warmest greetings as you gather for the Armenian Assembly of America's Celebration of Service in Boston.

We are proud to join the Armenian American community in recognizing the distinguished leaders and staff whose decades of dedication have helped strengthen Armenian American advocacy, advance Armenian Genocide education, and deepen the relationship between the United States and Armenia.

For decades, the Armenian Assembly of America has played a critical role in promoting civic engagement and raising awareness of issues important to the Armenian American community. This year's honorees reflect that enduring commitment to public service and leadership.

Congratulations to this year's honorees, and best wishes to all those assembled for this special occasion.

Sincerely,


Gus M. Bilirakis
Member of Congress


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May 18, 2026

Mr. Oscar Tatosian, Co-Chair
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Dear Mr. Tatosian and Ms. Yacoubian,

Thank you for your invitation to attend the Celebration of Service Gala on Saturday, June 6, in Boston.

On behalf of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), I extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes on this significant occasion. As you recognize members of the Assembly's Board of Trustees and long-term staff, we commend their dedicated service and meaningful contributions in support of the Assembly's mission.

We wish you continued success in your important work and in advancing positive impact for Armenian communities around the world.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and successful event.

Sincerely,

Serge D. Buchakjian
CEO/Executive Director



May 8, 2026

Oscar Tatosian, Co-Chair
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Dear Oscar and Talin,

On behalf of the Central Board of Directors of AGBU, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Armenian Assembly of America on the occasion of the *Celebration of Service*, a special evening of honor, impact, and inspiration.

For over 50 years, the Armenian Assembly has stood as a pillar of advocacy, leadership, and service within the Armenian American community. Through its steadfast commitment to strengthening U.S.-Armenia relations, promoting civic engagement, and preserving the rich history and cultural legacy of the Armenian people, the Assembly has earned the respect and admiration of communities around the world.

This year's honorees of the Armenian Assembly of America's *Distinguished Service Award* exemplify that enduring spirit of dedication and service. AGBU is pleased to join you in recognizing Board of Trustees Members Anthony Barsamian, Carolyn Mugar, Van Krikorian, and long-time staff members Dr. Rouben Adalian, Bryan Ardouny, and Mary Garabadian for their more than 25 years of extraordinary contributions and steadfast leadership. Through their tireless efforts, they have helped shape the Assembly's mission, strengthened advocacy on issues of importance to the Armenian community, advanced scholarship and education, and preserved the organization's institutional legacy for future generations. Their commitment stands as an inspiration to all who value public service and civic engagement.

AGBU deeply values the longstanding partnership and shared mission between our organizations. Many of our members have had the opportunity to serve on your Board at various times. We consider the Armenian Assembly to be a close ally in the pursuit of our own mission, and we look forward to a continuous working relationship for the benefit of our people and nation.

Please extend my sincere appreciation and congratulations to the honorees, organizers, supporters, and all those gathered for this special celebration. May the Armenian Assembly of America continue its important work with continued success and renewed purpose in the years ahead.

Warm Regards,

Sam Simonian
President



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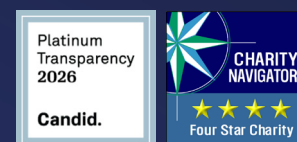
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