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AGBU Celebrates 120 Years of Legacy and Unity at its 94th General Assembly in Montréal



AGBU President Sam Simonian

More than 700 AGBU members, friends, and guests from around the world joined the organization's 94th General Assembly (GA) weekend in Montréal, Canada to mark a milestone that few non-profit Armenian organizations have reached:120 years of uplifting Armenian lives and building a foundation for the prosperity of all Armenians.

From Thursday, October 15 through Sunday, October 18, 2026, an extensive program of meetings, conferences, cultural and social experiences unfolded across some of Montréal's most iconic venues, hosted by the AGBU Montréal community, one of the most active in North America. Guided by the weekend's theme of Legacy, participants honored the vision of AGBU's founders, celebrated those who carry it forward, and looked to the future with an appreciation for the opportunities and challenges ahead.

The General Assembly

The official proceedings took place on Saturday, October 17, at the AGBU Alex Manoogian Center in Saint-Laurent. The morning opened with a grand procession of AGBU Alex Manoogian School students and representatives of AGBU Montreal's array of youth programs (Marching Band, Scouts, Sports, Hayortyats Or Saturday School, Youth Leadership Initiative, and Garni Dance Ensemble) who led all in the Canadian and Armenian national anthems. The opening continued with a video tribute to AGBU's 120-year journey, and an invocation by His Grace Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan, Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada.

As master of ceremonies, Central Board member Sarkis Jebejian welcomed distinguished guests, including His Eminence Archbishop Papken Tcharian, Prelate of the Armenian Prelacy of Canada; Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan; His Grace Bishop Ashot Mnatsakanyan, Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Egypt; reverend clergy; members of the AGBU Council of Trustees, including AGBU Honorary President Berge Setrakian, Elie Akilian, Joseph Oughourlian and Sinan Sinanian; Emeritus Central Board member Arshavir Gundjian; and Levon Afeyan, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Armenia in Québec. He thanked the AGBU Montréal Chapter, led by Chair Chahé Tanachian, Vice Chair Silva Mangassarian and Secretary Hagop Arslanian, and the cadre of local volunteers for their efforts throughout the three days of hosting and supporting the milestone occasion. He also read a letter from AGBU Council of Trustees Chairman Vatche Manoukian, who sent his warm wishes to the Assembly and called for renewed focus on serving the global Armenian Diaspora.

Following reports by Central Board Treasurer Nazareth Festekjian and Central Board member Haig Ariyan on behalf of the Auditing Committee, the Assembly approved AGBU's financial statements for 2024 and 2025.

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Members of the AGBU Central Board at the AGBU Alex Manoogian Center during the 94th General Assembly

Central Board members then shared the organization's progress and vision. Central Board member and President of AGBU Europe Camilio Azzouz outlined AGBU's three areas of focus: a strong and independent homeland, a growing Diaspora, and the Armenian Apostolic Church. Recalling that the Church preserved the Armenian people's faith, language and memory long before the modern state, he affirmed that AGBU has stood beside the Church for 120 years and always will, noting that "our role must always be to bring Armenians together, never to drive them apart." Central Board member and President of AGBU Armenia Vasken Yacoubian described AGBU's shift from aid to socio-economic development in Armenia, which has entered a flourishing era of economic growth and industrial maturity.

Central Board member Lena Sarkissian reported on AGBU's education programs which now reach more than 100,000 learners worldwide. AGBU Central Board Vice President Arda Haratunian highlighted the growth and impact of the Young Professionals (YP) global network and the recognition of APRI Armenia as one of the world's top 100 think tanks.

Central Board member Dr. Levon Nazarian, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the re-election of board members Haig Ariyan (US); Arnaud Attamian (UK), Camilio Azzouz (UK), Yervant Demirjian (US), Ari Libarikian (US), Ani Manoukian (US), Lori Muncherian (US), Lena Sarkissian (CA) and Vartkess Knadjian (CH) to another term on the Central Board, and the Assembly welcomed new member Nicholas Nazarian (US).

Among the distinguished guests were: Honorable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry and Minister Responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions; Her Excellency Anahit Harutyunyan, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to Canada; and His Excellency Andrew Turner, first resident and now former Ambassador of Canada to Armenia. Also in attendance were MP Annie Koutrakis, member of the House of Commons of Canada, Alain De Souza, Mayor of Saint-Laurent, and City Councilors Aref Salem and Vana Nazarian.

Messages of blessings and congratulations were also read on behalf of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians by His Grace Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan, and His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, by His Eminence Archbishop Papken Tcharian.

AGBU General Assembly 2026 Honorees

Continuing a longstanding General Assembly tradition, AGBU recognized individuals and groups for their exceptional service to the organization and the Armenian people. The highest honor in this regard is the Boghos Nubar Award. This year's recipient was announced and introduced by Central Board member and Co-President of AGBU France Nadia Gortzounian and bestowed by President Sam Simonian to Minister Mélanie Joly. In her remarks, Minister Joly recalled her October 2023 visit to Armenia as Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the wake of the forced displacement of as many as 120,000 Armenians from Nagorno-Karabakh. "There's nothing like going to meet people affected by crises, affected by war," she reflected. "It was important for me to visit the southern borders of Armenia, to sit down with strong Armenian women refugees and hear their stories." Minister Joly was joined by Annie Koutrakis, Member of Parliament for Vimy and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Jobs and Families, who delivered a congratulatory message from the Right Honorable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada.

Central Board Secretary Ani Manoukian announced and introduced the remaining awardees, first reflecting on how the Montréal community exemplifies what AGBU offers at every stage of life. She recalled her own connections to the city across generations, from childhood visits to family and friends at the AGBU school to AGBU FOCUS in Montréal in 2003. "You see different touchpoints of our lives, different generations," she said. "It is a beautiful community." The AGBU Alex Manoogian Award for Leadership was presented to Aram Yacoubian, benefactor, former Chair of the AGBU Montreal Chapter and former Vice Chair of the AGBU Alex Manoogian School Board. The AGBU President's Award for Outstanding Service was given to Hagop Arslanian, Secretary of AGBU Montreal; Boris Adjemian, Director of the AGBU Nubar Library in Paris; Takouhi Lepedjian, Coordinator of the AGBU District Committee of Lebanon; and Maroush Yeramian Nahhas, Archivist of the AGBU District Committee of Egypt, whose award was accepted on her behalf by District Chair, Dr. Kevork Erzingatzian. The AGBU Outstanding Service Award was presented jointly to the AGBU District Committee of Egypt and the AGBU Cairo Chapter, as well as to AGBU YP Nice.

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Central Board member and AGBU Armenia President Vasken Yacoubian reporting at the 94th General Assembly

Guided by Its North Star

In his address, President Sam Simonian reflected on his first two years as AGBU's eighth president, and on his duty to ensure that the founding principles that made AGBU the world's largest Armenian nonprofit organization remain its North Star. "That North Star is the theme of our GA weekend," he said. "It's called Legacy." He also spoke about his Touchpoints Tour, which since 2024 has taken him to AGBU communities around the world, giving him a firsthand understanding of each community. "There are more miles to go," he added, "but I have already gained a greater appreciation for the essential value that our local communities bring to the Armenian Experience." He reaffirmed the founders' commitment to non-partisanship and political neutrality and supporting all Armenian national institutions.

Looking ahead, Simonian shared his vision for two educational initiatives for the younger generation: bringing AI education to Armenian schools, with an emphasis on critical thinking and academic independence, and offering young people in Armenia online extracurricular education in financial literacy. He promised to report on their progress at the next General Assembly in 2028.

Ara Balikian, Chair of the Committee of Resolutions, then presented the Assembly's resolution, through which the General Assembly reaffirmed AGBU's commitment to the Armenian Church, the Armenian State and the Diaspora. To close the proceedings, AGBU youth joined President Simonian, Ambassador Harutyunyan, Honorary President Setrakian and members of the Central Board and Council of Trustees to cut a 120th anniversary cake, before leading the room in a rousing rendition of the AGBU anthem. Delegates and guests then gathered for lunch at the adjacent AGBU Alex Manoogian School.

LEGACY: Celebrating the Power of Global Unity

That evening, the weekend reached its inspirational peak at Montréal's landmark Théâtre Outremont with the world premiere of LEGACY: Celebrating the Power of Global Unity--a spectacular multimedia event, organized by AGBU Arts in collaboration with People of Ar Productions and generously sponsored by longtime AGBU Montréal benefactor Ani Yacoubian.

AGBU Montréal Chapter Chair Chahé Tanachian welcomed the audience, noting that through the darkest chapters of Armenian history and its brightest achievements, AGBU has remained "a source of hope, opportunity, and resilience." "As we celebrate 120 years of legacy, let us remember that a legacy is not only what we inherit," he remarked. "It is what we choose to build and what we leave for those who follow."

Featuring acclaimed Armenian musicians, fan-favorite vocalists, accomplished dance troupes and artistic producers, the collaborative all-encompassing concert and dazzling motion graphic artistry paid tribute to the Armenian Experience through time, intertwined with the telling of AGBU's 120-year history in an overture, five acts and coda: Shelter, Memory, Opportunity, Community and Continuity.

Headliner Sebu Simonian, one-half of the Grammy-nominated duo Capital Cities, performed works by Komitas alongside his hit Safe and Sound. He was joined by Emmanuel Hovhannisyan, first duduk player of the Armenian State Orchestra of National Instruments; pop singer and Eurovision alumna Inga Arshakyan; soprano Armine Vardanyan; oboist Hayk Hekekyan; the Serouj Kradjian Band; the Quatuor Rhapsodie String Quartet; and the Navasard Folk Project. Throughout the night, New York–based painter and video artist Kevork Mourad brought the music to life with live animated visuals.

The program moved from the haunting melodies of Komitas and Barsegh Kanachyan to the works of Arno Babajanian, Georges Garvarentz and Astor Piazzolla, with playful moments such as Kradjian's Vivaldi Eats Ghapama. AGBU Montréal's Garni Dance Ensemble performed Uzun Dara and Qochari and the AGBU Stars Children's Choir singing Bari Aragil. In the closing coda, The Next 120, the full company united for Garvarentz and Aznavour's Pour toi Arménie, a fitting finale to an evening built around a message: what survives is what we pass on.

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AGBU leadership, joined by clergy and distinguished guests, celebrates its 120-year legacy with an anniversary cake

Pre-Assembly Events

Leading up to the official GA meeting, four substantive events were organized by AGBU Global in conjunction with the AGBU Montréal community, each appealing to different interests of attendees.

YP Global Executive Meeting and YP Welcome Night: The weekend opened on Thursday, October 15, at the Montréal Marriott Château Champlain with the AGBU Young Professionals (YP) Global Executive Meeting, which convened 28 YP leaders from 11 countries, representing a network that now counts 50 groups worldwide. The program included a dance workshop led by Loussiné Khachadourian, chair of AGBU London; a presentation by Central Board member and President of AGBU Europe Camilio Azzouz on new professional development initiatives for the YP Network; and a content creation workshop led by Rouben Koulaksezian, author and founder of Little Armenias.

A highlight of the meeting was a fireside chat on community leadership with Central Board Secretary Ani Manoukian, moderated by Natasha Nouri, Vice Chair of AGBU YP Greater New York. Drawing on more than two decades in the YP Network, Manoukian offered practical advice on balancing a demanding career with volunteer life and on keeping teams motivated and spoke to the value of gatherings like this one. "There's nothing that can replicate the energy when you're sitting together with people who are like-minded and want to make a difference," she said.

She closed by asking the room to remember what first drew them to AGBU. "You signed up for this because something in you wants to give more," she said. "Reconnect with what that something is."

That evening, more than 200 young professionals kicked off the weekend in festive style at the YP Welcome Night hosted at Auberge Saint-Gabriel in Old Montréal.

Delegates Workshop: On Friday, October 16, more than 150 delegates from AGBU districts, chapters, and YP groups took part in the Delegates Workshop at the Marriott, led by Ani Manoukian and Camilio Azzouz. The day opened with a look back at 120 years of service guided by a simple principle: where there was need, AGBU responded. Presenters noted that AGBU's support for Armenia has remained unconditional and non-partisan for more than a century. Through its Artsakh Heritage Grants, AGBU continues to ensure that Artsakh is not forgotten. Delegates then turned to the organization's priorities in Armenia from 2026 onward: adult education and job training, youth engagement, a scalable curriculum and digital literacy for public schools, and programs that keep the Diaspora connected to the homeland. In breakout sessions, delegates discussed how their communities engage with Armenia today and how to grow their own, from scaling successful programs to reaching new generations.

APRI Montréal Meeting:

Immediately following the Delegates workshop, the APRI Armenia Montreal Meeting themed Armenia at the Crossroads: Geopolitics, Connectivity, and the Tech Frontier, offered an insightful discussion among international experts in related disciplines. APRI Armenia President Lara Setrakian opened with an overview of the think tank's mission and impact, followed by remarks from Board Chair Dr. Yervant Zorian and Board Member Arda Haratunian and an interview with former Canadian Ambassador to Armenia Andrew Turner.

Moderated by Setrakian, three panels examined The Economic and Strategic Acceleration of a High-Tech Armenia, US Policy in the South Caucasus and the Implementation of TRIPP, and US-Iran Tensions and the Future of the South Caucasus. Speakers included Raffi Krikorian, Chief Technology Officer of Mozilla; Garo Paylan, Scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and Dr. Hriar Cabayan, Visiting Scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, among other leading experts.

120th Anniversary Cocktail Dînatoire: On Friday evening, 420 guests filled Crew Collective, the grand former banking hall of the Royal Bank of Canada's historic headquarters in Old Montréal, for a 120th Anniversary Cocktail Dînatoire. Beneath soaring vaulted ceilings, members of the AGBU community celebrated 120 years of impact, connection and community.

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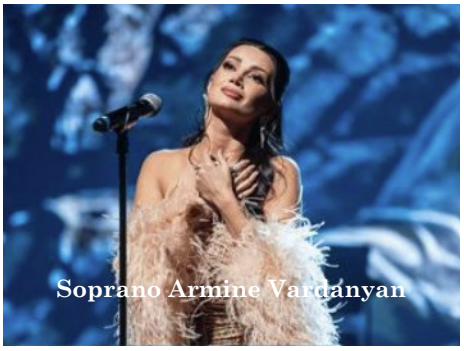

AGBU President Sam Simonian with Boghos Nubar Award recipient the Honorable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry


AGBU 94th General Assembly honorees

The evening was generously sponsored by longtime AGBU benefactors Aram and Bellinda Yacoubian. Event chair Bellinda Yacoubian welcomed guests with remarks, after which the program featured duduk player Emmanuel Hovhannisyan, DJ Crowna and visual artist Kevork Mourad.

Divine Liturgy: On Sunday, October 18, the Divine Liturgy at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Ashot Mnatsakanyan, was attended by past and present members of the AGBU Central Board and dozens of delegates from abroad. Before the sermon, Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan warmly welcomed his fellow Primate from Egypt who offered words of praise in recognition of AGBU's 120 years of legacy. A reception followed in the Diocese's reception hall.

Over four days in Montréal, AGBU members honored 120 years of service and looked ahead to the next, in the same spirit of unity that has put AGBU in the forefront of Armenian life since 1906.


Soprano Armine Vardanyan


Pianist Seroui Kradjian


Sebu Simonian of Capital Cities


Pop singer and Eurovision alumna Inga Arshakyan

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Every Sunday afternoon, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the voices of Kayla Bajakejian, Mihran Maldjian, Bedros Maldjian, Hagop Dishoyan, and Serge Panossian can be heard during the live broadcast of the ARHNJ Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey.

One outstanding quality they all share is their commitment to voluntary service. They serve by choice, generously giving their time and talents to the Armenian community.

All five volunteers are technologically savvy and can be trusted to run the two-hour program independently. As the accompanying photographs illustrate, broadcasting requires considerable multitasking. iPhones, iPads, the music board, and microphones must all work together seamlessly as music and announcements are brought to listeners over the airwaves.

These dedicated volunteers exemplify the spirit of community service and the importance of preserving Armenian culture and heritage through radio. Four of them are university students, offering great promise for continued community involvement and a bright, successful future.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all these volunteers for their dedication, technical skills, and willingness to serve. Their contributions help keep the Armenian voice alive on the airwaves and strengthen the bonds of our community.

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Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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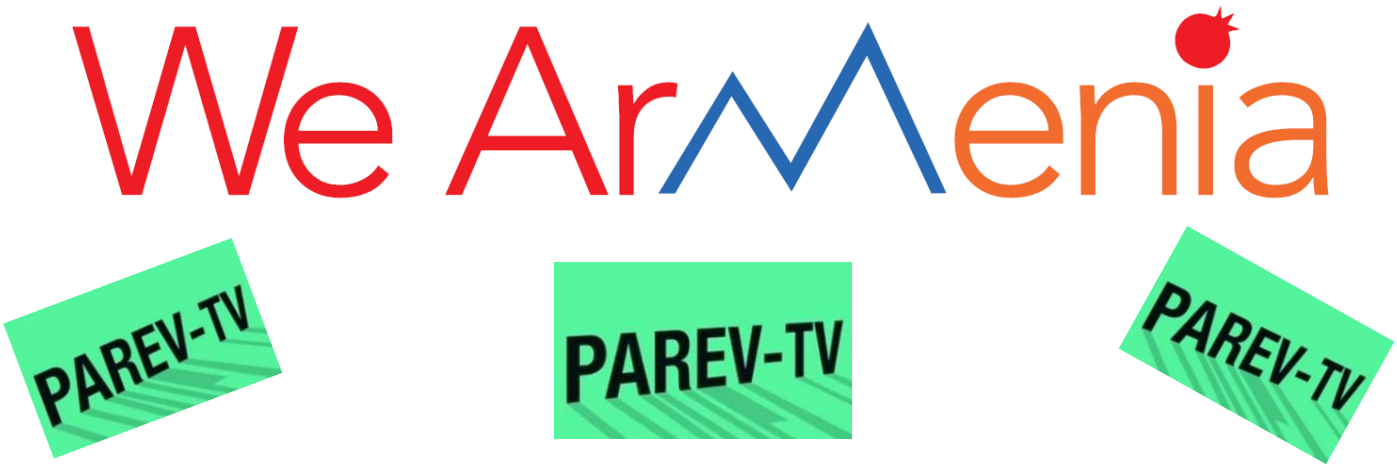
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եւ ամենուրեք տիրեց մթութիւն:
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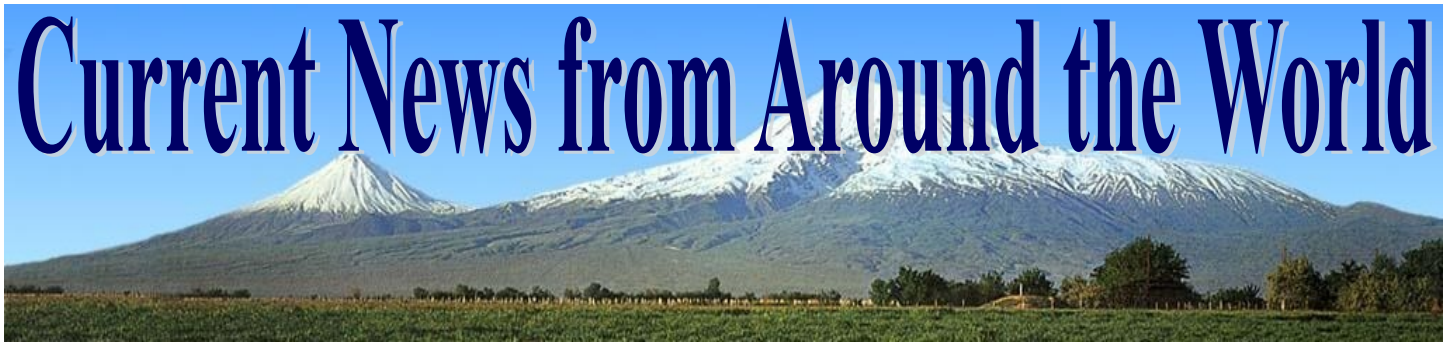
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Armenia and U.S. Discuss New Nuclear Power Plant as Yerevan Weighs Russian Proposal





Armenia and the United States have discussed the construction of a new nuclear power unit as Yerevan evaluates international proposals to replace its aging Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant.

Armenian Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure Narek Apitonyan met in Yerevan with a U.S. delegation led by Shauna Wilson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Security Assistance, to review ongoing bilateral energy projects and prospects for expanding cooperation.

According to Armenia's Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure, the discussions focused particularly on the proposed construction of a new nuclear power unit. However, the official statement did not specify whether the United States had submitted a formal construction proposal.

During the meeting, Apitonyan announced the appointment of Garik Nalbandyan as acting chief executive of New Nuclear Power Unit Construction CJSC, the company responsible for advancing the project. He expressed hope that the appointment would accelerate preparations for the new facility, including cooperation with American companies.

The discussions come as Armenia faces a critical decision regarding its long-term energy security. With less than a decade remaining in the current operating period of the Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant, the government is considering options for developing a replacement facility.

Recent statements by Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan suggest that Armenia may now favor constructing a large nuclear reactor rather than the small modular reactors previously under consideration.

Russia has also expressed interest in the project. During a visit to Yerevan in late September, the head of Russia's state nuclear corporation, Rosatom, presented a proposal to construct a VVER-1000 nuclear power unit, a water-cooled reactor with an electrical generating capacity of approximately 1,000 megawatts.

Following discussions with Prime Minister Pashinyan, Russian officials claimed that Rosatom had received positive signals from Armenia regarding its proposal.

However, the Armenian government has yet to indicate which country's proposal it intends to prioritize.

Pashinyan has emphasized that the final decision will be based primarily on economic and technical considerations, including cost, quality, safety, construction timelines, and guarantees.

The selection of a new nuclear power project will be a major decision for Armenia, shaping the country's energy infrastructure, electricity generation capacity, and long-term energy security for decades to come.

Armenia wins Junior Eurovision 2026



Armenian singer Naré has won the 24th Junior Eurovision Song Contest, held in Malta on Saturday, October 24.

13-year-old Naré's song "BOO!" captivated millions of viewers watching on TV and online around the world, topping the scoreboard with an impressive 202 points.

Spain's 10-year-old Lucas Paulano finished in second place with 184 points for "Cuore Bello (Te Quiero, Te Quiero)," while 12-year-old Alec from France took third place with "Comment Tu Vas ?," receiving 165 points.

Viewers helped decide the winner by voting online at JESC.tv, where they could vote for up to three songs.

Each national jury consisted of three music industry experts and two children aged 10 to 15, with jury votes accounting for 50% of the total score.

Armenia received 12 points each from Cyprus and Albania, 10 points each from the Netherlands and San Marino, 3 points from Portugal, 8 points each from France, Malta and Ukraine, 6 points each from Poland, Italy and Spain, 7 points from North Macedonia, 2 points from Ireland, and 5 points from Georgia in the jury vote.

Armenia awarded its 12 points to the Cypriot contestant.

"BOO!" was written by Lilit Navasardyan and Grigor Kyokchyan, and the song's music video was directed by Artur Manukyan.

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United States Donates $1.4 Million in Equipment to Strengthen Armenia's Border Security Along TRIPP Routes







The United States has donated approximately $1.4 million worth of vehicles and specialized equipment to the Border Guard Troops of Armenia's National Security Service (NSS), strengthening the country's border security capabilities, including along routes associated with the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) initiative.

According to the U.S. Embassy in Armenia, the donation was provided through the U.S. Department of State's Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Program.

The handover ceremony was attended by Shauna Wilson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Security Assistance; U.S. Chargé d'Affaires David Allen; and Colonel Roman Sahakyan, Chief of Staff of Armenia's NSS Border Guard Troops.

The assistance package includes vehicles, ambulances, protective equipment, maintenance tools, and advanced information technology equipment for the Ayrum border crossing.

The equipment is expected to increase the crossing's operational capacity, strengthen border management capabilities, and support the ongoing modernization of Armenia's border forces.

In a statement, the U.S. Embassy emphasized that the donation reflects the strong partnership between Armenia and the United States in the field of border security.

According to the embassy, American assistance will help Armenia's border forces protect the country's sovereignty while ensuring the safe movement of people and goods as Armenian authorities assume greater responsibility for securing their borders.

The assistance also supports security along routes important to regional connectivity, including those associated with the TRIPP initiative.

The United States reaffirmed its commitment to helping Armenia develop a properly equipped, modern, and professional border force, contributing to a safer and more prosperous future for Armenia, the region, and the United States.

Armenia First President Levon Ter-Petrosyan goes to medical center



Armenia's first president, Levon Ter-Petrosyan, was taken to the hospital on Monday, October 26. He is now at the Best Life Armenian-Japanese Medical Center, undergoing a scheduled medical examination at the Cardiology Clinic.

Ter-Petrosyan was born on January 9, 1845 in Aleppo, Syria. Her served as the first President of Armenia from November 11, 1991 -February3, 1998.

Her Majesty Queen Sofía of Spain visits Armenia



Her Majesty Queen Sofía, the former queen consort of Spain, visited the Garni Pagan Temple and the Symphony of Stones natural monument during her trip to Armenia. The Queen was accompanied by



Armenia's Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport Zhanna Andreasyan.

Queen Sofía's visit to Armenia will continue until October 29. Her Majesty will attend the award ceremony for the



Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development, as well as events aimed at strengthening friendly ties between Armenia and Spain.

NVIDIA Expands Operations in Armenia, Eyes Broader CIS Market



American technology giant NVIDIA has announced plans to expand its operations in Armenia, positioning the country as a regional hub for developing projects across other Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries. NVIDIA Vice President Rev Lebaredian shared the announcement in a LinkedIn post.

"We are building on our investments in Armenia's AI ecosystem and expanding those efforts across the region. Our recent visit to Kazakhstan with Jensen was another step in that direction. Other countries are next," Lebaredian wrote, referring to NVIDIA founder and CEO Jensen Huang.

According to Lebaredian, Armenia possesses the skilled workforce necessary to play a leading role in the company's regional expansion.

"Armenia has the talented professionals who can help lead this growth. We need people here who can connect that potential with opportunities beyond its borders," he stated.

Lebaredian also announced that NVIDIA is recruiting a Developer Relations Manager in Armenia to oversee relationships with software developers throughout the CIS region.

One of the major projects supporting NVIDIA's regional expansion is Firebird's artificial intelligence data center in Armenia. Announced in June 2025 with an initial investment plan of approximately $500 million, the project entered its first operational phase in August 2026 with the launch of a new facility in Hrazdan.

Developed with technological support from NVIDIA and Dell Technologies, the Firebird data center is initially designed to accommodate 6,144 high-performance NVIDIA graphics processing units (GPUs). These processors provide the computing power required to develop, train, and deploy artificial intelligence systems, serving Armenian and international companies and researchers.

Firebird plans to significantly expand its Hrazdan facility, increasing the number of installed GPUs to more than 70,000 and its infrastructure capacity to 300 megawatts by the end of 2027. The company previously announced plans to increase its total investment in Armenia to $4 billion.

Beyond Armenia, Firebird is developing similar AI infrastructure in Kazakhstan with NVIDIA's technological support. In partnership with the Kazakh telecommunications company Kazakhtelecom, the project involves constructing a large-scale artificial intelligence data center. The first phase is already under construction, with operations scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2027.

According to the Kazakh government, agreements signed in June 2026 between Firebird and its Kazakh partners envision approximately $10 billion in investments in artificial intelligence infrastructure.

Armenian Parliament Ratifies U.S.–Armenia Strategic Cooperation Agreement on TRIPP



Armenia's National Assembly ratified the framework agreement on strategic cooperation between Armenia and the United States concerning the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) project on October 28, with 63 lawmakers voting in favor and 32 against.

The agreement, signed in Washington on June 1, 2026, and in Yerevan on June 4, 2026, provides for the establishment of uninterrupted multimodal transit connections through Armenian territory between mainland Azerbaijan and Nakhichevan, as well as the development of the Trans-Caspian trade route.

The framework agreement was debated in parliament on October 27 and presented by Armenia's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ararat Mirzoyan.

Its political foundation rests on the joint declaration signed in Washington on August 8, 2025, by Armenia's prime minister and Azerbaijan's president, witnessed by the U.S. president, as well as the TRIPP implementation framework announced on January 13, 2026, by the U.S. secretary of state and Armenia's foreign minister.

One of the central issues raised during parliamentary discussions concerned legal guarantees for Armenian citizens traveling through Azerbaijani territory and whether the principle of reciprocity would be upheld.

Because the ratified document is a bilateral framework agreement between Armenia and the United States, it does not impose legal obligations on Azerbaijan.

While the agreement outlines arrangements for uninterrupted transportation between Azerbaijan and Nakhichevan through Armenian territory, Azerbaijan has not signed a legally binding document guaranteeing equivalent transit rights for Armenian citizens traveling through its territory, including routes through Nakhichevan to southern Armenia or other destinations.

Chairs Thrown, Lawmakers Injured as Violence Erupts in Armenian Parliament



Armenian lawmakers exchanged punches, threw chairs and overturned tables during a parliamentary session Thursday, leaving several injured and forcing security officers to intervene in the second violent confrontation between government and opposition members this month.

The fight broke out between lawmakers from Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's ruling Civil Contract party and the opposition Strong Armenia faction during a debate over an appointment to the Audit Chamber, which oversees public spending.

Video footage showed lawmakers pushing and striking one another as others tried to separate them. Deputy Speaker Vahagn Aleksanyan was seen throwing a chair toward opposition members, while ruling party lawmaker Taron Chakhoyan splashed water on opposition lawmaker Garnik Davtyan.

Several lawmakers fell to the floor as the fighting spread across the chamber. An ambulance was called to parliament after legislators sustained injuries.

The confrontation began when Chakhoyan, responding to corruption allegations from opposition lawmakers, brought up the family of Strong Armenia parliamentary leader Narek Karapetyan.

Chakhoyan referred to an earlier statement by Karapetyan's cousin about establishing a separate government ministry for women and criticized the failure to apologize for the remark.

Karapetyan responded from his seat, and the exchange quickly turned personal. Within moments, lawmakers from both sides were on their feet, pushing and confronting one another.

National Assembly Speaker Ruben Rubinyan initially refused to suspend the sitting, even as tensions escalated.

"I am deliberately not calling a recess so everyone can see this. The session will continue like this. Let everyone see," Rubinyan said.

Turkey Moves Forward With Rebuilding 1,000-Year-Old Bridge at Ani, Linking Historic Western Armenian Lands to Armenia



Turkey has completed the tender process to rebuild the 10th-century Ani Bridge on its border with Armenia, moving forward with a joint restoration project as the two countries work to normalize relations.

Turkish Transport and Infrastructure Minister Abdulkadir Uraloglu said the reconstruction contract was signed September 28, according to Türkiye Today. The project will be carried out under the supervision of a joint Armenian-Turkish commission.

The medieval stone bridge once crossed the Akhuryan River, connecting the two sides of a major Silk Road trade route. Today, only remnants of its original supports remain.

The project follows an agreement signed May 4 in Yerevan by Armenia's special envoy for normalization talks, Ruben Rubinyan, and his Turkish counterpart, Serdar Kilic. Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Turkish Vice President Cevdet Yilmaz attended the signing.

Turkey's General Directorate of Highways opened the restoration tender September 16. Uraloglu said the reconstruction is intended to preserve the bridge's historical significance and pass an important part of the Silk Road's heritage to future generations.

The bridge stands near Ani, the former capital of the medieval Armenian Bagratid kingdom. Once a major center of trade and culture, the city is now an archaeological site in eastern Turkey, overlooking the Armenian border. UNESCO added Ani to its World Heritage List in 2016.

The restoration is among the latest concrete steps in the normalization process between Armenia and Turkey. The two countries have held talks and reached several agreements in recent years, but their land border remains closed to regular traffic, and they have yet to establish full diplomatic relations.

Neither a construction timeline nor a budget for the bridge's reconstruction has been announced.

Armenia Named Among National Geographic's Best Travel Destinations for 2027



Armenia has been recognized as one of the world's top travel destinations in National Geographic's list of the best places to visit in 2027.

According to Armenia's Tourism Committee, the prestigious publication highlighted the country's striking natural beauty, mountainous landscapes, and expanding opportunities for outdoor adventure.

Particular attention was given to the Transcaucasian Trail, which offers travelers the opportunity to explore remote regions of Armenia, discover historic monasteries, and experience traditional rural communities.

The article also recognized ongoing efforts to improve hiking infrastructure and develop the Armenian National Trail, an initiative aimed at making the country's natural and cultural attractions more accessible to visitors.

In a statement, Armenia's Tourism Committee welcomed the international recognition, emphasizing its importance in promoting the country as an emerging destination for nature enthusiasts, adventure travelers, and hikers.

"Coverage by prestigious international media outlets contributes to raising Armenia's profile as an attractive destination for nature tourism, adventure travel, and hiking," the committee stated.

The recognition is expected to further strengthen Armenia's international tourism profile and draw attention to its diverse landscapes, historic landmarks, and growing network of hiking trails.

Armenia's Anti-Corruption Committee chairman attends IACP 2026 conference in United States



Artur Nahapetyan, Chairman of Armenia's Anti-Corruption Committee, participated in the 2026 conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in Orlando, Florida, as part of a visit organized with the support of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) of the U.S. Embassy in Armenia.

Representatives of law enforcement agencies from several countries held bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the conference.

According to the Anti-Corruption Committee's press release, Nahapetyan met with Lesley Ziman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), and Nicholas Collura, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security and Director of the Diplomatic Security Service. They discussed expanding law enforcement cooperation, information exchange, and the application of modern methods to combat corruption.

As part of the international conference, Nahapetyan also visited a specialized exhibition, where he familiarized himself with the latest technological equipment used in law enforcement.

On October 27, in Washington, Nahapetyan met with Armenia's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States, Narek Mkrtchyan. The sides discussed effective cooperation with U.S. partners and joint programs being implemented in Armenia's law enforcement sector with their support.

Issues related to cooperation with the Committee in several areas were also discussed during a bilateral meeting with Rachel Cook, the INL Bureau's coordinator for programs in Armenia.

On the same day, Nahapetyan also held meetings with representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

In particular, the discussions focused on opportunities to expand cooperation with the FBI, develop the Anti-Corruption Committee's institutional and professional capacities, and implement new programs aimed at improving the knowledge and practical skills of the Committee's staff.

During a working meeting at the U.S. Department of Justice, the sides discussed ways to improve the effectiveness of cooperation within the framework of mutual legal assistance, refine procedures for handling relevant requests, and improve information exchange between international partners.

The sides emphasized that developing mutual legal assistance mechanisms is an important prerequisite for effectively detecting cross-border corruption crimes, conducting comprehensive investigations into related circumstances, and facilitating the recovery of assets acquired through criminal activity.

On October 28, Nahapetyan also visited the FBI National Academy, where he learned about its history and the facilities used for FBI employees' physical training and professional development.

Armenia acquires new Czech jet aircraft



Armenia has officially confirmed the acquisition of Skyfox training and light combat aircraft to upgrade its defense capabilities. The nation's Defense Minister Suren Papikyan announced the incoming delivery after inspecting the first three airframes during a visit to manufacturer Aero Vodochody in Czechia.

Papikyan verified that these aircraft would soon join the Armenian Air and Air Defence Force. Industry reports suggest the initial contract encompasses four jet trainers, marking a key milestone in the country's military procurement program.

The jet functions as an effective bridge for pilot training while serving light ground-attack and tactical reconnaissance roles and to deploy various weapons systems, substantially elevating operational flexibility for tactical commanders.

"This visit underscores our commitment to deepening international partnerships and equipping our armed forces with advanced, reliable technology designed for modern air operations," stated representative officials during the manufacturing facility tour.

Future integration plans will likely reveal whether additional batches will follow as defense needs evolve.

27th Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development Awards Ceremony Held in Yerevan









The 27th Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development award ceremony, organized by the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND), was held in Yerevan, Armenia, bringing together international dignitaries, government officials, and development leaders to recognize innovative initiatives addressing global challenges.

The ceremony was attended by Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan; Her Majesty Queen Sofía of Spain; Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal Al Saud of Saudi Arabia, Chairman of AGFUND's Board of Directors and Prize Committee; members of Armenia's National Assembly and government; ambassadors, diplomats, members of the prize committee, and other distinguished guests.

During the ceremony, four projects were honored for their innovative approaches to clean energy, sustainable development, and improving living conditions in vulnerable communities.

The awards were presented by Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal Al Saud, Chairman of AGFUND.

The winning initiatives focused on four key areas: climate-resilient water supply systems, food security and sustainable livelihoods, technologies that convert waste into biofuels, and solar-powered irrigation services designed to support small-scale farmers.

The Prince Talal International Prize carries a total award fund of $1 million, distributed across four categories, recognizing projects that offer practical, innovative, and sustainable solutions to development challenges.

in an x-post Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal Al Saud: It was an honour to visit Armenia and celebrate the 27th Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development in Yerevan, held under the patronage of His Excellency President Vahagn Khachaturyan, and graced by the presence of Her Majesty Queen Sofía of Spain, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, senior officials and distinguished international guests.

Taking place alongside COP17 in Armenia, the ceremony carried particular significance, highlighting the inseparable connection between human development and environmental protection, while honouring Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz's enduring vision of investing in people.

My sincere appreciation to the Armenian leadership and people for their warm welcome, generous hospitality and friendship.

Background: The Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development

The Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development is an international award established by the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND), a Saudi-based regional development organization founded in 1980 through the initiative of the late Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

AGFUND works to promote sustainable human development, poverty reduction, financial inclusion, education, healthcare, and the empowerment of disadvantaged communities, particularly women and children.

The prize was established to recognize and encourage innovative development projects that address pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges. It also seeks to promote successful development models that can be replicated in other communities and countries.

Named in honor of AGFUND's founder, Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the award reflects his longstanding commitment to international cooperation, social progress, and improving living standards in developing countries.

The prize recognizes projects implemented by international organizations, national institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and community-based initiatives. Its four award categories collectively carry $1 million in prize money.

The 27th ceremony in Yerevan highlighted the growing importance of sustainable energy, climate resilience, food security, and innovative technologies in advancing human development worldwide.

AMAA's Khoren and Shooshanig Avedisian School Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders







This week, as representatives from around the world gathered in Yerevan for COP17, the United Nations Biodiversity Conference, another global conversation was taking place at AMAA's Khoren and Shooshanig Avedisian School.

Nearly 50 students from 15 countries joined Avedisian School students to share ideas, present research, and explore environmental challenges facing their communities.

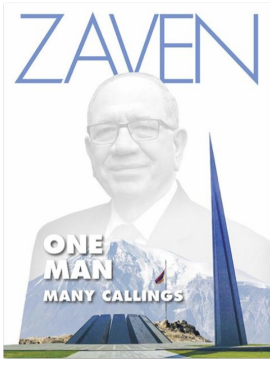
For months, participating students had been collaborating online, exchanging ideas and developing recommendations on environmental issues. At Avedisian School, those conversations came to life—across countries, cultures, and classrooms.

The setting could hardly have been more fitting. Designed with sustainability in mind, the Avedisian School building was the first in Armenia to receive LEED certification, reflecting a commitment to environmental responsibility that extends beyond the classroom.

It is about more than academics. It is about giving young people the knowledge, confidence, and opportunities to think critically, engage with the wider world, and become tomorrow's leaders.

The Armenian Missionary Association of America Boston Child Care Committee will present HYEMINDS, an inspiring evening benefiting the Khoren and Shooshanig Avedisian School in Yerevan, Armenia.
Community members are invited to join Friday, November 13, at the Wellesley Country Club in Wellesley, Massachusetts, for an unforgettable evening dedicated to education, opportunity, and hope.

Zaven Khanjian's Papers and Writings Compiled in Impressive New Volume



'Zaven: One Man Many Callings' Will be Unveiled on November 8

Zaven Khanjian, the veteran community leader, activist and long-time Executive Director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, passed away in August 2024, leaving behind volumes of writings, letters, memories and documents.

His family, led by his wife, Sona Khanjian, has spent the last two year collecting, cataloging and compiling his vast trove of documents that has resulted in an impressive volume titled, "Zaven: One Man Many Callings."

The coffee table-style book will be unveiled during a special event on November 8 at 5 p.m. at the Armenian Society of Los Angeles headquarters, located at 117 South Louise Street in Glendale.

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- **November 7, 2026 - Constantinople Rmenian Relief Society presents "The Fools Dinner"**
- **November 13, 2026 - AMAA evening supporting the Khoren & Shooshanig Avedisian School**
- **November 22, 2026 - Lilit Pipoyan live in concert at St. Mary Armenian Church**
- **November 22, 2026 - AAHPO Medical Forum on Dementia and Alzheimer's**
- **December 5, 2026 - Christmas Candlelight Advent Tea at St. Mary Armenian Church**
- **December 12, 2026 - 23rd annual COAF event**
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- **January 16, 2027 - Armenian Heritage Cruise**
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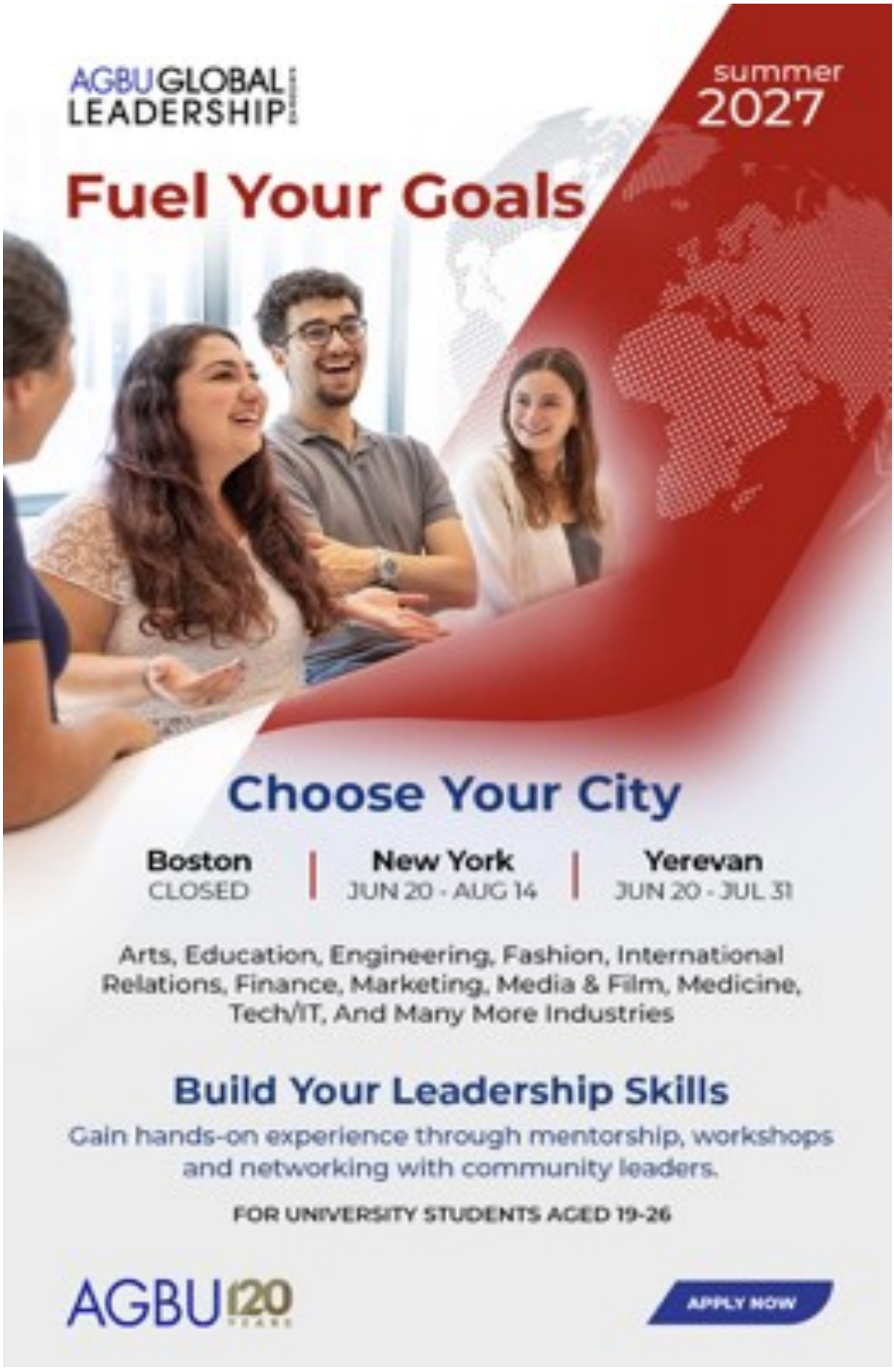
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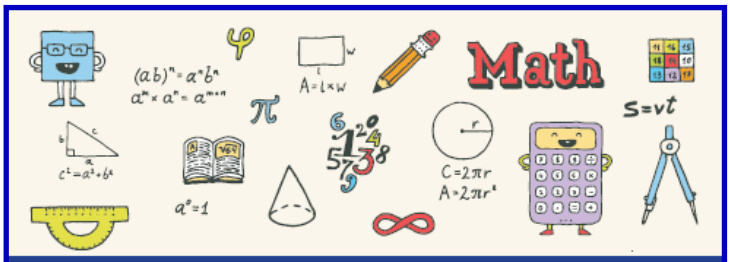
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