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AEF holds reception for scholarship recipients in Yerevan

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Yerevan- It has become a tradition for Armenian Educational Foundation (AEF) to organize a reception in Yerevan at the beginning of each new academic year with AEF scholarship recipients and graduates of the scholarship program. For the 2015-16 academic year, AEF awarded 128 scholarships to students attending public universities in Armenia and Artsakh.



The purpose of the reception was to introduce the scholarship recipients to each other, to the AEF members and sponsors who have traveled to Yerevan, to congratulate and wish the graduates success in their chosen careers, and to award certificates for successful completion.

Prior to the Yerevan reception, AEF members travelled to Stepanakert, Artsakh to meet with the 19 scholarships recipients attending Artsakh State University.



AEF members with Artsakh scholarship recipients

This year there were 65 new students selected from 500 applicants, along with 63 continuing students from previous years. Scholarships are granted for the full annual tuition to deserving students with high scholastic achievement and financial need.

AEF Board Members Vahik Petrossian and Hermineh Pakhianians congratulated the scholarship recipients and thanked the AEF Scholarship Committee in Yerevan for the difficult work they had undertaken to solicit, collect, review, select and award the scholarships to such deserving students. The chairperson of the AEF Scholarship Committee, Seda Davidian, presented certificates to the 21 students who graduated their university studies.



AEF Board members with students graduating scholarship program

Eleven of the 21 graduates already have employment and eight students are continuing their education for a Master's degree.

The second part of the evening was aimed to foster interaction between the students and sponsors. A round table discussion in small groups was organized by AEF Scholarship Committee member Madlene Minassian. The 8-10 students were seated with one or two AEF members/sponsors for the round table discussions, which was based on number of different themes. The themes included: *What destination in Armenia would you recommend to a tourist (something off the common tourist map); Why do you think more females apply for AEF scholarships than males; What is the last positive change that you noticed in your country and or community; If you were the donor, where would you spend your dollars- How would you help Armenia grow.*

As a result of the interactions and discussions, AEF members and sponsors were impressed and excited about the potential and promise of the students. The students formed closer friendships and support bonds for the coming year.

AEF was established in 1950 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Armenian students and educational institutions. AEF's 65th Anniversary will be celebrated on January 31, 2016 at the Beverly Hills Hotel.