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Scholarship recipients share \$48,000

The Armenian Students' Association has awarded a total of \$48,000 in scholarships to 21 recipients for 2005. These grants will assist the recipients with their educational expenses at various colleges and universities in the United States.

Listed are the winners and the school that they attend. The ASA extends its congratulations and best wishes to the following 2005 scholarship recipients:

Eliz Agopian / Univ. of New York at Buffalo Medicine, Alexandra Allukian / Wellesley, Jennifer Allukian / Indiana Univ., Helen Arzoumanian / BC School of Law, Natasha Azarian / Univ. of California Berkley, Serineh Bagdasarian / Columbia Law, Marissa Boyajian / Syracuse Univ., Varazdat Boyajian / UCLA Dentistry, Sara Dandurant / Merrimack College, Peter Hanoian / Providence College,

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ASA welcomes new scholarship grant

RHODE ISLAND—Members of both the ASA Board of Trustees and the Scholarship Committee were on hand to welcome the establishment of a new scholarship grant which the organization will benefit from. In November of 2003, the Rhode Island Armenian community lost a vibrant and accomplished friend in Vaughn Avedisian. An outpouring from the community encouraged Mr. Avedisian's sister, Sylvia Long, and close friend, John Takian, to memorialize to spirit of this great man in the form of a scholarship fund.

After formally establishing the Vaughn Avedisian Memorial Grant, the response was both

immediate and overwhelming. Enough funds were generated to allow its founders to provide two scholarship instead of just one. They approached the ASA and indicated their preference for a



(l to r): Mrs. Vaughn (Marie) Avedisian, Peter Hanoian, Sylvia Long, John Takian, Lori Kooloian, and Azarig Kooloian Jr. share in honoring Vaughn Avedisian and in recognizing worthy students.

grant that would assist an Armenian college student from their own state of Rhode Island. To their great satisfaction, Peter Hanoian, a North Providence resident and student at Providence College, was high on the Scholarship Committee's list this year of worthy applicants.

The Providence Branch of the ASA held an event in August to show its gratitude to Mr. Avedisian's family and friends. That same night, ASA Scholarship Committee Chair Lori Kooloian recognized Peter as the scholarship winner and the first to benefit from the grant.

Its founders and the ASA are hopeful that the grant will be able to assist students for years to come in honor of Mr. Avedisian.

