

MATHEW ATKINS, SOCCER PLAYER, RECEIPT OF THE "ANGELO LIANGIS" SCHOLARSHIP OFF TO GREECE TO TRAIN WITH EUROPEAN PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB PANATHINAIKOS

The young and very promising soccer player of the Canberra Olympic Football Club Mathew Atkins leaves on 21 September for a three weeks training at the Panathinaikos Soccer Academy in Athens as the inaugural winner of the "Angelo Liangis Scholarship".

Mrs Sotiria Liangis and her son John Liangis, a very well known Canberra Greek family with an unprecedented love and support to worthy charity, art and sport causes established the annual "Angelo Liangis Scholarship" in memory of their late husband and father. The late Mr Angelo Liangis was the first goalkeeper of the Canberra Olympic Football Club in the early seventies.

The purpose of the "Angelo Liangis Scholarship" is to identify talent in soccer and to promote a pathway for junior and under age soccer players of the Canberra Olympic Club.

The main scholarship is for a player under 20 years old selected by the coaches and the Board of the Club and entitles him to travel to Greece, train and play with Panathinaikos one of the major football teams in Greece and the only one which has an academy for junior soccer hopefuls.

The "Angelo Liangis Scholarship" includes other awards for junior and under age players to assist with the costs of attending the ACT Academy of Sports.

The winner of the 2009 "Angelo Liangis Scholarship" will be announced at the Annual Presentation Night of the Canberra Olympic Football Club to be held on Friday 23 October 2009 at the Hellenic Club of Canberra.



Fight to keep the Greek language open

The topic is very important and very interesting.

The fight to keep the Greek language open and it is still alive.

Now the most important part it has to follow and that is the Motivation and Reasons for the Greek Australian students to be impressed and to show a bit more interest to the feature of the next Greek-Australian generations in Australia.

If we find ways to make the Greek-Australian students to express their Greek Filotimo and Honesty then thinks will improve dramatically.

Some of the reasons you can try and motivate those students are:

1. Scholarships [Ypotrofies] by the Greek associations & the Greek federations from all over Australia and / or Greece.
2. Work experience at the Uni's and schools etc here in Australia and in Greece.
3. May be some assurances for a future and permanent jobs in the trade of the Greek Language Teachers at the Public and the private schools here in Australia and Greece.
4. Exchange students with the ones from the Greek Universities so our kids can have a better view and opinion of what this job is about...
5. Like the doctors at the beginning of their carriers send them at schools and places where it is difficult for the students to find the proper Greek teacher to teach them the Greek language and culture and history and itimi & ethima etc ...where there is something attractive and serious reasons and excuses for them to go ...schools for poor kids or disadvantaged students or isolated areas and country little towns etc...
6. Treat those students with the extra respect they deserve for their effort of trying and learning the Greek Language so they can be the ambassadors to the next Greek Australia generations.

It is like the job the priest has here or from Greece... it is a Litourgima and an institution...

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely
Theo Megalokonomos

Migenes performed a cabaret-type show at the Royal Theatre

The daughter of an immigrant from the Aegean island of Chios and a Spanish woman the diva of the opera, Julia Migenes, gave a concert in Thessaloniki.

Speaking about her family Ms. Migenes revealed that her mother had 5 children, two with her husband and three with her next-door neighbor, Kostas Mouzianakis, who was her real father. Her mother married her father when she was 10 years old. She said that her parents are Europeans but she is an American and when she comes to Greece she feels her roots.

Referring to the opera, she said that this kind of music is not very popular, adding that the American students do not learn anything about music in school.

Ms. Migenes stated that she had her first experience with the opera at the age of three when her mother woke her up one night to replace the little girl that was playing Madame Butterfly's little girl.

Ms. Migenes concluded that she continues to work hard and that



she tries not to take herself seriously.

Julia Migenes is one of the world's leading opera singers, who has also had a successful career in musicals, Julia Migenes, introduced her audience to the world of one of the greatest classical composers, Franz Schubert. Grammy-winning Migenes gave a historic performance in Francesco Rossi's Carmen, has performed with Placido Domingo and Ruggero Raimondi and was an inspiration to Leonard Bernstein.

The concert was a one night only at the Royal (Vassiliko) Theater.

She has recorded more than 20 albums and won a Grammy Award Carmen. She was also nominated for the Cisar Awards as best



actress. Her one woman show, Diva on the Verge (2000), is available on DVD from Kultur Video. Her fame has spread worldwide and in other performance media and genres. She appeared in an episode of the Emmanuel Lewis vehicle, Webster. She guest starred in the TV series The New Twilight Zone episode "Grace Note". Director Peter Medak asked her to appear in his opera film La voix humaine for the soundtrack to (1990).

In 2004, she was in the opera version of Angels in America which premiered at the Theatre du Châtelet: a TV broadcast version is expected to be released on DVD.

OPEN FORUM

The Australian Hellenic Council (NSW) invites all the Australian Hellenic community to an open forum on WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER at the "Alexander the Great" Macedonian Club, Livingstone Road, Marrickville, from 7pm.

AGENDA

1. Review of the AHC National Conference, Canberra, June 2009
2. 2009 NIKE Award
3. Meeting of regional AHCs, Melbourne, Sunday 1 November 2009
4. "Australia-Skopje Relations Forum", Federal Parliament, Canberra, 7 September 2009
5. Official visit of the Prime Minister of Skopje, Nikola Gruevski (October 2009)
6. Date of 2009 Annual General Meeting

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