George Logothetis Introduction

As president of The American College of Greece, it is my pleasure to welcome you to a special Activity Hour Conversation.

Before turning the stage over to Haris Daskalothanasis, Executive Director of Student Retention, who will moderate today’s conversation with our distinguished guest, it is my distinct privilege to introduce George Logothetis.

George Logothetis joined his family’s shipping company in 1994 at the age of 19. Beginning with three ships, he transformed the family firm into the Libra Group, a global enterprise with 30 subsidiaries on five continents, including:

• 4 million square feet of residential and commercial property
• 90 helicopters
• 55 ships
• 40 hotels - and
• 1 Greek manufacturer of sustainably-sourced mattresses and other natural sleep products – to which I owe my excellent sleep at the ACG President’s House

In June 2013, ACG awarded an honorary doctorate to George Logothetis in recognition of his extraordinary achievements as an international business leader but
also in recognition of his investment in philanthropic causes, especially education and specifically The American College of Greece.

In late spring 2011 George shared with us his vision for an innovative corporate internship program. That vision quickly led to the launching in fall 2011 of the Libra International Internship and Study Abroad Program, which to-date, including the 2015 Libra Internship class, has supported 51 ACG students in life-changing experiences across the globe.

A number of these 51 students are here today and I would like to ask them to stand. Others could not be here because they are already employed full-time around the world, including several in Libra subsidiaries. I would encourage you to speak with these students to learn for yourself just how exceptional this opportunity is. Thank you, you may be seated.

Now, our staff was eager for me to tell you that Libra hopes to select at least 20 ACG interns for the Libra internships that begin in January 2016. The time period for submitting applications for these positions will be open very soon – Monday, February 2, 2015 – with an application deadline of March 20, 2015 at 5PM sharp. Early applications are encouraged! Interviews will be conducted on campus beginning the week of April 20 and continuing through the week of May 4.
With all that said, I think now you have a clear picture of why we invited you here today. So, please join me in welcoming one of the best friends of The American College of Greece and our students, the Chairman and CEO of the Libra Group, Dr. George Logothetis, as well as our conversation moderator, Haris Daskalothanasis.