

ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP FOR CSOs & DSA!

Do you want to run for office in your club, society or organization? Would you like to be part of the DERE Student Association (SDA) as a member of Student Government or the Senate? Get involved and take an active part in influencing the decisions that shape your career at DERE!

Log on to your acgboard account and go to the Elections 2012 subsection of the [Student Life](#) section in the DC Athletics & Student Life container for more information, or to download templates and nomination forms. Get involved and make a difference!

ATTENTION BUSINESS STUDIES/LIBERAL STUDIES STUDENTS!

Elections for the Governing Bodies of the academic societies will take place on May 28 and 29 for the academic year 2012-2013. As a student enrolled in the Business Studies or Liberal Studies major, you may participate in Society elections by indicating in which ONE society's voting procedure you plan to participate.

Please send your selection to the Dean of the General Studies Program at gsp@acg.edu by **Friday May 25** with the following information: *Name • Student ID • The Academic Society in which you plan to vote*

This information will then be forwarded to the appropriate Society and your name will appear on their roster/major list enabling you to vote.

DEREE SFPA ARTS FESTIVAL!!!

The School of Fine and Performing Arts at DERE - The American College of Greece is celebrating the completion of its first academic year with a month of artistic and educational events that are open to the public. The Arts Festival will run from May 7 through June 7. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit exhibitions and attend concerts, performances, workshops, discussions, and master classes offered by DERE faculty members and acclaimed artists and professionals. All four SFPA programs – Music and Music Performance, Theater Arts, Visual Arts, and Dance – will participate in the festival. All events are free and open to the general public but registration for workshops, master classes and theatre performances is required. For more information contact us via telephone at +30 210 600 9800 ext. 1456, or by e-mail at fineperformingarts@acg.edu We hope you will join us for a month of immersion in the arts!

1ST INTERNATIONAL FASCINATION PLANTS DAY

The ACG will participate in the first international "Fascination of Plants Day," which is launched by the European Plant Science Organization (EPSO). On May 18, 2012 at 13:00 – 14:00 and at 7th level Auditorium, you are invited to a presentation by Dr. George Skaracis, Professor at the Department of Crop Science of the Agricultural University of Athens, on "Plant Genetic Engineering: Myths and Reality." For more information, please contact the Center of Excellence for Sustainability, ext. 1219 or ces@acg.edu or Room 710.

SHIPPING AND THE ECONOMIC CRISIS @ PLAKA

The Institute of Diplomacy and Public Affairs of the American College of Greece (17B Ippitou Street, Plaka, Athens; Syndagma Metro Station) will be hosting a speech by George Gratsos, President of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, on "Shipping and the Economic Crisis", on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm. Prior to the speech Mr. Andreas Andrianopoulos, Director of the Institute of Diplomacy and Global Affairs, will do an introductory comment.

ALBA INFORMATION SESSION

Come to the presentation and join the discussion at the ALBA information session, on Thursday May 17th during activity hour (13:30-15:00) in the Arts Center Amphitheater.

THIS WEEK, DON'T MISS...

- ✓ The Graphic Arts & Entertainment Club in the Student Lounge Coffee Shop this week! Support them!
- ✓ The unveiling of Athena Politopoulou Kargsten's sculpture "Anatasis", donated to ACG by the artist on Thursday, May 17 at 12.00, at the JSB Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ SUSTAINABILITY WEEK ECHOES...

During Sustainability Week (23-28/4/2012), we had a common goal: to limit paper consumption at DERE computer labs by 10% - from 6,000 pages/day on average to 5,400 pages/day. During the week, our daily progress was displayed in real time outside the Student Lounge thanks to the work of the IRM Department. Unfortunately, we did not do very well. We actually printed 6,422 pages/day on average. On Tuesday 24/4/2012 alone, we printed 9,746 pages! Let's join forces and keep on trying to limit our printing! THINK BEFORE YOU PRINT!

The Center of Excellence for Sustainability sincerely thanks all the people that helped organize and coordinate the daily activities of the first Sustainability Week and assisted with the details required for its realization. Both Sustainability Week and The American College of Greece were also effectively disseminated through the SKAI TV channel, electronic and hard copy media, thanks to the efforts of the Integrated Marketing and Communication office. Thank you all! You did a wonderful job! Given the contributions of all of you, our first Sustainability Week has motivated many ACG members to contribute to making the College a green campus!

➤ ATTENTION GB members of DERE clubs, organizations and societies,

All clubs, organizations and societies that have not already held elections in 2012 should hold elections on May 28 and 29. Student government will hold elections May 30 and 31. The new governing bodies will take effect as of July 1st 2012. **All societies should contact their advisor for elections procedures and eligibility requirements.**

All clubs and organizations should have submitted an active members list to the Office of Student Affairs by May 11th. If a club or organization has not submitted their active members' list, please do so **by May 16th**. Refer to the Student Life blackboard folder for ELECTIONS PROCEDURES, an ACTIVE MEMBERS LIST FORM, and a BALLOT TEMPLATE FORM. **All students interested in running for Student Government or Senate should submit the STUDENT GOVERNMENT NOMINATION FORM to the Office of Student Affairs throughout the week of May 14th** and refer to the STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION for eligibility requirements.

We look forward to congratulating the outgoing governing bodies and welcoming the new GB members! Don't hesitate stop by the Office of Student Affairs if you have any questions!

➤ The Study Abroad Office is now accepting applications from Greek DERE students for Heritage Greece 2012!

Heritage Greece is a complimentary, two-week educational and cultural program designed to connect Greek-American college students who have never or seldom been to Greece with their ancestral heritage. For Greek students, this program is an opportunity to make friends and share your Greek culture with Americans and to learn about your culture from a new perspective.

This year's program dates for Greek students are **June 15 – 24, 2012**.

You will have the opportunity to travel to Greek islands and traditional villages, take a Greek cooking class, experience an insider's tour of the Acropolis museum with American students – and much more.

This exciting *complimentary* program includes:

A comprehensive cultural, recreational and educational itinerary • Meals • Numerous excursions to cultural sites

In addition, the Greek DERE students who will be selected to participate will also receive a **1,000 Euro scholarship for Outbound**

Study Abroad to one of our US exchange universities upon successful completion of the program. Please note that Greek students who participated in previous Heritage Greece programs are welcome to apply again, however, the 1,000 Euro scholarship will not be reoffered to these students as there is only one scholarship available per student.

Deadline for application submission is May 21, 2012.

This unique program is offered free of charge by the National Hellenic Society and is hosted by DERE – The American College of Greece. To be considered for Heritage Greece, please complete the Heritage Greece 2012 Application for Greek DERE students, which includes a 500 word essay on why you wish to participate in this program. You may email the completed application to us at studyabroadoffice@acg.edu or print it out and drop it off in person at the Study Abroad Office which is located in the Administrative Wing, between 9am - 5pm weekdays. For more information, please email studyabroadoffice@acg.edu or call 210 600 9800 ext 1029.

➤ Awards Night 2012 - In an effort to recognize outstanding achievements and to promote continual development the Office of Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the annual Awards Night, to be held June 26th at the Irene Bailey Open Air Theater. We would like your help in nominating outstanding students for the following Student Life Awards: *College Life Leadership Award, College Spirit Award, Student Life Club Excellence Award, Student Life Organization Excellence Award, and Outstanding Organization/Club Member Award.*

Please submit your nominations to the Office of Student Affairs through email: studentaffairs@acg.edu by May 25th.

Nomination forms can be found in the Student Life Awards subsection of the Student Life section in the DC Athletics & Student Life container on acgboard. Self-nomination is also encouraged. Resumes outlining accomplishments may also be submitted. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our fellow ACG community members!

➤ Dr. Theophano Patra has authored a paper titled "Determinants of corporate dividend policy in Greece". The study uses the Generalized Method of Moments (GMM) to estimate the firm level factors that may determine why listed firms in Greece distribute dividends. The paper has been published in the Applied Financial Economics journal.

➤ Members of the Management Society in the School of Business met with a group of students from the Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, who visited DERE on Thursday, May 10, 2012, to exchange ideas and views on entrepreneurial opportunities in the USA and in Greece. Students from the Kelley School were visiting Greece as a part of a class project involving studying a small Greek enterprise.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY (14/5)

DEREE Student Association
Nominations Open (09:00, OSA)

TUESDAY (15/5)

DEREE Student Association
Nominations (All Day, OSA)

WEDNESDAY (16/5)

DEREE Student Association
Nominations (All Day, OSA)
Active Member Lists due to OSA for Student Life Elections (All Day, OSA)
Shipping and the Economic Crisis (19:00, Plaka Bldg)

THURSDAY (17/5)

DEREE Student Association
Nominations (All Day, OSA)
Unveiling of sculpture by A. Politopoulou-Kargsten (12:00, JSB Library)
ALBA Info Session (AH, AC Aud)

FRIDAY (18/5)

DEREE Student Association
Nominations Close (17:00 OSA)
1st Int'l Fascination Plants Day (13:00-14:00, 7th level Aud)