

Mrs. Aliki Perroti's Extraordinary Gift to Build New Residence Hall

The annual Dimitris Perrotis Day commemoration begins the Perrotis College academic year on an invariably high note. The opportunity to honor the memory of the College's namesake, Dimitris Perrotis, and to thank its benefactress, Mrs. Aliki Perroti, also serves to highlight progress in the College's history. This October 9th, U.S. and Greek Trustees, public officials, faculty and students who assembled for the occasion heard President William McGrew announce the largest college enrollment to date. He also called attention to the Greek government's new law on private higher education that could lead Perrotis College to cooperate closely with the government's requirements to achieve further excellence in education.

The distinguished guest speaker, Dr. Thanos Veremis, head of Greece's National Council on Education, applauded the partnership of Perrotis College with the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, and the forging of a curriculum of the highest academic caliber leading to the BSc (Hons) degree. Dr. Veremis also marveled at Perrotis College's residential campus—exceptional among institutions of higher learning in Greece—that encourages students to learn from each other's cultures and background, and to live together as world citizens. Finally, he praised the historical impact of Greek philanthropists such as Mrs. Perroti in strengthening their country's institutions of science, health and education.



At the close of the ceremony, Mrs. Aliki Perroti herself took the podium to announce an extraordinary new gift.

"Inspired by my deep love of Perrotis College—which awarded me an honorary diploma—and my great affection and admiration for Bill McGrew, I am pleased to offer the funds necessary to build a new residence hall for the students of the College, a facility that will provide housing and dining and social and recreational accommodations, so that these young people will enjoy the most pleasant and productive college life possible."

Designed by Thessaloniki architects P. Makrides + Associates S.A., the new residence hall will be built near the main entrance to campus. It combines dormitory rooms to house up to 100 students with multipurpose public space accommodating a variety of educational and recreational events and gatherings. Linked to the main building is a modern dining room with capacity to serve the entire student body of the College and to host larger groups for special events. Sustainability is the guiding principal of the new structure. Both the design and construction materials maximize energy and water use efficiency; and movable interior walls and modular furniture can be rearranged for specific uses such as cultural events, exhibitions, seminars, and meetings.



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