



**The Premier International School celebrates it's**

## **40th Anniversary**

**Investing Over a Million Leva in Talented Bulgarian Students and Fundraising for the Disadvantaged and Nature**

*A diverse and friendly school, providing a vibrant, quality education.*

The Anglo-American School of Sofia celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 31<sup>st</sup>. For almost half a century, AAS has provided education for children from more than 60 nationalities.

As a leader in international education, AAS dedicated its birthday to a noble cause. The official ceremony started with the students' performance of the AAS school song. Following the students' musical introduction, the Director of the school, Mr. Eric Larson, and the Board Chairperson, Mr. Alex Karagiannis, awarded six academically talented Bulgarian students with full three and four year scholarships valued at 72, 000 Euro per student. Along with the scholarship awards, the school dedicated the funds raised at the event to the Parent-Teacher Organization and the school's Community Service fund. More than 14,000 leva were raised from the different activities and games at the fair.



**Again Six Bulgarian Students were awarded full scholarships**

Official guests of the event included the Minister of EU Affairs, Gergana Grancharova; Mayor of Pancharevo, Mr. Stanimir Peev; Director of Sofia Educational Inspectorate, Mrs. Vanya Kastreva; Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Valentin Georgiev; the Chairperson of the Bulgarian Business Leaders Forum, Mrs. Maria Shishkova; Executive Director of BBLF, Mr. Stamen Tassev; and the Chairperson of the Bulgarian Professional Forum of Education, Mr. Juri Anjekarski.

Minister Grancharova, highlighted the role of AAS in supporting the good will of the EU and the US in Bulgaria. Mr. Karagiannis noted that in 1968 AAS started with only 24 students from seven countries and congratulated every member of the school for its achievements.



**AAS in 1968**

Mrs. Vanya Kastreva thanked AAS for being an emblematic school in Sofia and expressed a desire that the school will celebrate another 100 years of successful development.

The Director of the school awarded the longest serving AAS employees with flowers and thanked them for their dedicated service to the school.

The birthday celebration proceeded with jazz live music, international cuisine and a lot of good mood and entertainment.



*Minister Grancharova, recognizing AAS role in supporting the good will of the EU and the USA in Bulgaria*

## Who won a scholarship?

### In Grade 10

**Boyana B., 14**, First German Secondary School in Sofia; *Languages:* English, German, Vietnamese; *Achievements:* Interior Design Awards, Personal exhibitions in the area of paintings in Bulgaria and Abroad; *Interests and Hobbies:* Fine Arts, basketball

**Julieta M., 15**, Sofia English Language School, *Languages:* English, Spanish, Africans  
*Achievements:* student with the best English language grades in her class; *Interests and Hobbies:* All social and ecological outside school projects

### In Grade 9:

**Magdalena Z., 14**, American College Sofia, *Languages:* English, German, Spanish  
*Achievements:* the highest grade in English language ever achieved at the college; *Interests and Hobbies:* tennis, karate, swimming

**Alexander K., 15**, First English Language School, Sofia  
*Languages:* English, German

*Achievements:* Awarded an European Language Portfolio and Passport from the Council of Europe, issued in Strasbourg; "Bulgarian Christmas" Fundraising Campaign – school coordinator, School newsletter editor; *Interests and Hobbies:* charity and patriotic campaigns

**Elena E., 14**, Zlatarski IB School, *Achievements:* the best student in her class  
*Interests and Hobbies:* ecology projects, and practicing many sports: tae kwon do, volleyball, swimming, badminton, ice-skating

**Evgeni D., only 13**, Sofia Mathematics School; *Languages:* English; *Achievements:* math competition, very talented in Math, helps teachers in organizing school events; *Interests and Hobbies:* tennis, football



*Mr. Karagiannis, AAS Board Chair congratulated every member of the school for it's achievements*

The scholarships will be in effect until the students complete their high school education. AAS will also support them financially with two international tournament trips yearly in Europe, provide them with school books and all necessary educational materials. Over the course of the high school scholarship program, AAS will invest up to BGL 1,000,000 in the education of these talented Bulgarian children. The only obligation these students will have is to continue with their excellent performance and to strive to develop as socially responsible citizens.