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Film-inspired Gourmet date

Watch a film, then enjoy a meal created by top chefs for this year's "Movies on a Plate" initiative. **Page 35**



Venerable Veria City, uninterrupted

History abounds in what may have been an ancient Macedonian port and a stop on the Via Egnatia. **Page 42**



La Cage aux Folles Cabaret queens

Funny, touching and camp, Stamatis Fasoulis and Yannis Bezos star in the famous musical as the couple of the season. **Pages 24-25**

Two more submit bids for Olympic

Greece's debt-ridden national carrier, Olympic Airlines, found itself at the center of a tug of war this week after two new, last-minute suitors expressed an interest in buying the company. Rapidly growing Aegean Airlines and US-based Chrysler Aviation have each offered roughly 200 million euros to acquire Olympic's various units. Their interest comes in the wake of a 177-million-euro bid from Marfin Investment Group, which is already in negotiations with the government. **Page 8**

INTERVIEW

CESARIA EVORA

Never too late

Cape Verdean ethnic music icon Cesaria Evora, also known as the Barefoot Diva, will perform in Athens on March 11. Ahead of her Athinon Arena show, she spoke to Athens Plus about her spectacular rise from rags to riches and the tight bond with her homeland. **Page 13**



At time of crisis, workers exposed

Unions and OAED offer employed and jobless little help

Tens of thousands of people who work on short-term contracts or in non-mainstream jobs and are particularly vulnerable to dismissals prompted by the economic crisis do not have union backing. Greece largest worker group, the General Confederation of Greek Labor (GSEE), has failed to adapt to changing conditions in the market and, bur-

dened with practices of the past, is unable to represent more than 600,000 workers. At the same time, with job losses already a reality, the Greek Manpower Employment Organization (OAED) does not seem capable of providing sacked workers with an opportunity to rejoin the work force through retraining. **Pages 2, 4-5**



[Reuters]

STRIKING CULTURE

Thousands of tourists, including the ones seen here making do with a snapshot in front of the Roman era Herod Atticus Theater, were left disappointed on Thursday when contract workers from the Culture Ministry forced the closure of the Acropolis site. It was the second consecutive week in which the public servants blocked entrance to the sacred hill, demanding that their positions be made permanent and that dozens of workers be paid outstanding wages. The striking employees vowed to continue with their protests.



Forty days Fear not

A delicious vegetable pie, stuffed artichokes, as well as leeks with prunes and potatoes provide variety for the Lenten fast. **Page 32**

From the top Return to Athens

From the army to the world of music, chart-topping pop-rock artist James Blunt makes it back to Greece for a second try at an Athens show following last summer's canceled concert. **Page 31**



Thais Lust & salvation

As Massenet's seductive opera is set to open at the Athens Concert Hall on March 7, German soprano Marlis Petersen, who alternates in the lead part, talks to Athens Plus. **Page 28**



Through Plato Amsterdam-based video artist explores impact of media on our perception of history **Page 27**



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International Education in Greece

Views from the institutions

ACS Athens Institute for Critical & Creative Thinking

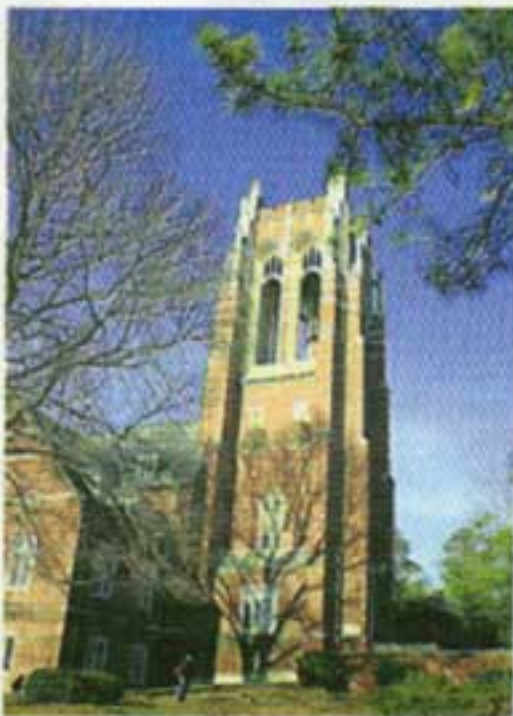
ACS Athens, the premier international school of Greece since 1945, and its **Institute for Critical and Creative Thinking**, in collaboration with the **Jepson School of Leadership Studies** at the University of Richmond, in Virginia, US, present the Summer Leadership Institute for talented high school students in grades 10-12. This innovative program will run June 24 to July 10, 2009, and will include a full schedule of activities in Greece and in the US. Students, accompanied by the director of the Institute, Mr Steve Medeiros, will embark on a journey to several locations, from Athens to Richmond, Virginia, to Washington DC. They will attend academic and hands-on classes and workshops, participate in team-building activities, explore ethical decision-making and experience leadership in action. Students will meet and learn from leaders in politics, business, law, government service, the military, medicine, journalism and public interest lobbying.

■ **The ACS Athens ICCT / University of Richmond Summer Leadership Institute** is designed as a partnership between two innovative institutions that share the same core values about the nature of teaching and learning, the value of a liberal arts education in developing leadership skills, the centrality of ethical decision-making in the exercise of leadership and the fundamental belief that the goal of leadership is active citizenship in service of the communities to which we belong. Drawing on the talents and skills of ACS Athens and University of Richmond faculty, working collaboratively, the Institute is designed to provide students with a wide variety of hands-on and academic learning experiences in which they can explore the concept of leadership and discover the leadership potential within themselves.

The Summer Institute begins with three days of experiential team-building activities and a series of workshops in ethical decision-making in Athens, leading to the development of a personal leadership profile. The second week of the program will take participants to the campus of the University of Richmond for a week-long college learning and living experience, focusing on study of the foundations of leadership. Following their academic experience, participants will have the opportunity to experience leadership up-close and in action, as they travel to Washington, DC, to meet and learn from leaders



View of students of ACS Athens in the Academy Library study hall.



U of Richmond Library: View of Boatwright Library on the campus of the University of Richmond, in Richmond Virginia.

in politics, business, law, government service, the military, medicine, journalism and public interest lobbying, many of them graduates and friends of ACS Athens. Of course, exploring the historical and cultural sites of Washington will provide a memorable closure to the experience.

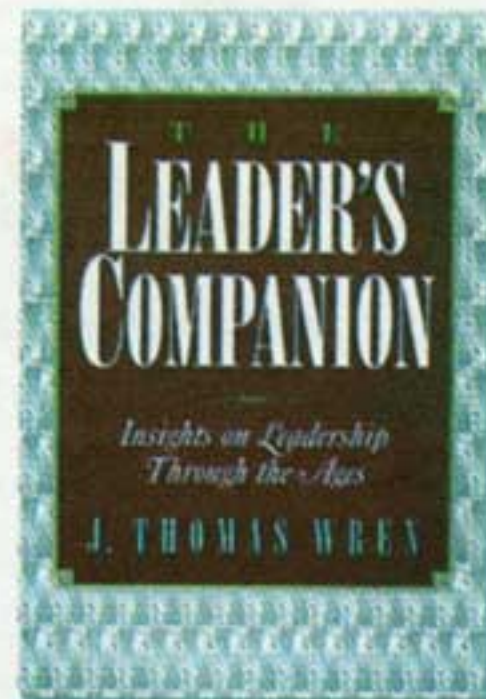
The Schedule of the Summer Leadership Institute starts June 24, at ACS Athens. Dr Stefanos Gialamas, ACS Athens president, and Ms Peg-

gy Pelonis, director of student services, will guide students through a series of experiential team-building and leadership skills development activities. Students will also attend seminars, simulations and role-playing workshops on the theme of ethical challenges. This part of the program runs through June 26.

On June 27, students will travel with the Institute Director to Richmond, Virginia, where they will settle in the dormitories of the campus of the University of Richmond, and be welcomed with special reception and orientation activities.

The program will continue from June 29 to July 3 at the University of Richmond, where students will participate in an intensive college-level leadership seminar, built around elements of the University of Richmond course, Foundations of Leadership. Course leaders will be Dr J. Thomas Wren, professor of leadership studies, and Mr Steve Medeiros. While in Richmond, students will also take part in a series of college social and cultural events and will have the chance to visit Monticello – home of Thomas Jefferson – and other historical sites in Richmond.

On July 4, the leadership group will travel to Washington DC, where they will have the chance to celebrate Independence Day in the US capital. Students will also visit the major historical and cultural sites of Washing-



Wren's Book Cover: This book serves as a guided introduction to the rich and diverse perspectives on leadership throughout the ages and throughout the world.

ton. They will also take part in specially arranged workshops, seminars, meetings, talks, presentations and tours led by leaders in their respective fields of government service, military, law and politics, science and medicine, journalism, business and finance, public interest lobbying, foundations and think tanks. Several networking and mentoring get-togethers with ACS Athens alumni leaders active in Washington, DC, including a networking reception, will give stu-

dents the opportunity to meet with individuals in leadership positions and appreciate the relevance of leadership studies to the real world.

■ **The ACS Athens ICCT Summer Institute**, a program of the American Community Schools of Athens, offers unique educational experiences and personal growth opportunities for talented high school students who aspire to become leaders in science, technology, government, education, community affairs and the arts. For three weeks in early summer, the Institute offers high school students a college experience in Athens and in the United States: a chance to explore current areas of interest, discover new intellectual passions, get a taste of what study will be like after high school... and have fun doing so.

■ **The American Community Schools of Athens** is an international school, embracing American educational philosophy, principles and values. ACS Athens provides a student-centered environment where individuals excel academically and develop intellectually, socially and ethically to thrive as healthy, responsible members of a global society.

■ **The Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond** is the first school of leadership studies in the United States, standing on the forefront of scholarship and education in the development of a rich understanding of leadership: the knowledge, ability and conviction to address social problems and live lives of consequence.

A Jepson education investigates leadership as a process and a relationship among people. It is based on a rigorous academic curriculum and plentiful hands-on opportunities. It explores fundamental questions about who we are, how we live together and how we influence the course of history. It exemplifies the spirit of the liberal arts: to educate people to take an active role in our community and the world.

The cost of the program, which includes course tuition, airfare to the US, room and full board at University of Richmond campus, Washington, DC hotel/breakfast, US tours, Washington reception and course credit, is 2,500 euros.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM OR TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT ICCT DIRECTOR STEVE MEDEIROS, AT MEDEIROSS@ACS.GR OR 210.639.3200, EXT 409.



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