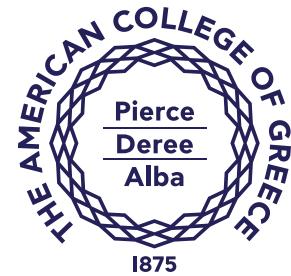




Girl with food offering
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Be a Pillar of Pierce

Athens, Greece

The American College of Greece

Be a Pillar of Pierce – Appeal to our Alumnae

From Smyrna to Paleo Phalero, to Helleniko and now to Aghia Paraskevi, Pierce – The American College of Greece (ACG) has changed locations many times in its 145-year history. Many of the buildings that hosted our students and staff have been burned, bombarded, transformed and even demolished. The college came close to disaster on several occasions, especially, in its early history. Yet, its visionary leaders and resourceful teachers and students have ensured that it not only survived but came out strengthened by the experiences.

'In 1961 a seeming disaster struck Pierce College. The new jet aircraft demanded longer runways, and the Greek government, aided and encouraged by the United States, begun to enlarge the Athens airport. The Helleniko campus, veteran of three occupations during World War II, which Pierce had labored so long to rebuild, was set to be destroyed by the wrecker's ball.

The Greek government gave Pierce three years to find a new campus. After a long search, a possible site was found at Aghia Paraskevi, a suburb of Athens, on the rugged slopes of Mt. Hymettus. The Greek government gave the College 38 acres of land for the school campus and an additional 12 ½ acres for a college division building. The noted Greek architect, Constantine Doxiadis, employed his world- renowned skill to create a complex of buildings, modern with a classic feeling'.¹

In 2020, more than 60 years since its establishment, new development plans forced the demolition of the Helleniko buildings which until recently had been offices for the Hellenic

Civil Aviation Authorities. In our effort to preserve pieces of our history, the school amidst the COVID-19 pandemic has managed to secure the facades of three of the Helleniko buildings that were demolished.

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Memories make us who we are. They create our worldview in ways we hardly realize and affect our future. We appeal to our Pierce Alumnae to support our efforts to preserve our past for the benefit of a better future! Our goal is to exhibit the Helleniko Facades (THE HILL HOUSE, THE BRISTOL HALL, THE ORLINDA CHILDS PIERCE COLLEGE) in key locations throughout our ACG Campus to ensure that new generations of students, parents and staff, remember and connect with the school's past.

In the next months, we need to raise 100,000 Euros for the restoration of the Helleniko Facades.

In 1965, the campus moved from Helleniko to Aghia Paraskevi and the school launched an appeal to Alumnae and friends to become Pillars of Pierce, and support their efforts.

In 2020, we re-launch an appeal to help us restore our Helleniko History within the ACG campus.

Donations of any amount are highly valued. Donors will be acknowledged in print and digital ACG media and on the ACG Campus.

Will you help?

¹ 1965, Pierce College Fundraising Brochure Appeal

Cap the Pillar with a gift

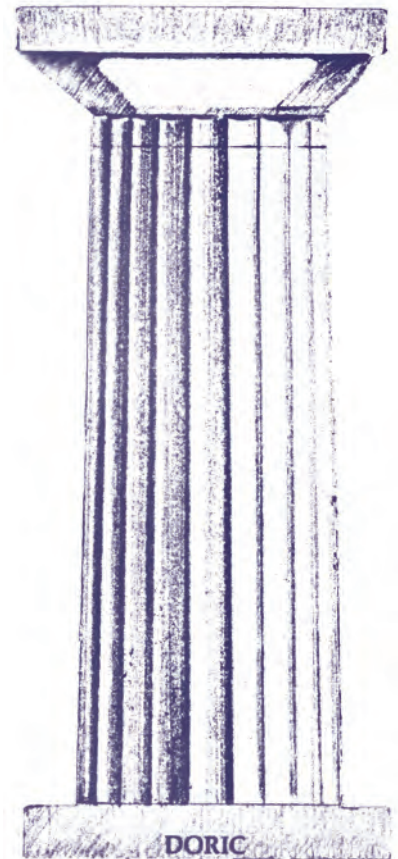
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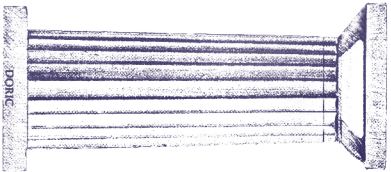


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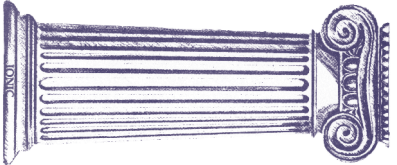
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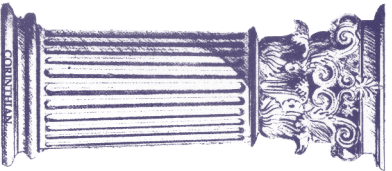
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