



## **ALUMNI OF THE MONTH**

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### **ED DANIELSON**

*Central Council Chairperson Mallory Maslar interviews Ed Danielson about his life growing up in the Church, and involvement with the ACYOA*

**MM: How did you first get involved in the ACYOA?**

**ED:** I have an older sister and I followed her lead.

**MM: What impact has the ACYOA had on your life?**

**ED:** It kept me in contact with my church as well as my Hye friends. I also made friends at Sports Weekends.

**MM: What are some of your favorite memories being involved in the ACYOA?**

**ED:** We had a retreat on Cape Cod, but there was nothing that compared to going to the Sports Weekends. They will always be some of the best memories I have.

**MM: What have been some of your influences in your Christian life?**

**ED:** My wife, a former ACYOA member as well, and I were married in the Armenian Church, and the Church's guidance continues to be very important to us.

**MM: Are you still involved in your parish community?**

**ED:** Currently, I am serving my second six-year term as a member of our Parish Council.

**MM: Any advice for current and future ACYOA members?**

**ED:** I would strongly encourage them to maintain their connections with one another throughout their entire lives, and to share their talents and gifts with the church community. The future of the Armenian Church depends on them... and we are counting on them to carry the torch!

P.S. I am so proud of my Armenian heritage that I need to tell you that I am 100% Armenian! My paternal grandfather changed his last name from Danielian to Danielson for business purposes many years ago.