

Y. Alex Khajehtoorian

Featured Athlete



Age: 19

School: San Jose State University

Favorite Movie: "Dumb & Dumber"

Favorite Books: "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck

Favorite Sports Team: San Jose Sharks!

Favorite Food: Kabob, hands down winner...

Role Models: Oprah Winfrey, My Family, and My Peers.

Hobbies: Listening to music, playing

piano, and soccer.

Favorite Musicians / Artists: Adiss, Tata, Harout, Tupac, Dead Prez, and Andre Nickatina.

Plans for the Future: I Plan to pursue my degree in Electrical Engineering, notice you can't spell gEEK without EE. I also see myself actively involved with Homenetmen, not only as a participant but also as a member of committees such as "Marzakan."

Homenetmen Involvement: athlete, Marzakan committee member, and soccer coach.

Why did you join Homenetmen? I joined Homenetmen because I wanted to experience and share the Armenian culture with others more extensively. I love meeting people and getting involved in various activities. I wanted to give back to the community this year, so I joined the Marzakan committee to help organize athletics throughout the chapter. I remember how many volunteers it required to help establish a successful year by their numerous hours of contributions. I would like to help others the same way. Oprah once said "When you get, give; when you learn, teach!" I find that to be a form of motivation in going out and making a difference.

What is your favorite memory of the Navasartian Games? I have several cherishing memories from the Navasartian Games. I enjoyed earning the title of Navasartian Champions for Soccer consecutively for a couple of years. I also enjoyed meeting new people every year and establishing new friendships.

What would you like to see added in our chapter? I'd like to see more integration / participation of college students. Ever since we all branched off our separate ways for school, it seems we grew out of Homenetmen and my generation seems to have disappeared from the organization. Whenever there are events even in summer when students return home I don't see the same people I saw 8 years ago. I'd like to see more college students not just participate, but volunteer in the organization and give back to the community like the community once gave to them.

My current activity: I'm training for a bike "drive" from San Francisco to L.A. for the AIDS/LifeCycle Foundation. I will be biking 585 miles in 7 days to help raise money for AIDS awareness and research. I'm riding to end AIDS and also be hardcore of course. I will begin my journey June 5th and arrive on Los Angeles soil on June 12th. Everyone asks me if I'm nervous about the ride and I always say "no", but between you and me... I'm terrified!