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AST and ASM Mourn the Passing of Pierre Bergé

The American School of Tangier and The American School of Marrakech were deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Pierre Bergé at age 86 on Friday, September 8, 2017. The AST Corporation's Board of Trustees extends its sincere condolences to the friends and family of Pierre Bergé, and in particular to his spouse, Madison Cox, who serves as AST Vice Chairman of the Board and also serves as Vice President of the Fondation Pierre Bergé-Yves Saint Laurent.

Pierre Bergé and his partner, the iconic French fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent, shared a deep love of Morocco. In addition to their rescue and restoration of the Jardin Majorelle in Marrakech, Bergé and Saint Laurent dedicated their fortune to the cause of cultural understanding and education around the world through their foundation, the Fondation Jardin Majorelle, and later, the Fondation Pierre Bergé-Yves Saint Laurent. In 2016, for his contributions and service to Morocco, Bergé was honored by King Mohammed VI and decorated with the Grand Cross of the Order of Ouissam Alaouite.

Bergé was a strong supporter of the AST school and instrumental in the foundation and success of ASM. Bergé was tireless in his efforts on behalf of the schools, serving as an AST Trustee for many years, and continued to take an interest in their success even after his retirement from the Board of Trustees. Through the generous support of his Foundation, AST is able to maintain the unique property of Cherifien Rocks in Tangier to the benefit of hundreds of students over the years.

“Pierre Bergé was first and foremost a patron of arts, culture, and education, and displayed this passion through his many efforts in Morocco” said former US Ambassador Edward M. Gabriel, who serves as AST Co-Chairman of the Board of Trustees. “He was a remarkable man, and a true friend to the schools and to many of us personally. He will be greatly missed.”



Larry Kardon, Co-Chairman



Edward Gabriel, Co-Chairman