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Snowe Meets with Celebrated Greek Tenor and International Ambassador to the Horatio Alger Association, Mario Frangoulis

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WASHINGTON D.C. – U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe (R-Maine) today met with Mario Frangoulis, a world-renowned Greek tenor and newly-named International Ambassador to the Horatio Alger Association. Mario Frangoulis is in Washington for a performance at the Verizon Center with Sarah Brightman and to be named the International Ambassador to the Horatio Alger Association.

“It was such an honor to meet acclaimed tenor and fellow Greek, Mario Frangoulis,” Senator Snowe said. “His life story is an inspiration to all and I am greatly impressed by his work with the Horatio Alger Association. The Horatio Alger Association helps young people across the country overcome adversity and achieve their dreams through education and determination. I can think of no better role model for this cause than Mario Frangoulis.”

Born in Africa and raised in Greece, Mario Frangoulis studied acting at London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama and was discovered for his operatic tenor voice. After winning the distinguished Maria Callas Prize, Frangoulis studied under Alfredo Kraus and continued his studies at the Julliard School in New York. Frangoulis speaks often about the Horatio Alger Association and the Horatio Alger story while touring the world, simply because he believes in the value of overcoming adversity and achieving one's dreams.

The Horatio Alger Association is the largest privately funded need-based provider of scholarships in the country. The scholarships go to teens that have overcome great hardships in their life and still maintain grades and community projects. Established in 1947, the Horatio Alger Association continues to educate our nation's young people about the economic and personal opportunities afforded them by the promise of free enterprise. Ike Brochu of Waterboro, Maine, is a National Horatio Alger Scholarship Winner for 2008.



Photo #1 from left: Mario Frangoulis and Senator Olympia J. Snowe



Photo #2 from left: Mona Hershey from the Horatio Alger Association, Mario Frangoulis, Senator Olympia J. Snowe, and Terrence J. Giroux, Executive Director of the Horatio Alger Association

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