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Founded in 2002 by **Chris P. Tomaras**, the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Our Mission is to promote education by providing scholarships and programs to Greek American students who, guided by the values of their Hellenic upbringing, have the potential to become life-long significant achievers and contribute meaningfully to society.

Our Vision is to build a better America through Education and Hellenism.

Dedicated to promoting education and leadership, the Foundation recognizes and honors exceptional undergraduate students of Hellenic descent, supporting their efforts with significant monetary awards based on academic merit and financial need.

As of June 13, 2020, the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation has awarded \$3,500,000+ in scholarships to 550+ Greek American undergraduate students. These exceptional merit and needs-based students come from 40+ states and hail from 200+ colleges and universities.

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\$3.5 Million+
in Scholarships



550+
Undergraduate
Students



40+ States
Represented



200+ Colleges
and Universities

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Chris P. Tomaras
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Beyond Destiny – The Life of Chris P. Tomaras

Destiny, for some is a matter of choice, for others a matter of chance. For Chris P. Tomaras, successful entrepreneur, philanthropist and Founder of the Pan-Hellenic Scholarship Foundation, his destiny was a combination of both chance and choice.

Born and raised in Piraeus, Greece during a time of war, poverty, and few prospects for success, he took a chance and emigrated to the United States in 1957 to pursue his dream of a college education. Armed with his beliefs in the Hellenic values of honor, duty, and loyalty, together with the virtues of wisdom and courage, he persevered and faced many challenges. Although his college sponsorship ended after just two years, he did not retreat back to Greece, but took another chance and stayed in the United States.

His business acumen led him to establish several successful ventures. The choices he made along the way cumulated into the founding of Kronos Foods, the largest Greek food product manufacturer in the United States. Although his accomplishments were many and he achieved prosperity, he never forgot the importance of a higher education. It was his passion for education and his spirit of philanthropy that led him to create the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation.

His vision for a scholarship organization that would not only provide much needed support for deserving undergraduates, but also build a better America through education and Hellenism, has grown into a national endowment awarding \$250,000 in scholarship funds each year. Over 550 college students have received more than \$3.5 million dollars in scholarships.

To Chris Tomaras each scholarship recipient was his progeny, that he nurtured and loved. Although he passed away in 2015, his legacy continues. The chances he took, the choices he made live on in the Foundation's mission and in the lives of every scholarship recipient.

We honor his memory, celebrate his rich legacy, and through passion and generosity we sustain his most treasured accomplishment – the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation.

— The —
CHAIRMAN'S
MESSAGE



Robert A. Buhler



Welcome to the 2020 Virtual Awards Gala!

Despite these difficult times, I am pleased to report that the PanHellenic Board of Directors unanimously voted to move forward with awarding \$250,000 in scholarships, as well as properly honoring our 2020 Scholars with a virtual PanHellenic Weekend.

By not having a traditional Gala, we were uncertain of how much of a financial burden the PanHellenic would incur. Additionally, we really didn't know (as most everyone didn't know) what a "Virtual" event would entail.

However, uncertainty never stopped Chris P. Tomaras (our Founder) and it was not going to stop our Board. Remarkably, our donors, and specifically our Scholarship Society 200, 100, and 50 members, unwaveringly contributed to our virtual weekend, very generously. Thank you; we are blessed.

I'd also like to highlight the PanHellenic's continued efforts to provide our scholars value well "Beyond a Scholarship" – by continuing to develop our 3 key areas of focus:

1) Mentoring - We conducted our 4th Annual Mentorship Luncheon today, (co-hosted by The Hellenic Initiative), only *virtually*. Over 125 young Hellenes from the PanHellenic, THI and NHS were coached by a world-class group of 16 Mentors. Thank you to everyone involved.

2) Alumni Development - The PanHellenic Alumni last night hosted a virtual networking "mixer" for our new class of 2020 Scholars. Each of our new 40 Scholars spent time telling everyone about themselves. They were warmly welcomed by all PanHellenic constituents. This was just the beginning of each new Scholar's PanHellenic networking connection...a value for life.

3) Internships - Besides networking with Alumni and strong Mentors, we deeply believe our Scholars need great jobs, once out of school. Good internships help lead to good job offers. As such, last year we began our Internship Initiative, and had 15+ companies supporting our efforts with 1-3 internships available at each company. Though some internships remain, and some are already signed up, several had to furlough this effort, for now, but we will be geared up again for next Spring.

Speaking of next Spring, let me now formally invite all 2020 Scholars to join our future 2021 Scholars next year at our formal (in person) PanHellenic Weekend, taking place June 18-19, in Chicago, God willing.

Scholars, thank you also for being good sports and allowing us to "interview" you, and then surprise you with the news that you had won. We greatly look forward to meeting you in person next year.

I'd also like to recognize many who have worked on this program directly and have supported our efforts: an amazing Academic Committee, our Virtual Weekend Committee, consultants Tina Manikas, Lexi Chionis, Chris Greene and Fred Frederiksen, as well as PanHellenic Directors Peter Korbakes and Vivian Haritos, who were involved in every aspect of this event. Of course, a special thanks to all our Board of Directors and Advisory Board members, who not only smartly guide us, but who are also our global ambassadors, always passionately representing the PanHellenic.

Lastly, a thank you to all tuning in who may be new to the PanHellenic. We are honored that you joined us and would be delighted to tell you more about our organization. We hope to see you next year.

The
MASTER OF
CEREMONIES



Lou Canellis, Master of Ceremonies

Lou Canellis shares his enthusiasm about sports with Chicagoans every night on FOX 32 News at 5pm & 9pm. Lou also is the main anchor of Fox's 30 minutes sports show, The Final Word every Sunday night. He has followed local teams his entire life and has an extensive sports background.

During the Chicago Bears season, Lou is seen all day Sundays on Fox 32 Chicago. He hosts Fox Kickoff Sunday with former Chicago Bears quarterback, Jim Miller at 10am followed by Bears Game Day Live with former Chicago Bear Tom Thayer & the voice of the Bears, Jeff Joniak at 10:30am. Lou also hosts Bears Post Game Live following every game on Fox 32 Chicago and Channel 50 plus the Final Word & Bears Game Night Live on Fox 32 Chicago.

Canellis has been going to Bears games since he was four-years-old, and has been a season ticket holder since he was six years old. Sweet Lou's expertise on the Bears can also be heard on various radio stations such as WGN, The Score & WLS Radio throughout the city on a daily basis.

Canellis first became popular in his hometown as a member of the Chicago Bulls broadcasts on TV and radio. He handled pregame and postgame duties along with being a sideline reporter and was well-known for his post-game chats with Michael Jordan.

Lou also spent 10 years as a reporter/host on the wildly popular Entertainment, Lifestyle Show 190 North on ABC 7 in Chicago. In addition, during the course of his career he worked 17 years for ESPN as a college basketball play by play announcer & ESPN Radio talk show host.

A Loyola University graduate, Canellis considers himself a "South Sider," having been born and raised in Oak Lawn. Lou and his wife Monica recently welcomed their baby girl Gia into the world, along with their dog Chachi.

The first time Lou emcee'd a PanHellenic Gala event back in 2010, he only had 3 Emmys – but he is now a 6-time Emmy winner. Let's invite him back in another 10 years and see where he's at.

Please join us in welcoming our virtual host – Lou Canellis!

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Special thanks to Avli Restaurant for on-location filming, along with our gracious host, Lou Canellis.

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Kiki Vale

Kiki Vale is a broadcast personality, founder of Kefi Life and PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation Advisory Board member.



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John G. Manos is a successful entrepreneur, Treasurer & Board member of the Foundation and an Archon Regional Commander.



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Yanni A. Valsamas is the Chief Operating Officer of Autoagent Data Solutions, former Executive Director and current Board Member of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TALENT!

— The —
ENTERTAINMENT
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Mylos Entertainment
Featuring DJ Sava & Olympia

Mylos, New York's premiere Greek American entertainment company was founded by Dj Sava and his wife, lead singer Olympia.

Their Greek band will be performing their own unique rendition specially created for our Virtual Awards Gala, of a very popular Greek song, Dynata, led by musical director Spiro Cardamis.

The particular song was selected for the strong message of resilience, rebirth and hope it conveys:

“Δυνατά, δυνατά, γίναν όλα δυνατά τ'αδύνατα ” — “possible, possible, the impossible all became possible.”

In this unprecedented and historical moment in time we'd like to dedicate this song to all of humanity. – *Mylos Entertainment*

Ara Dinkjian - Composer

Lina Nikolakopoulou - Lyricist

Savas Milonas - Artistic/Concept Director

Spiro Cardamis - Musical Director

Olympia - Vocalist

Panos Chrysovergis - Piano

Costas Baltazanis - Acoustic & Electric Guitar

Richard Khuzami – Daouli

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Foundation extends a special thank you to the members of the Academic Committee. Each year, Committee members review hundreds of scholarship applications, taking months to review each and every application carefully, fairly, and with integrity. We are grateful to our Academic Committee members for their commitment to upholding the high academic standards of the Foundation and its Scholarship recipients.



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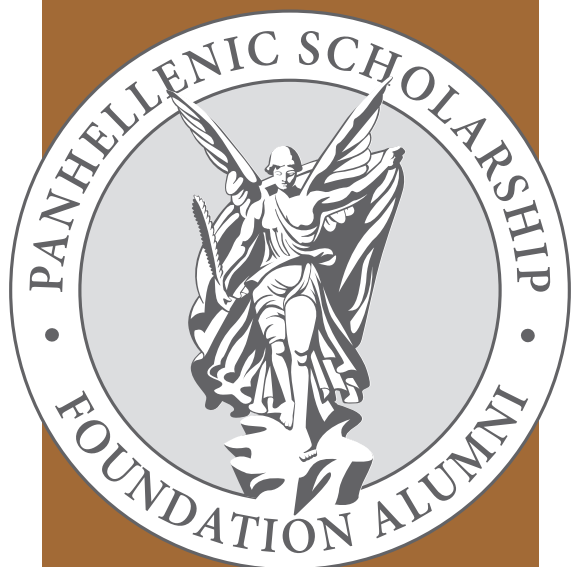
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Congratulations

To the 2020 PanHellenic Scholarship Award recipients for being distinguished as this year's most exceptional scholars.

ΚΑΙ ΕΙΣ ΑΝΩΤΕΡΑ

| 2020 PANHELLENIC AWARD RECIPIENTS |

In Alphabetical Order



Angelica Alexopoulos
Biology, Oakland University

Angelica graduated from the Utica Academy for International Studies in 2018. She currently is a junior at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Michigan. She is a 4.0 student studying biology on the pre-medical track. She is an honors college student, anatomy teaching assistant and vice president of the pre-medical society. Her special interests include figure skating and coaching younger skaters. She aspires to go to medical school to pursue her dream of becoming a physician.



Constantine Athanitis
Materials Science and Engineering, Stanford University

Constantine is a rising senior at Stanford University majoring in Materials Science and Engineering. Additionally, he plans to receive a Master's degree in Computer Science. He has done research in hydrogen fuel and has a special interest in integrating artificial intelligence in the process of improving the efficiencies of fuel and solar cells. He is a board member of Stanford's Tau Beta Pi chapter. Constantine is also very proud of his Greek heritage and loves traditional Greek dancing.



Floriana Boardman
Political Science, Fordham University

Floriana Boardman is a Political Science major and Orthodox Christian Studies minor at Fordham University with a passion for foreign policy, journalism and religion. Floriana is the president of the Hellenic Society and Co-President of Orthodox Christian Fellowship. She has interned for 60 Minutes at CBS News, Congressman Gus Bilirakis, and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese United Nations Office. She also participated in the AHI Foreign Policy Trip in 2018 to Greece, Cyprus and Washington, D.C. Floriana's ultimate goal is to become political correspondent on national news.



Marios Bourtzonis
Economics Computer Science, Trinity College

Marios is a rising junior at Trinity College studying Economics and Computer Science while minoring in Models and Data. At Trinity, he is involved in the Investment Club where he will be the upcoming President, he was the secretary for the Venture Capital Organization, and is a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi. Marios' passion for understanding finance and economics comes from a desire to better understand the Greek Financial Crisis and how to help Greece avoid future crises.



Kyriakos Chatzis

Biology/Pre-Med, Stevens Institute of Technology

Kyriakos Chatzis is a rising junior at Stevens Institute of Technology, where he is majoring in Biology with a minor in Entrepreneurship. Kyriakos is also the founder of a non-profit organization dedicated to providing for underprivileged individuals and families. On top of numerous research positions in Organic Chemistry and Biomedical Sciences, Kyriakos is an EMT at the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Upon graduation, he hopes to pursue a career in medicine by attending medical school and becoming a physician.



Nicholas Chatzitsakos

Performance Jazz Composition, Berklee College of Music

Nikos Chatzitsakos is a bassist, arranger, and composer, born in Athens, Greece. He began his undergraduate career in 2016, after auditioning for "Berklee College of Music." Nikos resides in Boston, MA. He has performed with some of the most acclaimed jazz musicians such as Ralph Peterson, Frank Lacy and performed in some of the most prestigious venues such as Dizzy's Club at Lincoln Center, the DC Jazz Festival, and Scullers.



George Dalianis

Government, Harvard University

George is a rising sophomore at Harvard University studying government and economics. He is the Interviews Editor of the Harvard Political Review, a staff writer for the Harvard College Law Review, and a proud member of the Harvard College Hellenic Society. An accomplished pianist of 15 years, George was named a 2019 National Young Arts Foundation Winner in Classical Music and was featured on National Public Radio's From the Top. After college, he hopes to pursue a career in law or government.



Katerina Dorian

Political Science & Global Studies, University of Virginia

Katerina has just completed her sophomore year at the University of Virginia where she is majoring in Foreign Affairs and Global Studies: Security and Justice. She has consistently made the Dean's List each semester and will receive Intermediate Honors. Among other things, her love of Greek culture has compelled her to participate in a competitive dance troupe for nine years as well as become the Secretary of her university's Hellenic Society.



Christo Fosse

Philosophy, Politics and The Public Economics, Xavier University

Christo Fosse is a rising junior at Xavier University in Cincinnati, majoring in the Philosophy, Politics and The Public (PPP) Honors Program, as well as Economics. While at Xavier, he has earned Dean's List Honors each semester, led service trips, and worked on several political campaigns. This year, he will collaborate with faculty to develop power and gender-based violence prevention education. Christo's future plans include attending law school and eventually serving as a federal prosecutor.



Peter Georjinis

Business Administration, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Peter is a rising senior at the University of Michigan pursuing a Bachelor's in Business Administration with minors in International Studies and Modern Greek Language and Culture. He has interned at JetBlue Airways and American Express and is applying to roles in Management Consulting to bridge the cultural divide that corporations face during international expansion. Beyond the classroom, Peter loves to cook and run, running his fourth half marathon this October.



Vassi Gianitsos

Computer Science, University of Texas at Austin

Vassi is a Computer Science major and minoring in Business at the University of Texas at Austin. She is a Presidential Scholar, a University Honors student, and the president of UT's OCF chapter. Vassi volunteers for Austin's SAFE Alliance, a shelter for victims of domestic violence, and VITA, a tax preparation service for low-income clients. This summer she will intern as a software engineer intern for ExxonMobil. Vassi plans on pursuing a career in software development and law.



Nicholas Ioannou

Radio, Film, Television, Rowan University

Niko is a rising Sophomore at Rowan University majoring in Radio, TV, Film and minoring in Psychology and New Media. He has a 4.0 GPA and is on The President's Scholars of Excellence List. He moved to the United States in 2016 from Greece as a high school sophomore and graduated high school with honors. At Rowan, he is acting Promotions Manager on the Cinema Workshop E-board. He aspires to work in the Entertainment industry as a Film/Video Editor.

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Maria Kalogeromitros

Biology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Maria is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. She is involved in chemistry research synthesizing silver complexes with potential anticancer properties. Maria held a summer research internship at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Upon graduation, she plans to fulfill her dream to pursue a career in medicine.



Ioanna Karageorge

Environmental Analysis & Policy, Boston University

Ioanna is a rising senior at Boston University studying Environmental Analysis & Policy and minoring in Marine Science. She is a Dean's List scholar, participates in BU's environmental professional fraternity, is a member of the Hellenic Association, and a WTBU radio DJ. Ioanna aspires to pursue a career in sustainability consulting and working towards reducing global emissions and waste. In her free time, she enjoys playing guitar and working in her backyard vegetable garden.



Alexia Kovatsis

Elementary Education Applied Psychology & Human Development, Boston College

Alexia is a rising senior at Boston College, majoring in Elementary Education and Applied Psychology & Human Development, with concentrations in special education and teaching English language learners. Her goals are to implement trauma-informed practices and improve educational opportunities for all students. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu honor society, first honors on the Dean's List, an advocate for survivors, employee at the Carroll Center for the Blind, and a research fellow for the DREME network.



Dimitrios Kyridis

Organismal Biology, Barton College

Dimitrios Kyridis is a student-athlete in Barton College, majoring in Organismal Biology and playing volleyball. Dimitrios moved to the United States in 2017 to study and achieve his dream of higher education. Since then, he has been excelling both in the classroom and outside, achieving the highest honors academically in his school, joining the President's list multiple times, as well as winning the Conference Championship with his team in 2019.

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Sophia Kyrou

Political Science & Human Rights, Trinity College

Sophia Kyrou is a rising senior at Trinity College, double-majoring in Political Science and Human Rights. A Faculty Honors student and an 1823 Scholar, Sophia was acknowledged by Trinity's Dean of Student Success as an emerging leader, invited to serve on Trinity's Scholars Advisory Board and selected for Trinity's Catalyst Leadership Program. Sophia hopes to pursue a dual MBA-JD degree towards a career in social impact investing. A tonsured Byzantine chanter, Sophia is fluent in Greek, Italian, and French.



Eleftheria Lambropoulos

Engineering, Harvard University

Eleftheria, from Boston, Massachusetts, is a rising sophomore at Harvard University where she is studying engineering. In the future she plans on receiving a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering and getting licensed as a professional Engineer. In her spare time she has enjoyed being active in the Greek community in Boston, mentoring students from her high school, conducting research at a Boston based tech company, and volunteering at the Joslin Diabetes Center.



Maria Lysandrou

Neuroscience, University of Chicago

Maria Lysandrou is a rising senior at the University of Chicago majoring in Neuroscience and minoring in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. She is President of UChicago's Hellenic Student Association, Recruitment Director for the National Hellenic Student Association, a Coca-Cola Scholar, and was a summer research scholar in Computational Biology at the Broad Institute of MIT, Harvard and at Weill Cornell Medical School. She plans to pursue a career in medicine and research.



Matthew Macrides

Honors Accounting & Information Systems, The Ohio State University

Matthew Macrides is a rising junior at The Ohio State University. He is majoring in (Honors) Accounting and Information Systems with a minor in Economics. Matthew is currently involved as recruitment chair of Sigma Epsilon Phi, a Greek Orthodox organization on campus and as a financial coach for Scarlet and Gray Financial. He is looking forward to starting his career as a public accountant where he will use his technological background to help make a better working world.

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Joanna Maniadaki
Clinical Diagnostic Sciences, Oakland University

Joanna Maniadaki is a rising sophomore at Oakland University studying Clinical Diagnostic Sciences. Joanna is an AP Scholar with Distinction and entered university with 32 AP credits. At Oakland she was inducted into the Honors College, she is a member of the Hellenic Student Association, the Pre-Medical society, Emerging Leaders, and many other organizations. Next semester, she will begin researching why autistic children are more prone to seizures. Joanna is involved in her local Greek community, teaching Greek School and volunteering with her local Philoptochos and Daughters of Penelope.



Panagiota Megagiannis
Biology- Pre Med, Long Island University-Post

Panagiota is a senior at Long Island University-Post, NY. She is majoring in Biology-pre-med and wants to pursue a career in research and medicine. She has interned for the NASA/CaSGC microcomputer and robotics internship. She was awarded the University's Presidential Honors Scholarship and is on Dean's List. Panagiota was also awarded membership in the BBB biology honors society. Her favorite interests are track and field, rugby, Greek dancing, and playing the piano.



Alexandra Nichols
Piano Performance, Violin Performance, and Music, Rhode Island College

Alexandra Nichols is currently pursuing the Bachelor of Music degree at Rhode Island College, double-majoring in piano and violin performance and pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music with a concentration in Music History. At RIC, she is a member of the Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, and Early Music Ensemble, amongst other performing groups. An avid solo performer around Rhode Island, Alexandra has been invited to perform in numerous masterclasses as well.



Irene Pantekidis
Biology Child Studies & Human Development, Tufts University

Irene is a rising second year student at Tufts University who is majoring in both Biology and Child Studies & Human Development. She is on the pre-medical track and has leadership roles in medical organizations that make a difference in the community through public health projects. She is active in the Greek community as a Greek school teacher at St. Nicholas Church. She is on the Dean's List at Tufts University and an AP Scholar with Distinction.

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Katerina Papanikolopoulos
Art History, University of California: Los Angeles

Katerina Papanikolopoulos is a junior at UCLA studying Art History. Using modes of performance and a documentary ethic of photography and film, she examines the role of subconscious inherited memory and the effect it bears on identity. Her research in the Benaki Museum solidified her philosophy by exposing the role of Bridal Costumes from Attica as transcultural vessels of sociopolitical change. This summer she will advance her curatorial studies and collaborations with Greek and Cypriot designers through Copenhagen-based Adorno Studios.



Mauretta Patitsas
Marketing, The Ohio State University

Mauretta attends The Ohio State University in pursuit of a Marketing major with minors in both Photography and Modern Greek Language. This past year Mauretta was selected to be on the executive committee of OCF College Conference, an executive board member of Sigma Epsilon Phi, and a recipient of the Dean's Award. Mauretta first and foremost considers herself a Greek businesswoman. She dreams to own her own makeup or fashion business.



Evangelia Pelidis
Biology, Seton Hall University

Evangelia studies Biology (B.S.) at Seton Hall University pursuing a career in dentistry. She is a member of the Biology Society, Hellenic Student Organization, Delta Phi Epsilon and Secretary of the Karpathian Youth Organization. Evangelia has a passion for dentistry, volunteering and interning at multiple practices both here and in Greece. She enjoys volunteering at the Special Olympics of NJ and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. In the future, Evangelia hopes to give a TED Talk within her healthcare specialty.



Timothy Proctor
English & Philosophy, Drew University

A senior at Drew University, Tim Proctor is pursuing a B.A. in Philosophy and English. He plans to pursue a career in Library and Information Science, and plays an active role in the university's Civic Engagement program. Tim's studies have included a semester abroad in London with on-site research and the study of British literature, government, and architecture.

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Ilia Qato

Astronomy & Physics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ilia is a freshman at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign double majoring in Physics and Astronomy while also minoring in Spanish. Her dream is to pursue a PhD in astrophysics. At UIUC, she is involved in the Astronomical Society and the United Nations Children's Fund. She has a passion for Greece and its ideals of philoxenia. The past three summers she has volunteered at Caritas Athens helping its mission of providing daily nourishment and housing to hundreds of refugees.



Christoforos Panagiotis Sarris

English Literature, West Chester University

Christoforos Panagiotis Sarris is a recent graduate of West Chester University of Pennsylvania, where he pursued a BA in English Literature with a minor in Computer Science. His research interests include the reception of Hellenism in anglophone literature, the history of the book, and English Renaissance drama. Starting in fall 2020, Christoforos will pursue an MA in English at Villanova University, where he will also take courses on ancient Hellenic history and literature.



Jason Souvaliotis

Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Johns Hopkins University

Jason is a rising senior studying Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Johns Hopkins University from Houston, Texas. At Johns Hopkins Jason has done research at the Laboratory for Biomembranes and Transport of Drug Delivery Systems. Born to Greek immigrants, the Hellenic community has remained constant in his life as he's moved around the country. Jason is passionate about using his skills to help others, whether that's through his award-winning research in medicine, service in the Senate, or activism in Baltimore.



Giorgos Stylianou

Economics, Philosophy, Mathematics, Indiana University - Bloomington

George is a rising sophomore at Indiana University Bloomington majoring in mathematics, philosophy, and economics. He plans to become an economist and a writer. He is a National Merit Finalist, National AP Scholar, and AP Capstone diploma recipient. He has also interned at the Hellenic American Leadership Council. At Indiana University, he participates in Hellenic Students Association and Philosophy Club. In his free time, he enjoys playing guitar, cooking, and reading fiction.

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Yiorgos Takoudis

Finance Management, University of Miami

Yiorgos Takoudis is a junior at the University of Miami majoring in Finance and Management, and minoring in Business Technology. His dream is to combine the technical skills, global mindset, and people skills with what he is learning to make a positive impact on others. At the University of Miami, Yiorgos is involved with Students Together Ending Poverty, the Real Estate and Finance Association, and much more. Yiorgos has also been very involved in the local Greek community in Chicago and Miami.



Ekaterini Tsampas

Mathematics Teacher Education, Adelphi University

Ekaterini Tsampas is a sophomore at Adelphi University pursuing a career in Mathematics. She was accepted into the accelerated STEP Program, promoting education for younger students. She was a member of the National Honors Society, student council president, and earned scholarships in Mathematics, and Modern Greek. Furthermore, she's part of the Dean's List, Association for Women in Mathematics, Gamma Beta Phi Honor's Society, and the NSCS. These achievements are stepping stones for her dream to inspire and educate future generations.



Demetrios Tsitsios

Biomedical Engineering, Drexel University

Demetrios is a rising Sophomore at Drexel University studying Biomedical Engineering for Bachelor and Master degrees. He is also in the Pennoni Honors College where he enjoys interdisciplinary coursework. He is an AP Scholar with Distinction, on the Dean's List, recipient of the Drexel Founder's Scholarship, and an Ambassador of the Greek Orthodox Faith. Demetrios is a dedicated community member and involved with multiple Hellenic organizations. He is also an accomplished diver and diving coach.



John Tsortos

Chemical Engineering, University of California Berkeley

John will be a senior at UC Berkeley's renowned College of Chemistry, majoring in Chemical Engineering and minoring in Data Science. On campus, he researches the intersection of both fields, serves as a teaching assistant in his classes, works as an academic tutor, and instructs Greek Dancing. He hopes to leverage his technical abilities to pioneer environmentally sustainable technologies. He anticipates his first joint research publication this summer. Up next is graduate school where he can continue researching and teaching.

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Alexa Vaghenas
Psychology, Yale University

Alexa Vaghenas is a senior at Yale University, originally from Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. She studies Psychology and is a member of the Education Studies Scholar program, an application-based cohort which studies the intersection of education practice, policy and research. Inspired by working as a peer wellness liaison on campus, she hopes to pursue a career in wellness education and change the world using principles of positive psychology, the science of well-being.



Aristotle Vainikos
**Joint Major Government and Computer Science,
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Aristotle is a rising sophomore at Harvard studying Government and Statistics. He serves as Treasurer for Harvard's Hellenic Society, leads a policy writing team, and directs a nonprofit mentorship program within the Greater Boston area. Additionally, he conducts research at the Harvard Kennedy School on US political protests. He is fascinated by international security studies and ultimately hopes to contribute to US foreign policy. He has been recognized by AHEPA, by the Archdiocese of America, and as a National Merit Scholar.



Ioannis Vandris
Political Science, Columbia University

Yiannis Vandris is a rising senior majoring in Political Science and minoring in Business Management and Hellenic Studies at Columbia University. Yiannis has served as a Congressional intern, worked with the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations, and interned with UNICEF's Corporate Partnerships division. This summer, he will be taking on the role of Policy Intern at Cornerstone Government Affairs in Washington, DC. At Columbia, Yiannis serves as president of the school's rugby team, and is on the Dean's List.



Dionisia Vassos
Pharmacy, Butler University

Dionisia is a rising junior at Butler University–Indianapolis in the Doctor of Pharmacy program. She is involved in various organizations on campus that are focused on volunteering and fundraising for women's cardiac care, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, as well as Special Olympics. She is on the Dean's List, and will receive her white coat in the fall. She hopes to work in a pediatric oncology and hematology unit in the future, as she possesses a great passion for children and helping others.



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Flora Boardman

Political Science, Fordham University

Change surrounded my childhood. Living in four different states, my friends, my home and my schools changed. Two things remained stable in my life, my family, and my Hellenic heritage. Everywhere I have gone and I go, there is a Hellenic community who has welcomed me and my family with open arms. Moving was not so challenging because I always had a community to fall back on.

The stability that Greek community has provided me has cultivated my passion for Greek culture, dance, ideals, and religion. Hellenism encompass who I am today, eager to give back to the community that gave me so much.

My Hellenic background has sparked my interest in foreign affairs and politics, especially in regards to Greece and Cyprus. The American Hellenic Institute allowed me to further my interest, as I was able to participate in their Foreign Policy Trip two summers ago. During this trip to Greece and Cyprus, we met and discussed issues of foreign policy and the Rule of Law with the President of Greece, former and current U.S. Ambassadors, U.S. State Department Officials, and Foreign Ministry officials. I continued my passion with interning with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese where I conducted research on inter-faith relations. My greatest experience thus far has been interning with Congressman Gus Bilirakis. While interning at his office, I was able to work on legislation recognizing the Greek and Armenian Genocide, and attend meetings and hearings held by the International Religious Freedom Caucus.

All of these experiences the Greek community has offered me has led me to my ultimate goal. In the upcoming years, I will be a political analyst on a national news network specializing in foreign affairs. To follow this path, I am majoring in Political Science with a double minor of Orthodox Christian Studies and Journalism at Fordham University. Additionally, I am currently interning with the 60 minutes team at CBS News. I am hoping this will lead to a career with the network. This scholarship will help me work and continue to advance my goals of giving back to the Greek community.



Peter Georginis

Business Administration, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor

Throughout my life, I have been exposed to a wide array of cultures, from my Greek upbringing at home, my American education and my travels around Europe, North America, and the Caribbean. With both parents raised in Greece, I was instilled with Greek values, attended Greek school for many years and learned to cook Greek food, one of my favorite hobbies. During my early school years, I felt conflicted about the differences in my peers' perspectives compared to mine and simultaneously impressed by the differences between the two languages that I speak well, with Greek being much more descriptive, whereas English felt somewhat limiting.

Beyond school, I realized how culture permeates everyday interactions when visiting many European countries during layovers to Greece. I found it fascinating how two countries can border each other, with similar food and economies yet have very diverse cultures. I was amazed to see how difficult it can be for people and corporations to overcome these cultural barriers. For example, companies such as PepsiCo have been very successful in the Greek market, while others, such as Starbucks have flat-lined. With further study, I understood that PepsiCo was able to create synergies with Greek culture developing flavors suited to the local market and focusing on the leisure and social aspect of Greek culture, while Starbucks' fast-paced service was in direct conflict with Greece's coffee culture. This drove me to learn more about how culture affects businesses and international expansion.

As I progress in my studies at the University of Michigan, I feel a deep sense of gratitude to my Hellenic background. This and the experiences above molded me personally, led to the pursuit of my passion to understand cultures and guided me in my career choice. I am intensely focused, working hard to earn my Business degree along with an International Studies/Greek minor. Going forward, my goal is to stay in touch with my Hellenic heritage and simultaneously analyze cultures from around the world in order to bridge cultural barriers for companies and other organizations so that we can create a more prosperous and interconnected world.



Sophia Kyrou

Political Science & Human Rights, Trinity College

I am a young woman who is deeply influenced by the world around me, and I am driven to contribute all that I can to the world. I am sensitive to experience, and I do not regard my sensitivity as an impediment to my thinking and objectivity, but rather as an instrument that helps me to see and understand the world more clearly and immerse myself in the experiences of different people. My identity as a young Greek-American and Cypriot-American woman has given me a dedication to *philotimo*, a rich appreciation for the importance of culture, language, and society, and a profound understanding of what it truly means to overcome struggle.

My Greek and Cypriot heritage—a heritage that lauds intellectual exploration and personal evolution—instilled in me the notion of being a global citizen; by this I mean the idea that it is both a privilege and a responsibility to explore and gain awareness of the world around us, to know one's fellow human beings, and to contribute to the world in whatever ways we can. So, it is perhaps somewhat natural that my dreams and aspirations for the future concern the state of the world and people around the world.

My dream is to help make the world more free, and to help my own countries of Greece and Cyprus become more free. My dream is to spread religious freedom so that all people are able to practice their faith freely and without fear of persecution, and to liberate Cyprus from Turkish occupation. I hope to pursue work in corporate social responsibility and cultural heritage preservation in order to ensure that communities around the world are afforded the opportunity to continue to grow and enrich their collective identities and preserve their history.



Joanna Maniadaki

Clinical Diagnostic Sciences, Oakland University

My name is Joanna Maniadaki. I am 19 years old and a student at Oakland University in Michigan. I was born in Greece in 2001 and lived there until I was 13. I finished elementary school with excellent grades (Αριστα 10) and was looking forward to starting middle school. However, the economic crisis drove my family out of the country, which brought us in Michigan, the place where my dad had studied when he was in college. After only 2 years in the States, I graduated with the highest GPA Davis Junior High had ever seen (4.17). The school decided to honor me by making and hanging up a plaque with my name on it. In high school, I graduated valedictorian and with honors. I have received excellence awards from both former President Obama and President Trump.

Ever since I was little, I have been happy to help others in need. My dream, one day, is to become a doctor and make an impact on people’s lives. This spring break I am going with Oakland University to Puerto Rico to aid in hurricane and earthquake relief. I am one of the few first-years joining. Helping others brings me joy; knowing that I have inputted in their success motivates me and encourages me to try harder. However, everything I do, I do with moderation, like the Greeks used to say.

My Hellenic heritage has great input in my aspirations for the future. My grandparents from both sides of my family were war-torn people, with no education or money. Yet, they managed to send all their kids to college to have better lives. That’s what my parents advocate for me too; study and you will be rewarded later in life. I believe that religion, family, unity, and education are four things that the Greeks created and have encouraged ever since. Being able to speak, read, and write fluently in Greek and be part of the Greek community has certainly opened many doors for me. I take pride in my Greek heritage and aspire to teach that to my own family some day.



Aristotle Vainikos

Government and Computer Science, Harvard University

I’m unsatisfied. Unsatisfied with the dictionary, that is. Let me explain: to prepare for AHEPA’s Hellenic History Tournament last year, I purchased a half-priced reference book simply called “Hellenism.” It began by defining the term. “Any phenomenon related to Greece and Alexander blah blah blah...”

Seriously!? This definition isn’t wrong, technically. But after 18 years of living a lifestyle predicated on the strength, culture, and dynamism inherent to Hellenism’s multifaceted nature, I understand that there is so much more to the word than that. Let me offer a more fitting definition, based on how Hellenism has applied—and continues to apply—to my own life:

Hellenism (noun) [hell-uhn-izm]

1. A commitment to uniting faith with integrity in search of an authentic life. For everyone from the ancient philosophers to the Christian apostles, intertwining piety with sincerity was paramount. In my own life, faith has been a mainstay; the Church has become a second home (especially after moving to college). From Altar Boys to Fanari Camp to reading the Sunday Epistle, my most fulfilling memories—and keenest sense of direction and authenticity in life—have come via faith.
2. A dedication to setting the world ablaze with knowledge and culture. Alexander’s exploits furnished Asia with the richness of Greek thought; similarly, I’m inspired by heritage to understand my roots and apply values like hardwork, commitment, and perseverance to broadening my perspective. That’s why I take full advantage of my college experience: I challenge myself by uniting Government and CS into a Joint Degree, and voluntarily seek intellectually stimulating events like the public-policy conference I attended at Harvard’s Center for Hellenic Studies in DC.
3. A devotion to service of the highest order. Intrinsic to Hellenism is connection with others; that’s why a career in public service calls to me. I hope to translate policy into action by forging peace—domestically and abroad—as a Defense Department national security analyst. My current acts of service—directing a mentorship nonprofit, volunteering within Boston—are just initial steps on the path toward giving back later on, supporting the Hellenic ideals of community and connection.



Alexa Vaghenas
Psychology, Yale University

Since sophomore year, I have delighted in connecting with my heritage through studying Modern Greek. I work towards attaining mastery by regularly using the language, whether by journaling in Greek or crafting Spotify playlists with the classics of Γιαννης Πουλοπουλος. I long to speak fluently, so while visiting Greek relatives, I seize the opportunity to practice new vocabulary. When, for instance, my yiayia asked why I didn't eat meat, I recalled my class's recent nutrition unit and replied, "Because I'm healthy." However, instead of saying "healthy" (υγιεινός), I accidentally said "pregnant" (έγκυος) and caused my yiayia to have a minor heart attack...

Despite the commotion caused by my miscommunication, such everyday language-learning blunders have taught me the value of failure. Indeed, I rejoice in making mistakes, for they enrich my learning experience. Moreover, growing from failure while studying Greek has spurred my application of this philosophy to all aspects of life. I believe that becoming one's best self necessitates embracing failure, as it inevitably precedes innovation and success. Furthermore, as everyone's failures in life are many, cultivating a positive mindset is a necessary skill.

Many of my peers have yet to develop this skill. Indeed, a campus phenomenon - the "duck syndrome" - characterizes how students appear serene on the outside, resembling a duck gliding along the water; yet in reality they agonize over keeping themselves afloat and maintaining the appearance of perfection. In an attempt to mitigate this phenomenon, I utilized my role as a peer wellness liaison to organize "Failure Friday", a panel discussion amongst diverse Yale faculty regarding their experiences with failure. If highly successful individuals, such as a Nobel-prize winning professor, could espouse failure, then perhaps students could follow suit.

After graduating, I hope to obtain a Master's of Applied Positive Psychology, the science of well-being, and pursue a career in wellness education. My dream is to create a course about the importance of failure that equips students with skills of perspective-taking, resilience, and self-compassion. In doing so, I aim to empower students with a philosophy of learning that facilitates thriving both inside and outside of the classroom.

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NICHOLAS W. ALEXOS
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Nicholas W. Alexos has been an Executive Vice President of Univar Solutions Inc. and its Chief Financial Officer since January, 2020 and was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of DENTSPLY SIRONA Inc., both multi-national public companies. He previously was a Managing Director and founder of Madison Dearborn Partners, L.P. since 1988 and led transactions in the healthcare, consumer and industrial teams. He began his career in 1985 at The First National Bank of Chicago where he eventually became a Vice President in Corporate Finance. He has been a Director of VWR International LLC, Walgreens Infusion Service, Sirona Dental Systems, Team Health Inc., Performance Health and various other companies. He also has served on numerous charitable and non-profit organizations including the Children's Inner City Educational Fund, Lake Forest Country Day School, Metro Squash, University of Chicago Booth School of Business Council and Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago and has recently been appointed to the Harvard School of Dental Medicine Advisory Board and the board of The Hellenic Initiative. Mr. Alexos received an M.B.A. from University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a B.B.A. from Loyola University, is married and has three teenage children, and attends St. Peter and Paul church in Glenview, Illinois.



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NICHOLAS GAGE

World-renowned Author and Investigative Journalist

In his long career as a journalist, author and film producer, Nicholas Gage has spent the first half as an investigative reporter and foreign correspondent for The New York Times, and the second writing seven books and producing several films. Born Nikos Gatzoyiannis in Lia, Greece in 1939, he emigrated to the United States ten years later and graduated from Boston and Columbia universities. As a reporter for The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal, he received wide recognition for his investigative articles on organized crime, drug trafficking and political corruption. (He obtained the first Nixon tapes in the Watergate scandal.) Abroad he covered numerous wars and revolutions including the Iranian uprising that toppled the Shah. He was nominated six times for a Pulitzer Prize and received numerous awards for his reporting. His books include Greek Fire, A Place for Us, and Eleni, his account of his mother's life and death during the Greek Civil War. Translated into 32 languages, it received the top literary prize in 1984 from the Royal Society of Literature of Great Britain and wide literary acclaim. "A devoted and brilliant achievement," wrote The New York Review of Books, "one of the rare books in which the power of art recreates the full historical truth." In addition to writing books, he has worked in films, serving as co-producer of the film version of Eleni and co-executive producer of The Godfather Part III, which was nominated for an Oscar for best picture in 1994. In recognition for his work he has received five honorary degrees including a doctorate from Boston University, where he delivered the commencement address. He is married to writer Joan Paulson and they have three children: Christos, a screenwriter; Eleni, a novelist, and Marina, a designer.



STEVEN GALANIS

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Steven Galanis is the CEO of Cameo, the world's leading marketplace for personalized video shoutouts. He launched the company in 2017 with co-founders Martin Blencowe & Devon Townsend with the idea that the selfie was the new autograph. To date, the company has sold close to a million Cameos and seen over 35,000 athletes, actors, and influencers join the platform. In 2018, Cameo was named one of the "50 Genius Companies on Earth" by Time Magazine. Steven was named Chicago Inno's 2018 B2C Innovator of the Year and Crain's "40 under 40." He is a LinkedIn alum who previously worked as a trader on the floor of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, and founder of two film investment companies where he produced movies featuring stars such as Bruce Willis and Robert DeNiro. Outside of work he is an avid Chicago sports fan and serves on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity Chicago. Steven is a 2010 graduate of Duke University where he majored in History.



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ANGIE KOSTOPOULOS ANDREWS

Composite Technical Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration

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JOHN KOUDOUNIS

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John Koudounis joined Calamos Investments as Chief Executive Officer in 2016. His principal duties include overseeing the firm's day-to-day operations, fiscal function and overall performance. His responsibilities include managing operations, leading

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business and corporate development, and directing strategic growth initiatives. Mr. Koudounis has 31 years of financial services experience including executive leadership in the global securities business and a deep background in global capital markets. Most recently, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mizuho Securities USA, Inc. (MSUSA), a subsidiary of Mizuho Financial Group, one of the world's largest full-service financial institutions. Mr. Koudounis is a public speaker and appears frequently on financial news programs including CNN, Fox Business, CNBC, Bloomberg TV and others. He is a member of the Leadership Council at Concordia and the Bretton Woods Committee. He received his B.A. in International Diplomacy, Foreign Affairs and Economics from Brown University.



MIKE MANATOS

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Maria Spiropulu is the Shang-Yi Ch'en Professor of Physics at Caltech. She is a world-renowned experimental particle physics researcher and a notable mentor of many graduate and undergraduate students. She worked for 10 years at the Tevatron's collider experiments at Fermilab in Chicago and 13 years at the CERN's Large Hadron Collider with leading roles on detector R&D and operations and in the searches for new physics including the discovery of the Higgs boson. She is known for developing the "double blind" data analysis method for the first time in searches for supersymmetry at the Tevatron and inventing the novel "razor" framework for discovery and characterization of new physics. Spiropulu received her PhD from Harvard in 2000 and was an Enrico Fermi Fellow at the University of Chicago until 2003. She moved to CERN in 2004 as a research staff physicist at the Physics Division and was promoted to a senior physicist position at CERN in 2008. She was appointed a Professor of Physics at Caltech in 2009. She is the founder of the Physics of the Universe Summit (POTUS), a meeting held under Chatham House Rules that explores challenges in emerging and cross-cutting areas of science & technology. She is also the founder of the Alliance for Quantum Technologies (AQT), a novel consortium of academic and research institutions, including national laboratories, and industry targeting to accelerate areas in quantum information science and technology through the Intelligent Quantum Networks & Technologies (INQNET) program of work.



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Kiki Vale is a Greek American retail business woman, holistic health coach, writer, broadcaster & public speaker. As founder of the Kefi L!fe Brand™, Kiki has turned her passion for whole person well-being and the Greek lifestyle into a wellness brand. Kefi L!fe is rooted in the Greek ethos that the relationship between mind, body and soul must be in sync in order to have a life where all is well- Ola Kala! Kiki works to maintain whole person synergy as a wife, mother and professional by practicing the tenets of a Kefi Lifestyle. Kefilife.com will be launching E-commerce and on-line educational programs January 2021.

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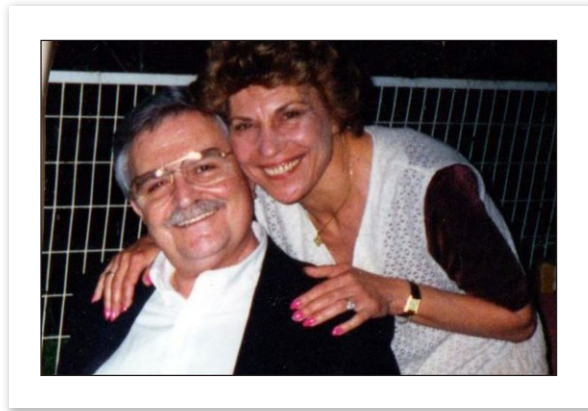
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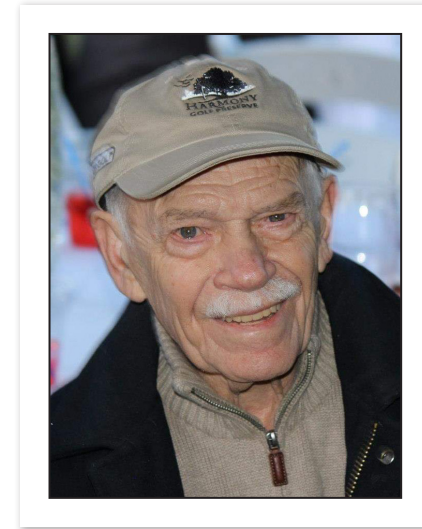


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In December 2017, Joseph was diagnosed with AL Amyloidosis, a rare and incurable blood disease. A major challenge is the current lack of early diagnosis, which is a key factor in disease progression and prognosis. Joseph passed away on February 27, 2018 at the age of 26. Joseph and his family's wish is that young people make it a priority to have annual physicals, as Joey's

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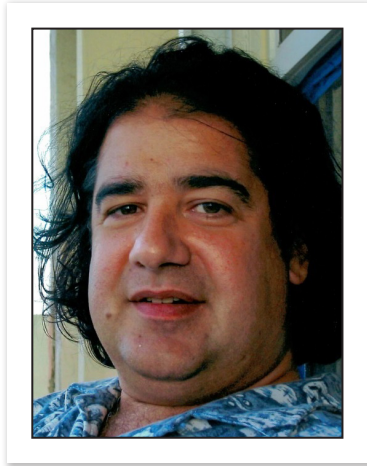


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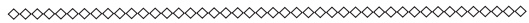
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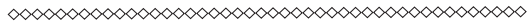
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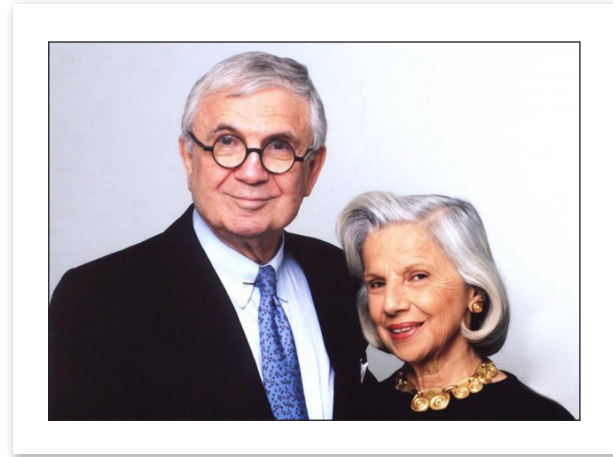


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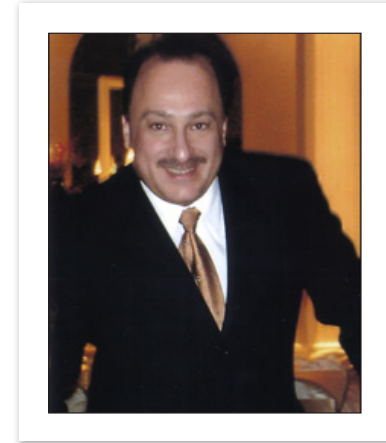


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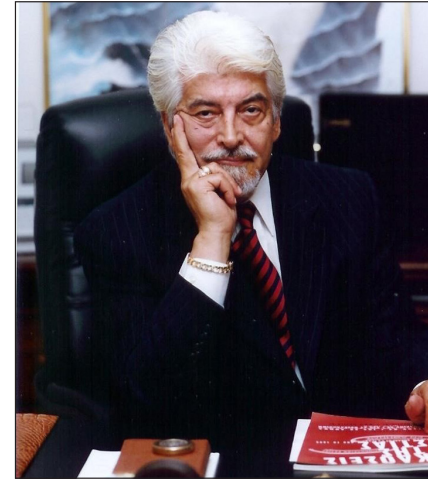


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