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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

Our Winter Honors Dinner at the elegant Arts Ballroom in Philadelphia last Sunday was a wonderful event -- bountiful hors d'oeuvres, a marvelous three-course dinner, and fascinating conversations all around.

To begin, we celebrated our Scholarship Program, now 50 years old and flourishing! The highlight of our Honors Dinner, however, was the presentation of our *PAIDEIA* Award to The Honorable **Stephanos Bibas**, Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Our Honoree was warmly introduced by our own **Evangelia Manos Conroy**, who presented him with our *PAIDEIA* Award, the Owl of Athena. Judge Bibas accepted the Award and stepped to the podium to offer brilliant and scholarly remarks tying together the ideals of *justice* and *mercy* and linking them to our Ancient Greek heritage and our Greek Orthodox faith. He concluded with the hope that these fundamental values can once again bring our country together in forgiveness and healing.

Every year at this time we commemorate Greek Independence Day. This year we will do that in two exciting ways: First, on Thursday evening, March 26th, we'll sponsor a lecture program commemorating the *2500th Anniversary of the Battles of Thermopylae and Salamis*. Our speaker, **Jeremy J. McInerney**, Professor of Classical Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, is an amazing presenter! See further details inside this newsletter.

Secondly, on Sunday, March 29th we'll march up the Benjamin Franklin Parkway for the annual Greek Independence Day Parade, along with other proud Greek-Americans representing Greek churches and Hellenic organizations throughout the Philadelphia area. Please join us at both events.

One final important piece of information about our Scholarship Program: This year we are offering 17 undergraduate and graduate scholarships totaling more than \$57,000. Details and applications are available on our website, www.hucphiladelphia.org and the deadline for submitting applications is April 1st.

Kind regards,

Zoe Tripolitis
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

LECTURE PROGRAM

THERMOPYLAE and SALAMIS: The Battles for Europe?

Jeremy McInerney, PhD

Professor of Classical Studies, Department of Classical Studies

University of Pennsylvania

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Claudia Cohen Hall, 402

University of Pennsylvania

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Sunday March 29, 2020

ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ (*PAIDEIA*) is the ancient Greek word for learning or education. The lifelong pursuit of *PAIDEIA* was set by our Founders as the Club's main objective; eighty-four years later this ideal continues to inspire us.

MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors is pleased to present the following applicants for membership:

Stefanos Tsitsios

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Stefanos earned a BS in Finance and Economics and an MBA in Finance from Drexel University. He currently works as a Senior Operations Analyst for Centersquare Investment Management.

Fotiny Tsitsios

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Fotini earned a BS in Management from Temple University. She currently works as a Manager for Trixes Inc.

The above applicants shall be considered elected unless written objection is filled with the Corresponding Secretary **Nick Linardopoulos** (nick.linardopoulos@comcast.net) within 10 days of publication.

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IN MEMORIAM

MARCELLA S. THEODOS

Emeritus Member and Past President Marcella S. Theodos passed away peacefully on February 15, 2020, at the age of 104. She was a resident of Dunwoody Village. Marcella served as Club President during 1952-53. She also served on the Board of Directors, on the Scholarship Committee, and on many other committees during her active years in the Club.

Born in Dallas, Texas, she moved to Philadelphia after her marriage to Dr. Peter Theodos and joined the Hellenic University Club in 1948. She devoted her life to volunteering in her community, her church and at various hospitals.

In 1988 Marcella established the Dr. Peter A. Theodos Memorial Graduate Scholarship for medical students to honor her late husband, Founding Member and Past President. To date, this scholarship has assisted 32 medical students.


To her children Maria Wilson and Andrew Theodos, daughter-in-law Margaret Theodos, grandchildren Rebecca Wilson and Peter Theodos we extend our heartfelt condolences. She was predeceased by her husband and daughter, Past President Petra Knox. Her funeral took place February 24 at St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church in Broomall.


May her memory be eternal.

STAY CONNECTED

The HUC Website has been revamped with more photos and up to date information about our events. Visit our new Donate, Membership, Events, and Scholarship pages for all the latest about the HUC.

 Facebook: www.facebook.com/hucphiladelphia

 Instagram: @HUC_Philly

 Twitter: @HUCPhilly

If you have photos from any of our events that you think might be good for social media, message them to any of our social media accounts!

UPCOMING EVENT

THERMOPYLAE AND SALAMIS: THE BATTLES FOR EUROPE?

SPEAKER:

Jeremy McInerney, PhD
Professor of Classical Studies
Department of Classical Studies
University of Pennsylvania

DATE:

Thursday, March 26, 2020
7:00 PM

PLACE:

Claudia Cohen Hall, 402
University of Pennsylvania



With the 2500th anniversaries of Thermopylae and Salamis looming this year, it is fitting to stop and reevaluate these crucial battles in world history. President Pavlopoulos has recently claimed, “Greece, faithful to its historic legacy, remains a kind of ‘outlying border’ of the West toward the East – presenting through its free spirit and civilization, a genuine and altruistic defense of peace, freedom and democracy.” But the events of 480 BC have left a complex legacy, both inspirational and more troubling. This lecture presents an account of the events of 480 BC and attempts to evaluate the legacy of the Persian Wars for the Greeks and for the West.

Please refer to the two articles for background information:

<https://www.thenationalherald.com/264629/greek-president-launches-events-for-2500th-anniversary-since-battles-of-thermopylae-salamis/>

<https://www.thenationalherald.com/281970/learned-panel-spotlights-2500th-anniversary-of-salamis-and-thermopylae-at-snfcc/>

2020-2021 HUC SCHOLARSHIPS

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

We want to make our scholarship opportunities known to as large an audience as possible and hope you will help us ‘*spread the word*’ and disseminate information about our scholarship program to the many talented students in our community. This year we are pleased to be offering 17 Scholarships (8 Undergraduate, 6 Graduate and 3 Undergraduate/Graduate) totaling \$57,500. This is certainly a noteworthy achievement!

If you know eligible students of Greek descent in the greater Philadelphia area or a student who is a declared major in Greek Studies, regardless of heritage, please tell them about our scholarship program and encourage them to visit our website at www.hucphiladelphia.org and apply for one of the scholarships described in the enclosed announcement.

Through the dedication and hard work of our members, our scholarship program has become the largest scholarship grant program among all Greek-American organizations in the Philadelphia region. Let’s also make it the best known scholarship program in the Philadelphia region.

Please note: All applications must be received by Wednesday, April 1, 2020

SAVE THE DATES



Greek Independence Day Parade
Sunday March 29, 2020

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Scholarship Awards Dinner
Thursday, May 28, 2020



HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

ANNOUNCES 2020-2021 UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF GREEK DESCENT OR DECLARED MAJORS IN GREEK STUDIES

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a degree program at an accredited four-year college or university, or they must be high school seniors accepted for enrollment in such a degree program and have outstanding academic qualifications. Please note that some scholarships have special eligibility requirements.

(a) Scholarships that require demonstrated financial need:

- **Dr. Michael Dorizas Memorial Scholarship**, honoring the late Dr. Michael Dorizas, a widely respected educator, lecturer and athlete. **\$5,000.**
- **Founders Scholarship**, honoring the founders of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. **\$5,000.**
- **Dimitri J. Ververelli Memorial Scholarship for Architecture and/or Engineering**, offered to a qualified student pursuing a degree in the field of Architecture or Engineering. This scholarship was established by Mrs. Anastasia Ververelli to honor her husband, Dimitri J. Ververelli, a past president of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. **\$2,000.**
- **George C. Liacouras Memorial Scholarship**, offered to a qualified student pursuing an undergraduate degree at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Established by Mrs. Effie Liacouras, this scholarship honors her husband, George C. Liacouras. **\$5,000.**
- **Theresa A. Chletcos Memorial Scholarship**, offered to a qualified student pursuing an undergraduate degree in the field of education. Established in 2013, this award honors past president and founding member, Theresa A. Chletcos. This scholarship was funded through a bequest of Theresa A. Chletcos and her friends and family. **\$2,000.**
- **Goldie S. Vastardis Memorial Scholarship**, funded by a grant from Mr. Louis Vastardis in memory of his wife. This merit scholarship is awarded to a student whose parents are stewards in good standing of St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church, Broomall, Pennsylvania. **\$2,000.**

(b) Scholarships that do not require any financial information:

- **Paideia Scholarship**, a merit scholarship awarded to the child of a Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia member. Parent(s) must be current members in good standing for at least 3 years. **\$5,000.**
- **Cyprus Society Scholarship**, offered by the Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia to a student whose family are members in good standing of the Cyprus Society for the past 3 years. **\$2,500.**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Applicants may be graduate students enrolled full time in or senior undergraduates accepted to a graduate program at an accredited university or professional school. Applicants must intend to enroll full time in Fall 2020. Postdocs (post PhD) are not eligible. Please note that some scholarships have special eligibility requirements.

(a) The following scholarship does not require any financial information:

- **Dr. Nicholas Padis Memorial Graduate Scholarship**. Academic excellence is the primary consideration for this scholarship. Established in 1986, this annual award honors Philadelphia physician, first president and founding member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia, Dr. Nicholas Padis. **\$5,000.**

(b) Scholarships that require demonstrated financial need:

- **John S. Manos, Esq., Memorial Graduate Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Juris Doctor (JD) Degree. Established in 2009, this annual award honors John Stanley Manos, Esq., Philadelphia lawyer and long-time member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. This scholarship is funded by the family and friends of John S. Manos. **\$2,000**

- **Dr. Peter A. Theodos Memorial Graduate Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Doctor of Medicine (MD) Degree. Established in 1988, this annual award honors Philadelphia physician, past president and founding member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia, Dr. Peter A. Theodos. This scholarship is funded by Mrs. Peter A. Theodos. **\$1,500**
- **Nicholas S. Hetos, DDS, Memorial Graduate Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Doctor of Dental Medicine(DMD) or Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) Degree. Established in 2001, this annual award honors Dr. Nicholas S. Hetos, Philadelphia dentist, past president and founding member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. This scholarship is funded by the late Maria G. Hetos, EdD. **\$2,000.**
- **Maria Galanos Hetos Memorial Graduate Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Graduate Degree in the field of education or education related studies. The recipient must matriculate in a graduate program of a nationally accredited university or college that has been conferring degrees since 1936, the year the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia was founded. Last line: Established in 2011, this annual award is funded by the late Maria G. Hetos, EdD, past president and wife of past president and founding member, Nicholas S. Hetos, DDS. **\$2,000.**
- **Kathleen and Nicholas Fisfis Graduate Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Graduate or Post Graduate Degree in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics or Medicine. Established in 2016, this annual award is funded by Kathleen and Nicholas Fisfis. **\$7,500.**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENTS

These scholarships are offered to either undergraduate or graduate students. Qualifications are as stated above for each category of students.

- **Chios Liberation Memorial Scholarship**, offered by the Chios Society of Philadelphia to qualified students of Chian descent in memory of all those who gave their lives for the liberation of Chios. **\$2,000.** *No financial information needed.*
- **Chios Society of Philadelphia “Koraes” Scholarship**, offered to qualified students of Chian descent in memory and honor of past and present leaders of the Chios Society of Philadelphia. **\$2,000.** *No financial information needed.*
- **Nicholas L. Gianopulos and Antoinette Manos Gianopulos Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing a degree in the fields of civil engineering, architecture, or fine arts. Established in 2019, this annual award honors Nicholas L. Gianopulos and his wife Antoinette Manos Gianopulos. This annual award is funded by Antoinette Gianopulos, friends and family in memory of Nicholas Gianopulos. **\$5,000.** *Preference will be given to candidates who have financial need.*

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Undergraduate Scholarships:

- Determine eligibility status by visiting <http://hucphiladelphia.org/undergraduate-application/>
- Access and complete the Undergraduate Application on the same site
- Submit the following documents to hucscholarships@gmail.com. See application for more specific instructions.
 - o Academic transcripts and standardized test scores
 - o One letter of recommendation
 - o Essay (Chios Society scholarships require an additional essay)
 - o Page 1 of FAFSA Student Aid Report (for scholarships with financial need requirements)

Graduate Scholarships:

- Determine eligibility status by visiting <http://hucphiladelphia.org/graduate-application/>
- Access and complete the Graduate Application on the same site
- Submit the following documents to hucscholarships@gmail.com. See application for more specific instructions.
 - o All academic transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (undergraduate and graduate)
 - o Resume
 - o Two letters of recommendation
 - o Essay
 - o Page 1 of FAFSA Student Aid Report (for scholarships with financial need requirements)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants (Graduate and Undergraduate) must be of Greek descent, U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents of Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery or Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester or Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware. Students who are declared majors in Greek Studies may also apply, regardless of their heritage.

Applications for these scholarships are available through our website www.hucphiladelphia.org.

APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

WINTER HONORS DINNER

Sunday, February 23rd, 2020 · The Arts Ballroom





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