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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

I hope you are coping well during these difficult times. Hopefully, the lockdown will not last much longer, and we will once again be able to meet with family and friends in person.

In an effort to stay connected with you during the coming months, our Board has begun planning a number of *virtual* events. We will create a new section on our website to keep you up to date on planned events: webinars, social events, and other items of interest, such as the latest Mediterranean Diet recipes from Diane Kochilas' third season of *My Greek Table*. We'll also provide links to other planned activities of Greek-American organizations within our region and elsewhere in the US. You'll want to bookmark hucphiladelphia.org for sure!

This month we're celebrating our Scholarship Program and our 2020 Scholarship Recipients. Please read their impressive biographies inside this newsletter: 16 stellar students (12 undergraduate and 4 graduate) to whom we are awarding a total of \$53,500 in scholarship grants. We're grateful to our hardworking Scholarship Committee, chaired by **Toula Bastas** and **Antonios Zavalianos**. And we extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to our generous donors, who are the reason for the success of our Scholarship Program, now in its 50th year, and the largest among all Greek-American organizations in the Philadelphia region. Although we are unable to hold our traditional Scholarship Awards Dinner, we are planning a virtual event later this month to celebrate these young scholars. Please see the article inside this newsletter for registration details.

Our Annual Business Meeting has been set for Thursday, June 25th at 7:00 pm. For the first time in our Club's history, we will meet virtually via Zoom. I hope you will join us from your home, whether far or near, to hear a review of the events of this past year and to vote for next year's Officers and Board of Directors. Join the Zoom Meeting using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/77116753609?pwd=dnFIUXg0OUkxc2Nqc3hxTW1kMjU3UT09>
Meeting ID: 771 1675 3609
Password: 744820

We wish you a relaxing and restorative summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the Fall – although we're not sure how or when we'll be able to meet.

Kind regards,

Zoe Tripolitis
President

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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:

Diana Christou

131 Mountainview Road
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054
609-744-3912
dlchristou@aol.com

Diana earned a doctorate of chiropractic from Life University. She currently works as a chiropractor in her own business.

Panagiotis Sarris

20 Dougherty Blvd.
Unit H3
Glen Mills, PA 19342
267-250-5220
c.sarris@outlook.com

Panagiotis earned a BA in English literature from West Chester University and is currently pursuing an MA in English from Villanova University.

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 order to ensure a quorum, please send an email to hucphiladelphia@gmail.com if you plan to attend the meeting.

HUC 2020-2021 ELECTION SLATE

We are pleased to present the 2020-2021 Election Slate. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting. Sincere thanks to the Nominating Committee: **Katerina Dimitriadis (Chair)**, **Andrea Tsapralis**, and **Billie Rorres**.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following candidates for office:

President..... Zoe A. Tripolitis
Vice President George Tsetsekos, PhD
Recording Secretary Dimitra Vista, PhD
Corresponding Secretary Nikolaos Linardopoulos, PhD
Treasurer George N. Pappas, CPA

DIRECTORS

Nominees for a two-year term:

Kostis Kourelis, PhD
Eleni Miltsakaki, PhD

Continuing the second year of two-year term:

Dimitrios Angelakos, Esq
Virginia Botsis
Konstantinos Vrontis

As Past President, Andrea Tsapralis will serve a one-year term on the Board of Directors.

The Scholarship Chairperson will also serve on the Board of Directors

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Nominees for a two-year term:

Toula Bastas
Eirini Daskalaki Staikos, MD
Niki Tsetsekos

Continuing the second year of two-year term:

Evangelia Manos Conroy, Esq
Dimitra Tsekoura
Antonios Zavaliangos, PhD

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IN MEMORIAM

JOHN G. LIADIS

Emeritus Member and Past President John G. Liadis passed away peacefully on May 21, 2020 at the age of 96. John joined the Hellenic University Club in 1956 and served as Club President during 1978-79. He also served on the Board of Directors, as Vice President, and on many committees.

John earned a degree in electrical engineering from Michigan Technical University. Among his careers he worked for the IRS Engineering Service and later at the family business Liadis Travel LTD. John was active in Marple Newton Township serving as a leader on several committees and civic organizations. He was a founding member of St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church and served on the Parish Council for many years.

We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Georgette, his children Angela Liadis Dimmig (Greg) and Veronica Liadis Silverman (Robert) and granddaughters Alaina and Cora Dimmig. His funeral was held May 26 at St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church in Broomall.

May his memory be eternal.



ERNEST KELLIS

Ernest Kellis passed away on April 13, 2020. Sadly, within hours, his wife of 56 years Elene (nee Geaneotes) also passed away. Ernest joined the Hellenic University Club in 1966. He was a graduate of La Salle College and was a veteran of the Korean War.

Our sincere condolences are extended to their children Maria and Steven (Sabine), their grandchildren Daniel, Nicholas and George, and to Club members Peter and Patricia Geaneotes for the loss of Peter's sister and brother-in-law. Their funeral took place on April 22 at St. Luke Church.

May their memory be eternal.

THANK YOU


Our fellow member **Steve Fooskas, CPA**, has completed the internal audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 and has filed our Form 990 Tax Return with the IRS. Steve stated the Club is in sound financial condition. We thank Steve for his many years of service as our Club's internal auditor and his continuous efforts and support. We also thank **Zoe Tripolitis**, and **George Pappas** who assisted Steve with the audit. Our Club is a 501(c)(3) organization and files Form 990, which under IRS regulations is open to public inspection upon request. Copies of the Audited Statements are available upon request.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Dues should have been paid to the Club by December 31, 2019 for fiscal year 2019-2020. Reminders were mailed in June. If you have not done so yet, please remit your dues as soon as possible to Membership Renewal Chair **George N. Pappas**, (401 Cooper Landing Road, Suite C-8, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002). We are also accepting credit card payments online at www.hucdues2020.eventbrite.com. Please remit by June 30, 2020 to keep your membership status current, before we close our books for the year. Thank you!

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!

2020-2021 HUC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Scholarship Awards Committee is pleased to announce the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia 2020-2021 scholarship receipts. We have awarded four graduate scholarships and eleven undergraduate scholarships (the *Paideia* Scholarship was shared) to sixteen accomplished and deserving students who have shown excellence in academics and commitment to their community.

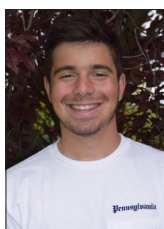
This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were not able to hold our Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner. We will have a 'virtual' program on Sunday, June 28th at 3:00 PM to introduce these worthy and talented recipients to our membership. Join us as we celebrate our impressive 2020-2021 HUC scholarship recipients.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://drexel.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEocO6orD4tHdwXqMLdd-Ved6RCo2dFFUS3>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS



DR. MICHAEL DORIZAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP **HARRIS AVGOUSTI**

- Attending the University of Pennsylvania working towards a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and minor in Chemistry and Economic Policy
- Student researcher at the Perelman School of Medicine
- Internship at Stellar Chance Laboratories University of Pennsylvania; Learning Assistant Department of Biology University of Pennsylvania; College volunteer at the hospital
- President of Penn Hellenic Club
- Board Member of Engineers in Medicine
- Tutor for physics, organic chemistry and modern Greek language
- Co-President and Co-founder of Penn Innovation Club



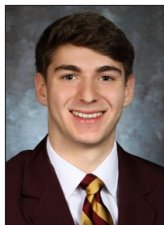
FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP **ANGELOS KATAXAKIS**

- Attending Drexel University majoring in Psychology
- Graduate of Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts
- Maintained Dean's List Status
- Writing Awards (2019): Gold Key and Silver Key from Scholastic Art
- Library Volunteer (over 46 hours)
- Designed a project that applied to sustainability to real-world concerns



PAIDEIA SCHOLARSHIP **ANTIGONE ANTONAKAKIS**

- Will attend the College of New Jersey as a Public Health Major in the fall
- Has maintained an Honor Roll or Distinguished Honor Roll status each marking period while at Eastern Regional High School (2016-2020)
- Member of Varsity Girls Tennis – 2016-2020 and Varsity Captain 2019-2020
- Member of Student Council – 2016 to Present; Vice President of Student Council- 2019 to Present
- Student Alliance Freshman Mentorship Mentor
- Awards Received: Voorhees Board Ed. Student Representative; Pre-School Child Development Award; Student Council Leadership Award
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Summer Intern; Voorhees Pediatric Facility, Volunteer; New Jersey Special Olympics, Volunteer
- Member of Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church GOYA and served as Secretary – September, 2019 to Present; Member & Dancer of Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia



PAIDEIA SCHOLARSHIP
CHRISTOPHER TSETSEKOS

- Will attend Tufts University in the fall and major in Economics
- Graduated from the Haverford School: Hephaestus Society – (10th -12th); Signet Society, The Haverford School (12th); Student Global Leadership Institute (11th); Class and School Spirit Award (11th)
- Played Varsity Lacrosse (9th-12th); Ranked by Inside Lacrosse as a Top 100 player in the country
- President of Model United Nations Club (11th-12th) and President of Entrepreneurship Club (10th-12th)
- Senior Leader of Peer Counseling (11th-12th)
- Took part in 2019 Fall Musical “Mamma Mia”
- Speak Up! Leadership Team – MC for main event (12th)



GOLDIE S. VASTARDIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
SOPHIA THEONI KONTOS

- Will attend Penn State University in the fall and study Engineering
- Graduated from B. Reed Henderson High School with a Cumulative GPA: 4.52
- President of Society of Women Engineers
- National Honor Society; National Art Honor Society; National Latin Honor Society 10th
- Played Field Hockey (9th - 12th); Track (9th - 12th); Swim Team 9th
- Ambassador of Faith from the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey
- Sophia has worked as Swim Instructor for young children; Lifeguard; Math tutor; Vacation Bible School counselor; Field Hockey coach for elementary school students; raised funds for SPCA; worked at Greek Festival
- Worked with Best Buddies Art Class; School to School Program; Ace Mentor Program; Model UN; Best Buddies (Peer Buddy)



**DIMITRI J. VERVERELLI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ARCHITECTURE
AND/OR ENGINEERING**
YIANNIS KARAMITROS

- Will attend Drexel University and major in Computer Science in the fall
- Graduated from Central Bucks High School West and has been an Honor Society student since middle school
- Code Control Club
- Silver Key Member
- Worked at Acme while attending high school
- Warwick Township Community volunteer
- Warwick Summer Camp Counselor
- Attended Greek School and played on basketball team at St Anna’s Church



GEORGE C. LIACOURAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
MELINA DANIILIDIS

- Will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall and major in Computer Science
- Founder of GLIST (girls lead in science and technology), a middle school club to encourage girls to get involved in male dominated fields like computer science; Host of a GILST coding club at the University of Pennsylvania; Produced promotional video, website and educational videos for GLIST
- Internship at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in the department of biomedical and health informatics; Internship at a workshop in the University of Delaware as teaching assistant for computer science related support for grade school teachers from the Delaware area
- Volunteered at the GRASP laboratory University of Pennsylvania
- Participated and won numerous awards for the VEX robotics team of Harriton High School
- Participated in the first Lego League Robotics Team and received the Judges Award
- Participated and won numerous awards in sports competitions and music performances for piano



HERESA A. CHLETCOS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
JAIME SOUTOS

- Will attend Penn State University (main campus) in the fall, majoring in Music Education
- Graduated from B. Reed Henderson High School
- Philadelphia Sinfonia student leader
- Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) District 12 Orchestra participant
- PMEA Regional orchestra participant
- West Chester Senior Strings (1st chair senior year)
- Tri-M Music Honor Society member
- Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey – Ambassador of Love (St. George Media) recipient



NICHOLAS L. GIANOPULOS AND ANTOINETTE MANOS GIANOPULOS SCHOLARSHIP
DAPHNE PHILIPPOUSSIS

- Daphne is currently enrolled in the Tyler School of Art and Architecture at Temple University working towards a Bachelor’s degree of Fine Arts in Painting
- Has taken honors and AP classes in high school and has shown excellence in her course work at Temple University
- Graduated from Palmyra High School and played in her school soccer team, in the marching band, thespians and volunteered at the community Farmers Markets
- Daphne was an active participant in the church Hellenic Dance Troupe and was a member of GOYA
- Recipient of scholarship in high school to attend classes at Studio Incamminati, School for Contemporary Realist Art



CYPRUS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP
ELENI CHRISTOU

- Presently a student at the University of Delaware working towards a degree in Nursing
- Graduate of Garnet Valley High School
- Received the St. Stephen Service Award: Awarded for 50 hours of community service in one year (2017, 2018, 2019)
- Member of the Spanish National Honor Society (2015-2019)
- Student Nurses Organization Member: A club for passionate nursing students at the University of Delaware (2019-Present)



CHIOS LIBERATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
MIRA HARRIS

- Will attend Cornell University in the fall and plans on studying Industrial and Labor Relations
- Has maintained Honor Roll status and is an AP Scholar with Distinction
- President and Founder – September 2015 to Present of EDGE (Education for Developing Girls Everywhere) Berwyn, PA; Founded a student group to raise awareness and funds for girls’ education in Philadelphia and around the world
- Conestoga High School Crew Team Varsity Rower
- Organized fundraisers to provide financial and material assistance to families in need in the Tredyffrin Easttown School District
- Women in Politics Club at Conestoga, Berwyn PA Board Member – September 2016 to June 2017
- Member of 2019 New Voters Berwyn, PA, January 2019 to Present



**CHIOS SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA “KORAES” SCHOLARSHIP
DEMETRIOS TRIPOLITIS**

- Will attend Rutgers University in the fall and major in Computer Animation
- Is a graduate of Cherry Hill High School West
- Member of International Thespian Society
- Tri-M Music Honors Society; West Singers – highest level select mixed chorus; Men of Note - auditioned male a cappella group and Chamber Singers; Cherry Hill Men’s Chorus - Inter-generational men’s chorus; church choir member
- Major Roles in High School Theater and Musical Theater
- Orthodox Faith Sunday School student and Hellenic School graduate; Acolyte (Altar server)
- GOYA member
- Summer Camp Counselor
- Recipient 2018 Metropolis of NJ GOYA Ambassador of Faith

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS



**DR. NICHOLAS PADIS MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
DIMITRA (‘KRISSI’) THOMOPOULOS**

- Will attend Drexel University for her PhD degree in Nutrition Science
- Received MS degree in Human Nutrition, Drexel University where she was a Katherine Marsh Scholar
- Completing her NIH Clinical Center internship-residency for clinical nutrition research
- Co-authored various publications and posters
- Was an executive board member for the Graduate Resource Association for Nutrition and Dietetics and served as an Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Student Liaison
- Has done extensive volunteer work at Jefferson University Hospital, Research and Meal Delivery Volunteer at MANNA, and conducted pancreatic enzyme research at Penn Medicine Abramson Cancer Center and received The National Volunteer Service Award
- Played basketball collegiately and professionally in Greece



**MARIA GALANOS HETOS MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
ANGELA DOULIS**

- Received a BA in Psychology from Rowan University
- Is now enrolled at PCOM for her MS degree in School Psychology
- Overall undergraduate GPA 3.549
- Has worked as a substitute teacher for preschoolers through high schoolers, including special needs students
- Has worked in the BOOST after-school care program
- Her true passion is helping children build a strong foundation to be successful in school and beyond



**DR. PETER A. THEODOS MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
STYLIANOS (STELIOS) MONOS**

- Received BA in History from the University of Pennsylvania
- Attends Temple University School of Medicine where he serves as a doctoring committee member
- Has volunteered at a medical facility in India and has participated in various physician-shadowing opportunities
- Is a volunteer for The Thrive Bridge Clinic which is a student-led addiction treatment center
- Vice President of the Otolaryngology interest group and President of the Ophthalmology interest group
- Has worked as a research technician for CHOP’s Center for Fetal Research
- Co-authored various abstracts and publications with research focused on infants with CDH



**KATHLEEN AND NICHOLAS FISFIS GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
GREGORY CHINGAS**

- Obtained BS degree in Biology from Duquesne University
- Working towards MS degree in Biomedical Engineering with a concentration in biomechanics at Drexel University
- Works as a student lab assistant at CHOP in Center for Injury Research & Prevention and serves as a peer mentor; served as a resource to undergraduate summer interns
- Has co-authored research journal publications focused on how anatomical and developmental differences between children and adults affect their motion during motor vehicle crashes
- Interested in the performing arts and hopes to pursue in his future



ITEMS OF INTEREST

MY GREEK TABLE, Season 3, is now airing on WHYY/PBS on Saturday mornings at 10:30. You can also watch the episodes on demand here: <https://video.whyy.org/search/?q=Diane+Kochilas>



HUC honored host Diane Kochilas with our Achievement Award in 2015.

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation’s new *PAIDEIA* Program at the University of Pennsylvania (a \$5 million SNF grant); announced its Inaugural Fellows.

https://www.thenationalherald.com/community_general_news/arthro/stavros_niarchos_foundation_paideia_program_announces_inaugural_fellows-413114/#gsc.tab=0

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT LETTER

We received a lovely note from one of our Scholarship Recipients which we would like to share with our members.

Dear Hellenic University Club Scholarship Committee Members and Board,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for being chosen as the co-recipient for the undergraduate *Paideia* Award. I am extremely humbled and honored, and I thank you all for this opportunity.

I will work extremely hard at Tufts University, where I will attend this fall, and hope to make you all proud. *Paideia* will continue to play a major role in my undergraduate years and beyond. Thank you again for this scholarship for which I am extremely grateful.

Sincerely,
Christopher G. Tsetsekos
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