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HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am honored to serve as the HUC President for this coming year for an organization that has contributed so much to the ideals of *Paideia* and to our community. I am especially thankful to **Zoe Tripolitis** for her exemplary service as President of HUC during the past two years, the most challenging period in the history of our Club. As we turn our focus to

several major goals this year, it is because Zoe led us through a plethora of operational and logistical challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic that we are moving forward with even stronger organizational DNA. We plan to resume in-person activities in the months ahead, along with hybrid and all-virtual offerings, as the nation continues to adapt to the virus. Two important initiatives will take center stage with our organization this year. The Board is intent on expanding our membership and engaging a younger generation of members to keep the HUC legacy strong for years to come. Second, the Board will aggressively pursue a plan to achieve an ambitious goal of elevating our funds balance to \$1,000,000 to amplify the scholarship program, which remains the lynchpin of the HUC mission. I seek your support and creative feedback on these goals.

I cannot reiterate enough Zoe's heroic achievements in getting us to this point of thinking about the future. Her unwavering commitment to HUC through the pandemic yielded strong results. Here are just a few key achievements:

- HUC continued our thought-provoking lecture programs virtually, and with the support of speakers from around the world on various topics, many related to the 200th anniversary of Greek Independence
- HUC strengthened the Scholarship Program by transitioning to virtual format, maintaining an unbroken tradition of celebrating these annual academic awards

- HUC initiated our first ever virtual College/Career Panel Networking Event, co-hosted by AHEPA Camden Chapter 69
- HUC led efforts for the continuation of our annual Artoklasia tradition, in honor of the Day of Greek Letters with a handful of members attending in person and many others joining online
- Zoe also managed our Club's essential business seamlessly online, including regular monthly Board meetings, and annual business meetings before and after the pandemic struck in 2020 and well into 2021

It is essential that we embrace her spirit of ambition for the Club. I am grateful to Zoe for her service and for making my work much easier for the coming year.

Let's celebrate these achievements and more by attending our Club's opening reception on Sunday, October 3, in South Jersey. A flyer with more details is attached to this newsletter. I invite you to reconnect with fellow members and informally share ideas about HUC's future events and activities.

Respectfully,

George Tsetsekos, PhD
President

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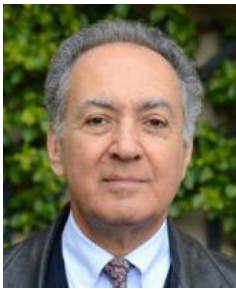
ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ (*PAIDEIA*) is the ancient Greek word for learning or education. The lifelong pursuit of *PAIDEIA* was set by our Founders as the Club's main objective; eighty-five years later this ideal continues to inspire us.

MEMBER NEWS

We look forward to hearing from our members about events in their professional and personal lives.

We miss seeing everyone in person and hope you will continue to submit your news for inclusion in our Newsletter, ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ, by filling out this form: <http://www.hucphiladelphia.org/contact>

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

This year our Annual Business Meeting was held virtually via Zoom on Thursday, June 17th. We elected the new Board of Directors and installed a new slate of officers, including longtime Club booster George Tsetsekos into the post of president.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers, directors, and scholarship committee members.

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Konstantinos Vrontis
Dimitrios Angelakos, Esq.

Elected to a one-year term:

Billie Rorres

Continuing the second year of two-year term:

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As Past President, Zoe A. Tripolitis will serve a one-year term on the Board of Directors.

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STAY CONNECTED

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 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!

HUC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2021-2022 CEREMONY

On Friday, June 4th the **Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia** held a virtual **Scholarship Awards Ceremony** and introduced our **2021-2022 Scholarship Recipients**. We were happy to meet our talented scholars and hear them speak to us about their future plans and academic goals. You can read about their achievements and accomplishments in this Newsletter.

If you were not able to join us on the 4th, we invite you to view the proceedings online, where we have uploaded an archived recording of the event: <http://www.hucphiladelphia.org/event-recordings>

This year we awarded \$47,500 in scholarships to 10 undergraduate students (the *Paideia* Scholarship was shared), and to four graduate students. Since 1971, a total of \$903,500 has been awarded to 387 worthy scholars -- a commendable achievement that we can attribute to the dedication and commitment of our members and donors to the venerable Scholarship Program.

We congratulate our 2021-2022 Scholarship recipients and wish them continued success. Συγχαρητήρια!

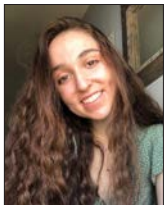
2021-2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS



DR. MICHAEL DORIZAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP KONSTANDINA DIMITRIADIS

- Attending Drexel University LeBow College of Business
- Double Major student working towards a bachelor's in Economics and Finance
- Maintains Dean's List status
- Interned at several financial service firms as a Mutual Funds Ops Specialist, a Support Analyst, and a Risk Engineering Intern
- Plans to enter the field of Private Wealth Management



FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP FILARETI KARAMITROS

- Graduated of Central Bucks High School West
- Attending Bucknell University this fall to study Environmental Engineering
- Member of the Art Honor Society, the Key Club, Officer of the National Honor Society
- Volunteer at a local nursing home and the Parks and Recreation Department
- Spends time in her small art studio where she enjoys exploring her creative side



PAIDEIA SCHOLARSHIP (SHARED) THEODORE FOOSKAS

- Graduate of Marple Newtown High School
- Member of Renaissance Club (School Honor Society), Marching, Jazz, and Concert Bands
- Extracurriculars included Chess/Board Game Club, and Astronomy and Coding Clubs
- Attending the University of Pittsburgh to study Bioengineering



PAIDEIA SCHOLARSHIP (SHARED) YIANNI TSETSEKOS

- Pre-Junior in Mechanical Engineering at Drexel University
- Working towards an accelerated BS/MS degree
- Co-op at Lockheed Martin, Rotary and Mission Systems in Moorestown, NJ
- Research Assistant at the Theoretical and Applied Mechanics Group
- Micro-Air Vehicle Competition Finalist, Vertical Flight Society (Team leader)
- Vice President of ASME student chapter

**GOLDIE S. VASTARDIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*****THEODORA GRECO***

- Graduate of Penncrest High School in Media
- Attending George Washington University majoring in International Affairs
- Member of Rho Kappa, the Social Studies Honor Society and the National Honor Society (Treasurer)
- Participated in many high school theater productions.
- Girls' Tennis Team (Junior and Senior captain)
- Ambassador of Hope for St. Luke's Greek Orthodox Church

**THERESA A. CHLETOS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*****SOPHIA PAPACHRISTOS***

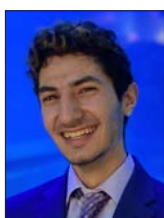
- Graduate of Burlington Township High School
- Attending Centenary University to major in Early Childhood Education with a focus on children with disabilities
- Girl Scout who reached ambassador level and received the Bronze Star
- Member of her church choir, GOYA and Maids of Athens

**DIMITRI J. VERVERELLI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ARCHITECTURE AND/OR ENGINEERING*****JULIAN ALAMO-ROSAS***

- Graduate of Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School in Philadelphia
- Participated in the SMASH Wharton summer program for three summers and received the program's "Excellence in STEM Education Scholar" award
- Attending the University of Pittsburgh to major in Computer Science with a concentration in artificial intelligence (AI)

**CYPRUS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP*****SOPHIA HARRIS***

- Graduate of Wyomissing Area Junior Senior High School
- Attending the University of Delaware to major in public policy
- Assistant to Reading District 1 Councilwoman Lucine Sihelnik
- Club Synchronized Skating: Competed nationally and received the platinum award from the US Figure Skating Association for dedication
- Singles Figure Skating: Received gold certifications in Moves in the Field and Freestyle

**CHIOS LIBERATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*****DIMITRIOS KOUNIS***

- Junior at Drexel University
- Pursing the accelerated BS/MS Program in Biomedical Engineering (concentration in Tissue Engineering)
- Honors student with a 3.85 GPA
- While the pandemic put a stop in his plans to study plant biotechnology in Crete, he got a remote co-op at Jefferson analyzing wound healing in mice
- Also did a co-op with Discovery Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics in Vitro Group of Glaxo-Smith-Kline

**CHIOS SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA "KORAES" SCHOLARSHIP*****DEMI POULATHAS***

- Studying Biomedical Engineering with a Spanish Minor at Rutgers University GPA 3.96
- Rutgers School of Engineering Honors Academy
- Research Assistant in the Yang Systems Biology Laboratory (work on the reconstruction of the genome sequence of an infectious pathogen)
- Rutgers Engineers Assessing Literature Leader
- Deborah Heart and Lung Volunteer
- Organized an a cappella competition to fundraise for autism
- Dive coach and lifeguard at Sunnybrook Swim Club

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS



DR. NICHOLAS PADIS MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP **PANAGIOTIS SASSARIS**

- BA English Literature, minor Computer Science at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, graduated Summa Cum Laude, 4.0 GPA, dean's list every semester
- Pursuing MA, English at Villanova University (4.0 GPA). Plans to pursue 2nd MS in Library & Information Science
- Villanova Writing Center tutor & coordinator research assistant, Mellon Scholars intern, special collections and editorial intern, undergraduate researcher and student newspaper editor, recipient of multiple honors and awards
- Planned to participate in a summer course in Byzantine Archaeology and History at the British School in Athens
- Pursuing a career in cultural and historic preservation



KATHLEEN AND NICHOLAS FISFIS GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP **ARTEMIS ZAVALIANGOS-PETROPULU**

- Pursuing a PhD in Neuroscience at the University of Southern California
- Advanced researcher focusing on identifying brain-behavior relationships during stroke rehabilitation using computational processing of MRI brain imaging data
- Authored multiple scientific articles including several first-authored papers
- Multiple leadership positions. President of USC Dance Marathon, President of Hellenic Student Association at USC, spearheading a Greek women of Los Angeles organization
- Numerous outreach initiatives in the neuroscience field and around other STEM recruiting efforts



DR. PETER A. THEODOS MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP **KONSTANTINOS BALIS**

- Attending Drexel University College of Medicine in pursuit of an MD degree
- Drew honors for three of four clinical rotation courses
- Dedicated to research, leadership, service
- Served as President and Secretary of the Hellenic Student Association of Drexel University
- Board Member on Drexel University Campus Activities planning events for all students encouraging diversity and camaraderie
- Patient Navigator at Magee Riverfront Rehabilitation Hospital



NICHOLAS L. GIANOPULOS AND ANTOINETTE MANOS GIANOPULOS SCHOLARSHIP **CATHERINE MCNALLY**

- BA in Classics from U. of Pennsylvania, minors in Art History & Legal Studies and History, graduated cum laude, Benjamin Franklin Scholar, Dean's List
- Proficient in Arabic, Gordon Junior Fellow at Winchester College in UK
- Served as Vice President of Events for Wharton Business and Law Association and worked as legal research intern in Athens, Greece
- Works as Early Modern World History Teacher for middle schoolers
- Will pursue Master's degree in UK in Islamic art history and architecture
- Plans to get doctorate alongside research into the intersection of Middle Eastern art, cultural diplomacy and education



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Buffet • Cash Bar

Inside and outside dining options in private room

\$40 per person

**Members, Non-member Guests and Prospective Members are invited
New members who attend this event and join the Club by November 1st
will receive complimentary dues for one year**

Reservations must be received no later than Wednesday September 29, 2021

*Mail to: Georgia Chletcos
135 St. Laurence Road
Upper Darby, Pa. 19082*

Reservations may also be made through EVENTBRITE: <https://hucopen21.eventbrite.com/>



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**RiverWinds
RESTAURANT**

Name: _____

Email or telephone number: _____

_____ Number of reservations at \$40 per person \$_____ Total

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PROGRAM:

THE GREEK REVOLUTION



Presented by
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Time: TBA

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