



# THE PANHELLENIC

*Building a better America through Education & Hellenism*

**OCTOBER 2019**



**WHO WILL BE THE CLASS OF 2020?**





# SAVE *the* DATES

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**2020 Alumni Weekend — June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

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**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Welcome Reception—Private VIP Dinner

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**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

4th Annual Mentorship Luncheon—University Club of Chicago

11 am–2 pm

Awards Ceremony & Gala—Hilton Chicago

Doors Open 5 pm



## THE PANHELLENIC MOVED

In January 2019 the PanHellenic opened for business at a new, convenient location near O'Hare International Airport at **8501 West Higgins Road, Suite 210**. The new space is a perfect fit and easily accessible for PanHellenic staff, governance, alumni & supporters.

Thank you to all who helped with the moving process!



## PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION CELEBRATES RECORD-BREAKING YEAR: CONTINUES GOING BEYOND A SCHOLARSHIP

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation celebrated its annual Alumni Weekend from June 14 – June 15, 2019, awarding 40 exceptional students \$250,000 in scholarships, hosting a mentorship luncheon and announcing a new internship initiative—which will enable the PHSF to continue their goal of going *Beyond a Scholarship*.

This year's Alumni Weekend began with a Welcome Reception Friday evening at **Holland & Knight** courtesy of the Foundation's pro bono counsel, **Elias Matsakis**, along with **College Year in Athens (CYA)**. 2019 Recipients, Paradigm Honoree Matina Kolokotronis, PanHellenic Alumni, the Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Scholarship Society Members, and the Academic Committee enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while admiring the beautiful Chicago skyline. Mr. Matsakis delivered an inspiring welcome where he described the legacy of Founder Chris P. Tomaras and other dedicated leaders of the community, and the value of paying it forward to help future generations of Hellenism. Following welcome remarks, the Board of Directors, Academic Committee, and Scholarship Society members continued the evening at Lake Point Tower's **Cité** for a private dinner generously hosted by Advisory Board Member **Evangeline Gouletas**. Meanwhile, the PanHellenic Class of 2019 and Alumni stayed at Holland & Knight for dinner where Trustee and Secretary **Athan Tom Sotos** introduced the new recipients to the PanHellenic. Mr. Sotos described how he witnessed Mr. Tomaras build the PanHellenic from a small local scholarship to the great organization it is today. He encouraged all PanHellenic Alumni to work together to keep Mr. Tomaras' dream alive.

Saturday morning, Class of 2019 Recipients, PanHellenic Alumni, and other young professionals met at the **University Club of Chicago** for the 3rd Annual Mentorship Luncheon graciously hosted by **Nicholas Alexos** and sponsored by **The Hellenic Initiative**. Over lunch, students engaged in meaningful advising from an impressive group of fourteen mentors—**Nicholas W. Alexos**, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Dentsply Sirona Inc.; **Victoire H. Cogevina Reynal**, Founder & CEO, Silicon Soccer; **Dimitri Eliopoulos**, Partner & President, Wealth Management, RMB Capital; **Steven Galanis**, Co-Founder & CEO, Cameo; **Georgia Giakoumis Spear, MD**, Chief of the Department of Breast Imaging, NorthShore University, Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology, University of Chicago; **Michael Konidaris**, Principal Economist, Macroeconomic Advisers by IHS Markit; **John Koudounis**, CEO, Calamos

Investments; **Nick Larigakis**, President & COO, American Hellenic Institute; **Stephen J. Livaditis**, Managing Director, Eastdil Secured, LLC; **Alexandra Mihalas**, Esq., Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, **Doretta Mistras**, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs; **Bill Parkinson**, PhD, Curator & Professor of Anthropology, Field Museum of Natural History, University of Illinois at Chicago, and **Evonne Sepsis**, Managing Director and Founder, ESC Advisors. After lunch was served, keynote speaker, **Maria Spiropulu**, PhD, Shang-Yi Ch'en Professor of Physics, California Institute of Technology, delivered a powerful address encouraging millennials to continue their good works and give back to the community.

The weekend culminated Saturday evening with the annual Awards Ceremony & Gala at the **Hilton Chicago**. In front of a record-breaking 600+ attendees, 40 of the best and brightest students from across the United States received \$250,000 in scholarships. The evening began with cocktails in the Grand Ballroom proceeded by the **Awards Ceremony** in the impressive International Ballroom. **Tim Gianitsos** and **Christina Moniodis** served as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies—both previous PanHellenic Award recipients who understand the importance of giving back and staying involved with the Foundation and the Hellenic community. Christina and Tim described the impact their scholarships have had on their lives, and they did an excellent job emceeding the event and inspiring all in attendance.

**John Manos**, Treasurer and Trustee of the PanHellenic, conducted the Awards Ceremony for the 2019 Scholarship recipients. Presenting the awards were **Dr. Tassos Malliaris**, representative of the Academic Committee, along with **Robert A. Buhler**, Chairman and Trustee. Each year, the Foundation is even more impressed by the exceptional group of young Greek Americans who receive awards.

Following the awards distribution, Mr. Buhler delivered the Chairman's report. Here, he unveiled the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation's new **Internship Initiative**. Partnering with 15 inaugural companies, the PanHellenic will help find scholars and alumni internships across multiple industries throughout the nation, starting in Chicago. Mr. Buhler further explained that the PanHellenic is committed to strategically expanding nationally and recognized all new Board of Directors and Advisory Board members from around the country. Finally, Mr. Buhler recognized all new

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PANHELLENIC  
SCHOLARSHIP  
FOUNDATION



\$3.25+ Million in  
Scholarships



500+  
Undergraduate  
Scholars



200+ Colleges  
and Universities



Exceptional Merit  
and Needs-Based  
Students

Scholarship Society members and those who recommitted at the new Scholarship 200 level. See the article on page 12 for more details on how to join the Scholarship Society.

The PanHellenic also honored the success and accomplishments of its **2019 Paradigm Award Honoree, Matina Kolokotronis**. Kolokotronis serves as Chief Operating Officer of the Sacramento Kings. Bringing decades of experience in sports and government law, community affairs and contract negotiations, Kolokotronis' leadership has been integral to the development of the award winning Golden 1 Center. The Paradigm Award is given annually to a distinguished Greek American whose career and accomplishments are a testimony to the Foundation's mission and who the scholars can strive to emulate. *"Ms. Kolokotronis possesses all of the attributes of a Paradigm."* said Trustee and Secretary, **Tom Sotos**. *"Her impressive career, dedication to her community and respect for her Hellenic roots will certainly inspire our recipients to also become trailblazers and the next generation of leaders in America."* Ms. Kolokotronis delivered an inspiring acceptance speech relaying the importance of community, helping one another succeed, and above all, the importance of receiving a great education.

Following the Paradigm presentation, the Foundation honored donors who have fulfilled their **Scholarship Society** pledges, with contributions totaling \$100,000 or more. We were proud to honor **The Nicholas J. & Anna K. Bouras Foundation, Robert A. & Violetta Kapsalis Buhler, Tassos F. Chronopoulos and The Tassos Group LLC, Dr. George &**

**Anita Skarpathiotis, and Eric and Demetra Vassilatos**. These five new Scholarship 200 members join **Dimitri and Eleni Bousis and family**, along with **John and Mary Pappajohn**—thank you to these incredible individuals for continuing to support Hellenism and education through their generous gifts.

Guests enjoyed a spectacular dinner in the Grand Ballroom following the inspiring Awards Ceremony. After dinner, dancing commenced with all 2019 recipients leading the first dance and with great music provided by **Mylos Entertainment of New York**. Chairman Robert A. Buhler, the Trustees, the Board of Directors, Academic Committee, and Board of Advisors once again congratulate our 2019 Scholarship Award recipients, our 2019 Paradigm recipient Matina Kolokotronis and express deep appreciation to the guests, donors, and volunteers who made this year's Alumni Weekend and Awards Ceremony & Gala a great success. Special thanks to the **NHSA** for their efforts coordinating another seamless event—καί του χρόνου!

**Save the date for the 2020 Alumni Weekend, June 12th-13th & 2020 Awards Ceremony & Gala, Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Hilton Chicago!**



For more information about the Foundation and to view photographs of the event, please visit [www.panhellenicsf.org](http://www.panhellenicsf.org).

## 2019 PARADIGM HONOREE MATINA KOLOKOTRONIS



The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation was proud to honor Chicago native **Matina Kolokotronis** with the 2019 Paradigm Award. The Paradigm Award is annually given to a distinguished Greek American whose career achievements and personal accomplishments reflect the Foundation's mission and vision of *building a better America through education and Hellenism*. Honored not only for the professional success they have achieved; Paradigm Award honorees are recognized for upholding the values and ideals of their Hellenic heritage—serving as inspirational figures for our scholarship recipients.

Entering her 23<sup>rd</sup> season with the NBA, Matina Kolokotronis is a trailblazer who serves as Chief Operating Officer of the Sacramento Kings. She is the only female in the NBA to hold the titles of both COO and President of Business Operations. With decades of experience in sports and government law, community affairs and contract negotiations, Matina's leadership was integral to the development of the award winning Golden 1 Center. Recognized as the greenest and most technologically-advanced

arena in the world, it is the first professional sports venue to achieve LEED Platinum certification.

Matina's leadership extends beyond the Kings organization and into the community where she is a dedicated mentor and advocate for numerous women's advancement groups and non-profits. She strives for inclusivity and is driven to promote policies that benefit working families, as well as women pursuing leadership roles. California Governor Gavin Newsom recently appointed Matina to the California State Protocol Foundation. She was also an Adjunct Professor of Law at McGeorge Law School, University of the Pacific, where she taught Sports Law.

On a personal note, Matina's parents hail from villages outside Tripoli, and met after immigrating to Chicago as teenagers. Matina and her three sisters grew up attending Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Plato Academy. Her Hellenic upbringing and ties to her heritage have helped shape her personal and professional success. In Sacramento, she is an active member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, which she attends with her husband Sotiris and three children, Constantine, Marisa and Nicholas. Matina feels strongly about instilling a strong Greek connection in her children and strives to provide them with an upbringing that mirrors the close-knit Greek-American community she remembers growing up in Chicago.

At the 2019 Awards Ceremony & Gala, Matina gave a powerful speech, describing her early life and how she became an NBA executive. She highlighted her family's Hellenic values which were instrumental, but the most important aspect of her youth was the "village" her mother created to help Matina during her educational career. She credits her family and community and the support structures that were created to help her academically. She said without that village, her success as an NBA executive would not have been possible.

Congratulations 2019 Paradigm Award recipient Matina Kolokotronis!





## THANK YOU, DR. DAME EVANGELINE GOULETAS FOR HOSTING ANOTHER SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

On Friday, June 14, 2019, **Dr. Dame Evangeline Gouletas** was kind enough to host an exclusive VIP dinner for donors and special guests at her beautiful restaurant, Cité, at the top of historic Lake Point Tower. Also in attendance were His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, PanHellenic Board of Directors, Academic Committee, and Scholarship Society members. We would like to thank Dr. Dame Gouletas for once again hosting the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, and for her kindness and generosity.

*Cité*  
AT THE TOP OF LAKE POINT TOWER  
SEAFOOD • STEAK • SKYLounge





### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ALUMNI WEEKEND

The PanHellenic was elated to once again host an Alumni Weekend full of events that culminated with our 2019 Awards Ceremony & Gala. On Friday, Elias Matsakis, pro bono counsel of the Foundation, hosted our Welcome Reception at the beautiful law offices of Holland & Knight, co-sponsored by our friends at College Year in Athens (CYA). 2019 Recipients, Paradigm Honoree Matina Kolokotronis, PanHellenic Alumni, the Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Scholarship Society Members, and the Academic Committee enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while admiring the beauty of the Chicago skyline and Lake Front. It was a perfect opportunity for PanHellenic Board members, Advisory Board members, and Academic Committee members to welcome our exceptional 2019 Scholars.

Mr. Matsakis' welcome speech highlighted the legacy of Founder Chris P. Tomaras and the contribution of previous generations of Greek Americans who worked hard to build the close-knit Greek American community that we know. Additionally, Endy Zemenides, a member of CYA's Board of Trustees, spoke to the importance of studying abroad in Greece, especially as a Greek American. Zemenides explained to the Class of 2019 and Alumni that going to Greece with CYA allows a Greek American to experience Greece in a completely different light. PanHellenic Trustee and Secretary, Tom Sotos gave a moving speech about the trials and tribulations Mr. Tomaras endured before obtaining success as an entrepreneur. Tom explained how Mr. Tomaras valued education, but due to financial hardship could not complete his degree at Columbia University's business school. After selling his company, Kronos Gyros, he established the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, to help Greek American youth obtain an education. Most importantly, Tom highlighted that in order to keep this Foundation going, Alumni need to help give back when they are ready—whether it is through volunteering or donating. Around 9 pm PanHellenic Alumni and Class of 2019 Recipients left Holland & Knight and took a trolley tour throughout the Chicago Loop, ending in Greektown.

The next morning over 100 PanHellenic Alumni, Class of 2019 Recipients, and other Greek American young professionals met at the University Club of Chicago for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mentorship Luncheon, kindly sponsored by Nicholas Alexos and The Hellenic Initiative. Beginning at 11 am, attendees enjoyed refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. At 12 pm the luncheon began in the Madison Room with a few opening remarks by Alumni Board Member Eunice Buhler who served as Alumni Weekend Co-Chair, and host Nick Alexos. Following the welcome remarks, lunch was served and mentoring began. Each table consisted of one to two mentors from a specific industry, with young professionals choosing their preferred table corresponding to their desired career field prior to the Luncheon. The event culminated with a speech from key note speaker, world-renowned physicist, Dr. Maria Spiropulu, Shang-Yi Che'en Professor of Physics at the California Institute of Technology. Dr. Spiropulu encouraged all young professionals in the room to live a life full of knowledge and never stop learning, nor stop teaching others.

The highlight of the weekend was, of course, the 2019 Awards Ceremony & Gala at the Hilton Chicago. Not only was it great to see the Class of 2019 become inducted as PanHellenic Alumni as they received their awards, but exciting to see Sacramento Kings COO Matina Kolokotronis honored as this year's Paradigm recipient. The evening was topped off with an amazing dinner, great music by Mylos Entertainment of New York, and dancing that did not stop until the early morning. We thank all our volunteers, especially PanHellenic Alumni and National Hellenic Student Association members. A big thank you to Alumni Board members **Eunice Buhler**, **Vasiliki Mitrakos**, and **Despina Sfikas** who served as Alumni Weekend Co-Chairs, as well as all of the Alumni Board who dedicated their time and talent to the Foundation year-round.







# THIRD ANNUAL ALUMNI WEEKEND





# 2019 AWARDS CEREMONY & GALA

## 2019 PANHELLENIC AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Demetra Alikakos**, DePaul University

**Fotini Anastopoulos**, Harvard University

**Eugenia Angelopoulos**, Boston University

**Alexander Belchou**, State University of New York at Geneseo

**Athena Chapekis**, Miami University

**Evangelia Eracleous**, Queens College, City University of New York

**Stella Erickson**, Purdue University

**George Evangeloulis**, University of Southern California

**Mary Fellios**, Columbia University

**Natalie Ganios**, University of Akron

**Jordan George**, Michigan State University

**Andrew Gonedes**, Nova Southeastern University

**Erini Kamarinos**, Regis College

**Napoleon Kanaris**, Hellenic College

**Constantina Karalis**, University of California Santa Barbara

**Kaitlin Kaye**, Ohio State University

**Elisabeth Kotsalidis**, Boston University

**Andreas Kotsifas**, DePaul University

**Panayioti Logothetis**, Seton Hall University

**Christina Macris**, Cedarville University

**Daphne Martin**, Yale University

**Argyro Miliou**, The University of Texas at Austin

**John Nash**, United States Naval Academy

**Alexandra Niforos**, University of Michigan

**Julianne Papadopoulos**, Elon University

**Elaina Patitsas**, University of Akron

**Dimitri Petrakis**, The Pennsylvania State University

**Anastasios Roumeliotis**, Northwestern University

**Christina Sellountos**, Carnegie Mellon University

**Helen Tasho**, Loyola University Chicago

**Nicholas Tomaras**, Loyola University Chicago

**Elena Triantafyllopoulos**, University of Central Florida

**Panayiotis Vandris**, Stanford University

**Eleftheria Varkados**, Juniata College

**Andreas Vassilakos**, Illinois Institute of Technology

**Alexander Velis**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Maria Vonortas**, The Ohio State University

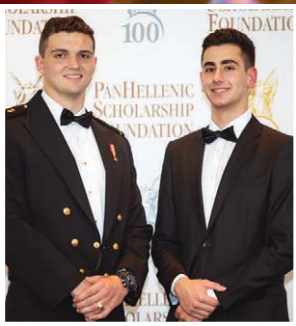
**Evangelos Zarkadas**, University of Maine at Presque Isle

**Sophia Zervas**, University of Colorado at Boulder

**Michael Ziamandanis**, University at Albany







600+  
Guests



40 Award  
Recipients

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN "TRANSFORMATION" OF THE FOUNDATION

Every day, we strive to honor the vision of our late founder, Chris P. Tomaras, by supporting young Greek American Scholars as he did. Since 2016, however, our Board of Directors has had to aggressively work on many transformations to position us well for continued growth and sustain Chris' vision. Our three areas of significant transformation are the following: 1) Going National, 2) Developing a Sustainable Donor Base, and 3) Expanding our "Beyond a Scholarship" initiative.

**Going National:** We are more national in two ways. First, we are selecting from a larger pool of scholars that are more national and less from the Midwest. Secondly, our Advisory Board members and Board members are now not just from Illinois, but are coming from different areas of the country.

**Building a Sustainable Donor Base:** Last year we introduced our Scholarship Society giving program, where donors pledge to sponsor scholarships over 5 or 10 years. This year, our program expanded from 19 to 24 donors, including our new "200" level, where donors who have fulfilled their "100" commitment will generously continue to provide a \$10,000 scholarship to 10 more exceptional scholars over the course of 10 years.

**New "Beyond a Scholarship" Internship Initiative:** We are excited to announce our newest program, the PanHellenic Internship Initiative. We are working with 15 inaugural companies to provide our Scholars, and Alumni, with internships. We hope to have an expanded offering next Spring with numerous companies from across the nation. We believe, getting our Scholars a good internship will greatly help them secure a good job.

This year we were happy to once again deliver a full Alumni Weekend culminating with our beautiful 2019 Awards Ceremony & Gala on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. On Friday night our Class of 2019, Alumni, and all PanHellenic Governance enjoyed an exquisite Welcome Reception thanks to our Corporate Sponsors, Holland & Knight (Elias Matsakis) and College Year in Athens. Saturday afternoon The Hellenic Initiative (via Nick Alexos) generously sponsored our third Mentorship Luncheon where recipients had the exclusive opportunity to gain career insight from fourteen exceptional mentors. These industry leaders provided real advice and knowledge directly from the fields of medicine, technology, science, law, private equity and finance, and even academia. We were fortunate to have Dr. Maria Spiropulu, Shang-Yi Che'en Professor of Physics at the California Institute of Technology as keynote speaker. Dr. Spiropulu gave an inspiring speech encouraging all the young professionals in the room to live a life full of knowledge and never stop learning, nor stop teaching others.

Our 2019 Awards Ceremony & Gala was simply spectacular. Every year it is inspiring to see the future leaders of our Greek American community walk across the stage and be recognized for their accomplishments. This year we were privileged to have Matina Kolokotronis, COO of the Sacramento Kings, as our Paradigm Award recipient. Ms. Kolokotronis' story can speak to our recipients on so many levels, but the most important lesson she delivered is that it really does take a village. She credits her loving family and Greek American community with helping her shoot for success.

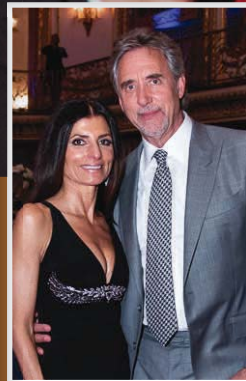
To date, the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation has awarded over \$3.25 million dollars to over 500 of the best and brightest Greek American youth in the nation. A special thank you to our Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Academic Committee, PanHellenic Staff, Alumni Board, and all volunteers that were exceptionally organized by our friends from the National Hellenic Student Association. Lastly, but with our highest appreciation, we thank you, all of our generous supporters. It is your belief in educational excellence, coupled with strong Hellenic values, that drives our cause. You make the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation thrive.

Thank you,

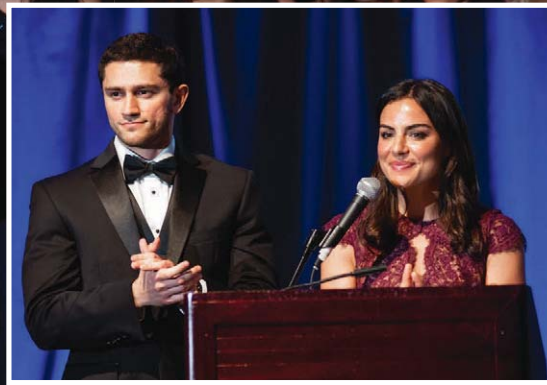
**Robert A. Buhler, Chairman and Trustee**













# Scholarship Society

## INTRODUCING SCHOLARSHIP 200

Each year, PanHellenic scholarship recipients with financial need are awarded \$10,000 toward their college education, providing them with significant economic relief. This is accomplished through the generous support of many repeat donors, who provide a named \$10,000 scholarship. These scholarships provide a life-changing award for our scholars, as well as a meaningful personal connection for our donors. With donors and scholars in mind, the Foundation created the Scholarship Society in 2018. This giving program was comprised of two levels; Scholarship 50 and Scholarship 100, both of which are a \$10,000 commitment for 5 years or 10 years, respectively. We are proud to announce this year we have added a new giving level, Scholarship 200, which consists of a \$10,000 commitment for 20 years.

Along with the many benefits that come with a Scholarship Society membership, each contribution directly impacts the lives of 5, 10 or 20 students. Donors also gain the ability to follow their exceptional scholars throughout their lives, building meaningful relationships and instilling in them the importance of giving back to the Greek American community. If you would like to learn more about the Scholarship Society, please email [vharitos@panhellenicsf.org](mailto:vharitos@panhellenicsf.org) or call 312.357.6432.

**Thank you to our Scholarship Society Members!**



### Scholarship 200

The following generous supporters have met and exceeded \$100,000+ in scholarship contributions to PanHellenic recipients:

The Nicholas J. & Anna K. Bouras Foundation\*  
Dimitri & Eleni Bousis Family  
Robert A. & Violetta Kapsalis Buhler Family\*  
Tassos F. Chronopoulos – The Tassos Group LLC\*  
John & Mary Pappajohn  
Dr. George & Anita Skarpathiotis Family\*  
Eric & Demetra Vassilatos\*



### Scholarship 100

The following generous supporters have made a commitment to provide \$100,000 in scholarship contributions to PanHellenic recipients:

Devanco Foods - Peter Bartzis  
Fresh Farms - The Svigos Families  
Peter & Catherine Fountas Family & Friends  
Demetrios & Chrisoula Kozonis  
John Koudounis Family  
Dr. Peter J. Panton & Family\*  
Takis & Elaine Sotos & Families



### Scholarship 50

The following generous supporters have made a commitment to provide \$50,000 in scholarship contributions to PanHellenic recipients:

Dr. Thomas & Mrs. Dina Adams\*  
Ted & Demetra Argeroplos\*  
Roula Alakiotou  
Christ Panos Foods Corporation  
Barbara Kariotis Javaras  
Joseph & Anna Kokolakis\*  
John & Elena Manos  
Perry Siatis, Esq.  
Drs. William & Georgia Spear\*  
The Michael Skoubis Foundation

\*Indicates new Scholarship Society "200" members as of 2019

\*Indicates new Scholarship Society "100" members as of 2019

\*Indicates new Scholarship Society "50" members as of 2019





**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FULFILLED SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY 100 MEMBERS!**



**ERIC & DEMETRA  
VASSILATOS**



**THE NICHOLAS J. & ANNA K.  
BOURAS FOUNDATION**



**DR. GEORGE & ANITA  
SKARPATHIOTIS**



**TASSOS F.  
CHRONOPOULOS**



**ROBERT A. & VIOLETTA  
KAPSALIS BUHLER**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HELEN TOMARAS ASTIN ENDOWMENT**

Helen Tomaras Astin was the beloved sister of our late Founder Chris P. Tomaras, and a major supporter of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation. From the inception of the Foundation, Helen whole-heartedly embraced her brother’s dream of supporting young Greek American undergraduate students. Upon her passing in 2017 she left the Foundation over \$500,000. To honor her memory, the PanHellenic will award a scholarship in her name in perpetuity. May her memory be eternal!



*Ionic Order* ( \$500,000+ )



## THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is pleased to introduce four new members to its Board of Directors. Chairman **Robert A. Buhler**, with the guidance of the Board, invited **Ted Argeroplos**, President and CEO of AMA Systems, **Peter Bartzis**, President and CEO of Devanco Foods, **Doretta Mistras**, Managing Director at Goldman Sachs, and **Perry Siatis**, Vice President, Legal Commercial, Acquisitions & R&D at AbbVie. The Board voted to add these outstanding members based on their leadership abilities, business acumen, strength of character, and dedication to the PanHellenic, even prior to being formally appointed as Directors.



**Ted Argeroplos** founded AMA Systems in 1994, an International Global Trading Company in Maryland. Ted, along with his wife Demetra, have actively served on PanHellenic's Advisory Board for three years, and are involved in several other charitable organizations throughout the United States.

*"I am very honored to be part of this elite group of individuals that will help to mentor and support our deserving Greek American students in their future endeavors."*



**Peter Bartzis** is President and CEO of Devanco Foods, a leading Italian Beef and Gyros manufacturer. Mr. Bartzis has actively served on PanHellenic's Advisory Board for over twelve years and is a founding member of our Scholarship Society at the Scholarship 100 level.

*"Chris Tomaras was a mentor and a great friend. I am truly honored to now directly help his Foundation grow."*



**Doretta Mistras** is a Managing Director in the Healthcare Investment Banking Group at Goldman Sachs. Ms. Mistras has been a generous supporter of the PanHellenic, and for the past two years she has kindly donated her time as a mentor at The Hellenic Initiative/ PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation Mentoring Luncheon.

*"I greatly look forward to working with other like-minded individuals to help the Foundation reach even more young Greek Americans across the nation, while thinking of new, innovative ways to promote the wonderful mission of the Foundation."*



**Perry Siatis** is Vice President, Legal Commercial, Acquisitions & R&D at AbbVie. Mr. Siatis has been a supporter of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation for the past two years, and is a member of PanHellenic's Scholarship 50 sponsorship program. He is also involved in multiple charitable organizations in the Chicago area.

*"I am honored to join a dedicated group of wonderful individuals with the goal of providing financial support and mentorship opportunities to young adults of Hellenic descent. My parents instilled in me the importance of education at a very young age, and I cannot think of a better way to carry that message forward."*



## THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO ITS ADVISORY BOARD

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is pleased to introduce the following new members to its Advisory Board. "Our Advisory Board members are the PanHellenic's front-line ambassadors, promoting our mission nationally, and generating new participants interested in the Foundation," says Chairman Robert A. Buhler. "We are particularly excited to have many new Advisory Board members join us from across the nation. Each Advisory Board member is passionately committed to recognizing and supporting top college students of Hellenic descent throughout the U.S."



**Dr. Thomas & Dina Adams**  
Glenview, Illinois



**James & Joanna Cavalaris**  
Charlotte, North Carolina



**Dr. Nick & Melanie Chionis**  
Palos Heights, Illinois



**Demitrios & Georgia Halakos**  
Greenville, Delaware



**Tom & Pamala Kiriakos**  
Lake Forest, Illinois



**Joseph & Anna Kokolakis**  
Dunedin, Florida



**Antonis & Soula Mistras**  
Wilmington, Delaware



**John & Ephie Skoubis**  
Palatine, Illinois



**Eric & Demetra Vassilatos**  
Chicago, Illinois



## PANHELLENIC INTERNSHIP INITIATIVE

More Internship information coming in 2019/2020! If you are a PanHellenic Alumni and are interested in applying for an internship please contact 312.357.6432 or email [info@panhellenicsf.org](mailto:info@panhellenicsf.org).

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You Need Time... We Can Help!



# FROM OUR 2019 RECIPIENTS



**Konstantina Karalis**

**On what it means to be a PanHellenic recipient:** *"Being a PanHellenic recipient means that you are part of a community that wants you to succeed; it's being part of a community that supports Hellenism; it's a community that wants people to come together and connect for a greater cause and to make an impact on the world. It's going to be tremendous to [one day] give back to the Greek community, to expand Hellenic studies, and hopefully teach the young people of tomorrow how to also be leaders."*



**Jordan George**

**On what it means to be a PanHellenic recipient:** *"To be a PanHellenic scholarship recipient is a privilege and an honor—to be recognized by fellow Greeks as having potential, and as having a background befitting of the scholarship is very humbling and very important to me."*



**Julianna Papadopoulos**

**On attending Alumni Weekend:** *"I've felt a closer connection to my Greek American heritage through seeing the entire Greek American community at Alumni Weekend—not only the recipients, but also Alumni, the Board of Directors, Advisors, supporters—and it's really brought to light how large and impactful this community really is. Seeing and meeting everyone in person only encourages me, and I'm sure others here, to seek out a community like this in the first place."*



**Alexander Velis**

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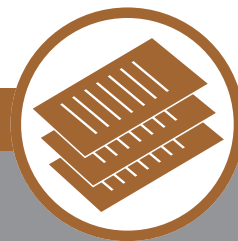
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