

INTRODUCING OUR 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

IOANNIS ANASTASOPOULOS Diamond Bar, CA UC Berkeley \$1500

Ioannis has a GPA of 3.7. He plans to pursue a degree in Finance and later MBA and Law degrees. He has received the U.S. Presidential Award for outstanding academic excellence. Even though his major concentration is in mathematics, Ioannis has become increasingly interested in the history and literature of Greece. Three goals that Ioannis has set for himself: First, to live a happy, good and moral life, second, to help the people and community around him, and third, to contribute at least one thing, no matter how small, to the evolution of the sciences.

ZOE CHRISAGIS Tempe, AZ Corona Del Sol H.S. \$1500

Zoe has a GPA of 3.6/3.833. She plans to attend the University of Arizona with a pre-nursing major, become a neonatology nurse and later attend Nursing School to become a registered nurse. Zoe has received the Principal's Honor Roll for six times, participated in the school choir. Zoe is a member of the Maids of Athena and has participated in her GOYA Project Mexico, Church's dance program and volunteering for her Church festival. Fr. Saylor describes her as being faithful, talented, and a giving Greek Orthodox young leader.

BRANDON FLOOR Scottsdale, AZ Arizona State Univ. \$1500

Brandon has a GPA of 4.0. He is working towards obtaining a film degree and will acquire internships and other opportunities in the hope of directing feature-length films. Brandon is a member of the Spanish Honors Society, National Honors Society, and National Technical Honor Society. Brandon states that his "love for filmmaking, participation in school organizations and community activities, and involvement with AHEPA Chapter 219 are the main aspects of my life that define me as a person at my core". Brandon was described as being passionate, trustworthy, hardworking, reliable, consistent and kind.

NAMIE FOTION Redondo Beach, CA UCLA \$1500

Namie has a GPA of 3.96. She is currently pursuing a degree in Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology. She continues to continue research in the Novitch Lab or a similar laboratory. Then she plans on attending medical school to become a medical doctor. Namie has received Departmental honors at the College of Letters and Sciences (UCLA), FAITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence, PanHellenic Scholarship for Academic Excellence and Financial Need, American Hellenic Scholarship. She is actively involved as an undergraduate researcher at the Novitch Laboratory, Events Director at the Hellenic Student Association at UCLA, and member of the Biomedical Research Minor at UCLA. Her grandparents continue to inspire her by giving her a duty to strive for greatness in helping those without the capabilities to help themselves.

MARIANA FRANGOS Coronado, CA Stanford Univ. \$1500

Mariana has a GPA of 3.6. She is majoring in Mathematical and Computational Science and is seeking a degree in either Computational and Mathematical Engineering or Electrical Engineering. In Graduate School she seeks a PhD and plans on becoming a professor and doing her own research in data science in healthcare. Mariana has received recognition as a Valedictorian, Girl Scout Gold Award, AP Scholar, University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, and 3rd place in National American Sign Language Honor Society Art competition. Mariana participated as an intern at the La Jolla Bioengineering Institute in a lab investigating traumatic brain injury. Her research with researchers at UCLA Medical School studying oropharynx cancer treatment resulted in two publications in well- known scientific journals.

GEORGIA HAMALIS Montebello, CA. Boston College \$1500

Georgia has a GPA of 3.67. Georgia hopes to become an Occupational Therapist. She is studying Psychology and minoring in Spanish. She is on the Dean's List and received 2nd place Honors, National Guild Piano Competition, participated in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival (Iconography – 1st place at Parish level, 2nd place at Diocese level). She serves on the Boston College Committee for Creative Enactments, participated in the Boston College Habitat for Humanity, Boston College Greek Club, GOYA, YAL and OCF. Georgia lived in Seoul, South Korea for a year with a family and interacted with the Korean Orthodox Church and worked as an English teacher at the Orthodox Metropolis of Korea English Summer Camp in Chungcheong-Si in 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2018. She has also attended the Ionian Village Camp.

MATINA KOUNELIS San Diego, CA. Mira Costa College \$1500

Matina has a GPA of 4.0. Matina is seeking a bachelor's degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology with an emphasis in Human Genetics. Her goal is to work for a Biotech company or continue her future education to work in the medical field. Matina is a member of the Daughters of Penelope and Philoptochos. She teaches and participates in Greek Dance at Saints Constantine and Helen Cardiff. She is currently on the Dean's List and received a Presidential Volunteer Award. Through rigorous preparation to take on the role of being a molecular biologist, she hopes to make a discovery that will ease suffering and disease.

THEODORE LEWANDOWSKI Scottsdale, AZ. Arizona State Univ. \$1500

Theodore has a GPA of 4.0. Theodore plans to graduate with a degree in Accounting and then attend Law School to pursue a Juris Doctorate. He hopes to become a public attorney in the D.A. Prosecutor's office in Arizona. Theodore is on the Dean's List and received an honor from Barrett, the Honors College at ASU. Theodore is a member of the Sons of Pericles Chapter 283. He is also a member of Beta Alpha Psi, Accounting Honors Society, Greek Dance teacher, youth leader, fundraising event planner and a Project Mexico participant. Fr. Jacob Saylor describes Theodore as being sharp-minded, compassionate and pious young man, whose service-oriented approach, selfless attitude, and strong leadership qualities.

DEMETRIOS PICKETT Chandler, AZ. Hamilton High School \$1500
Demetrios has a GPA of 3.8/4.54. He is planning on attending the University of Arizona to complete an undergraduate degree in Finance. He then plans to attend graduate school to complete MBA and Law degrees. Demetrios has participated on his High School Varsity Swim Sate Team, won 3rd place in We the People Regional Champions, received an AP Scholar Award and 4.0 GPA Award. He has participated in on his High School Varsity Swim program (4 years), he belongs to the National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Distributive Education Clubs of America, Link Crew Club, We the People Club, ASP, Sons of Pericles, GOYA, Greek Dance, FDF, and Youth Advisory Council. Demetrios is a member of Sons of Pericles 243.

JACK SHANNAZARIAN La Quinta, CA. CS Poly San Luis Obispo \$1500
Jack has a GPA of 3.0. Jack is working towards finishing his undergraduate degree in history with a minor in environmental studies. He plans to have a career in environmental law. Jack has received honors as becoming an Eagle Scout, a member of PAD fraternity and part of the Brotherhood Committee. He has participated in the Lion's Club as a member and helped with the Saint George Greek Orthodox Church. Whatever field he goes into, Jack wants it to be in a responsible profession which is environmentally conscious and benefits the world around him so that he can help give to the community for all that it has done for him. His teacher shared that Jack is an exceptional student who has natural leadership ability and believes in honest and open intellectual discourse.

MARIA TANGALOS Oak Park, CA. USC \$1500
Maria has a GPA of 3.92. Maria is a Biomedical Engineering student with a chemical/molecular engineering emphasis. She serves as Programming Chair for her dorm and is involved in science outreach. She also coordinates with local elementary schools to connect students studying science to the community (SCout). She presents weekly science lessons and related science experiments to a second- grade class. She has volunteered as a Hospice care volunteer at the Motion Picture Television Home. Maria has served two terms as GOYA Co-President, helped organize the collection of hygiene products to be used as rescue kits for the IOCC. Her Parish Priest, Fr. Gary Kyriacou describes Maria as being a dynamic person and a resource to the whole Parish. She has charm and energy and is a valuable resource to the Church and Ministries. She is faithful, kind-hearted, loving and very talented.

ELENI WOJCIK Arcadia, CA. Cal State Univ. Long Beach \$1500

Eleni has a GPA of 3.7. Eleni plans on becoming a marine biologist performing research and educating others about the numerous organisms living in the oceans. She plans to focus primarily on shark research and conservation. She is a member of the National Honors Society, California Scholarship Federation and was awarded honorable mention in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. She also earned honorable mention in the Nation French Language Competition, Le Grand Concours. Eleni is in GOYA, Vacation Bible studies, Good Friday retreat, volunteer at Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institute of Oceanography at University of California San Diego, and member of the Shark Lab at CSULB. Eleni volunteered at Union Station Homeless Services in Pasadena. At the facility, she prepared and served meals for the homeless members of the community as well as socialize with those who would otherwise be spending their day alone on the streets. Eleni is described as being trustworthy, dedicated, hard-working, kind and compassionate person. She goes above and beyond to follow through on her commitments.