

# *El Camino Real District 20*

## *AHEPA Scholarship Foundation*



### *Awards Luncheon*

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Woodland Hills, California



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**Melina N. Nitsiotis** – Biology will be Melina's course of study leading to pre-dental studies. She has multiple skills which she has used while volunteering for Kid 'N' Cancer, ARC, Rainbow Services, Royal Family Kids Camp, and many other volunteer opportunities. Marianna has been recognized as a Redondo Beach Unified District Student of the Year.

**Anthony Richmond** – As a student in Accounting and Finance at Loyola Marymount University, Anthony appreciates the fundamental clarity of the accounting profession – clear and concise, true or false. He enjoys teaching Greek folk dancing and mentoring younger students through Sundy School at his church parish. He is rooted in faith and tradition.

**Constantinos Richmond** – Although Constantinos is enrolled as an Accounting and Finance major (like his brother above), his recommendation points out the excellence in his Modern Greek Studies classes, teaching Greek folk dance and living his traditions in faith and Hellenism. The dance troupe took top honors at the recent Folk Dance Festival. He is an ambassador of Greek Culture.

**Alexios Savvides** – A track and cross-country athlete, Alexios is running towards a degree in Civil Engineering. Beginning in high school to the present at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Alexios has always reached out to mentor younger students and to participate actively in his church community. His learned leadership skills are noted and admired by those who surround him.

**John Ektoras Riedy Savvides** – Academics, athletics, community service, church service, and lending a hand at various AHEPA fund-raising events keep John busy and connected with his heritage. This summer he will join the Journey to Greece program and get even closer to his ancestors' history. Then, he will pursue a career in investment banking at the NYU Stern School of Business.

**Alexia Stratigouleas** – An opportunity to intern with a neuro-optometry specialist convinced Alexia to study optometry or veterinary science at Arizona State University Barrett, the Honors College. Her Greek Orthodox values and high school experiences, athletics, and community service have provided Alexia with a strong foundation to continue her studies.

**Dimitrios Stratigouleas** – Planning to study Mechanical Engineering at Arizona State University Barrett, the Honors College, Dimitrios will call on his academic excellence in high school and use his leadership experiences in local and regional positions. Tenure at Ionian Village taught him the significance of community and faith, underscoring the value of cultural identity.

**Ioannis Tasoulis-Drakos** – Studying bioengineering at UC Riverside is but a step in the direction of becoming a physician for Ioannis. He hopes to be able to offer new methods to improve patient health. Immigrating from Greece at six years of age, he has maintained connections to his Greek origins and successfully established new community ties through his Orthodox faith.

**Anna V. Tomaras** – From a family deeply committed to the values of Hellenism and Orthodoxy, Anna's character reflects that legacy as she pursues a career in neuroscience and ultimately of becoming a neurosurgeon. Valuable time and energy are reflected in her long resumé of volunteering and service to her community and her church.

**Athanasia V. Tomaras** – Certain of her dedication to preserve and improve the world for future generations, Athanasia is studying the field of Mechanical Engineering. She looks towards finding engineering solutions to real-world problems. Athanasia currently assists students progressing through the STEM program while being an active volunteer at church and in her community.

**Nikolas D. Tsangaris** – Continuing his high school academic success at San Diego State University, Nikolas finds his educational experience an exciting journey. Interested in finance and artificial intelligence, he is majoring in Business to understand how AI can improve decision-making and open new business opportunities. He plans to pass his cultural heritage to his own kids someday.

**Zoe Vasquez** – as Zoe continues her education to become a Labor and Delivery Nurse, she has achieved success in regional and national competitions focusing on the blood drives she participated in at her high school with Life Stream support systems, specifically how blood drives impact the local community and are beneficial for saving lives. She is an active community volunteer.

**Constantinos D. Yiakas** – Indiana University is calling Costa to begin his college education in Business and Economics. Costa wants to find sustainable ways to bring Icarian honey to world markets from Greece without sacrificing quality or damaging the ecosystem that provides it. His tenacity in sports and passion about his heritage provides the basis for his leadership skills.

### **Introducing 2025 El Camino Real District 20 AHEPA Scholarship Foundation Graduate Grant Recipients**

**Kyra V. Anastasopoulos** – After undergraduate studies at Northern Arizona University, Kyra was off to the University of Vienna, Austria, in pursuit of a graduate degree in Molecular Biology. According to her recommendation, Kyra is noted for her attention to detail in the lab, independently researching 300+ compounds, and effective communication with the scientific team.

**Katie I. Bemis** – Currently enrolled in the Master's program in Marriage and Family Therapy at Alliant International University, Katie will continue to pursue a Ph.D. She is deeply committed to advocacy, mentorship, and fostering inclusive places for healing. Active in counseling groups and as a research collaborator, Katie demonstrates strong leadership and organizational skills.

**Cleoniki Demetriou** – An interest in Speech-Language Pathology and interacting with children has drawn Niki to the University of Arizona - Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences program to earn a Master's degree. Displaying a genuine interest and compassion for children with communication difficulties, Niki looks forward to becoming a pediatric speech-language pathologist.

**Phillip A. Mourikes** – Having completed studies at Columbia University for a Master's degree in Civil Engineering, Phillip's next step is to continue working towards earning his Professional Engineer license, thereby formalizing his responsibility to uphold the highest standards of his profession. Working in New York, Phillip has dedicated himself to advancing the field of civil engineering.

**Carli A. Orcutt** – A rock star in the collegiate gymnastics' world, Carli has also worked diligently to earn credits and medical experience to apply towards a program to become a Physician's Assistant. Currently studying at Thiel College in Pennsylvania, Carli has impressed her professors with her exemplary academic work ethic, and her passion for the field of medicine.

**To all our recipients, the Foundation wishes you continued success in your future studies and hopes these scholarships and grants will enable you to achieve your academic goals.**

## Introducing 2025 El Camino Real District 20 Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Recipients

**Christos Alex** – Deeply tied to his Greek heritage, his faith, and his love of tennis, Chris aspires to play tennis in the Olympic Games or Davis Cup. But moreover, Chris is an excellent student and leader at the University of North Dakota while studying Finance. His professor describes him as a goal-oriented, and successful problem solver.

**Emmanuel Alex** – Throughout his high school career, Emmanuel has maintained top grades, all while training to play competitive tennis. His goal is to become a professional tennis player and to represent Greece in the Davis Cup and the Olympic Games. Emmanuel is ranked in the top 100 in singles and top 15 in doubles in the USA of his graduating class.

**Eleni Arapostahis** – Majoring in Computer Science, Eleni has already had experiences using databases and database management systems working for the City of La Mesa, CA. Among all the different activities involving computer science skills, Eleni still finds time to participate at church, in sports, and enjoys assisting in all aspects of two community theatre groups.

**Brian T. Carroll** – Currently a student at the University of Utah, Brian is seeking a commission in the US Navy by completing a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and a minor in Naval Science. Brian is committed to service and likens his Navy training to his time spent in the Altar of his home church – Priest as Commanding Officer; altar boys as enlisted personnel. Respectful of all.

**Matthew N. Carroll** – As a Junior in the Business Management program, Matthew finds himself in a unique position at Hellenic College – Holy Cross a Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He has found his ethnic background and experiences in folk dance plus his major has built in him a desire to serve Orthodox Parishes and develop programs to help them thrive going forward.

**Presley Lynne Cariveau** – Multi-talented and multi-skilled, Presley Lynne has worked for high honors academically, has become a CIF qualifier in wrestling, and uses much of her spare time gaining awards in Future Farmers of America and volunteering at the local VFW, to name a few. She will pursue a major in Criminal Justice and Crime Scene Investigation.

**Katherine Dunbar** – Schoolwork, gymnastics, and faith created the high achieving student Katherine is today. Personal growth in all these areas has given Katherine the perseverance and the resilience to push forward in her dream to become an epidemiologist. Her goal is to improve health outcomes while giving back to her community in every way possible.

**Lindsey Phoebe Fan** – Pursuing a degree in Psychological Science, Lindsey has also used her volunteer hours to gain experience in providing housing services and substance abuse recovery for underserved populations. A volunteer internship had her working alongside mental health clinicians assisting those with mental health issues.

**Andreana J. Frangos** – Andreana is pursuing a degree in Business/Hotel Management at Cornell University in New York. She plans “on adding a little bit more happiness to the world by serving others.” Academic accomplishments, leadership credits, and a background steeped in Greek Cypriot family values provide the foundation for Andreana to seek a future career in hospitality.

**Penelope Holland** – Currently enrolled at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York, Penelope is working towards a dream to “use my background, challenges, and heart to connect with others on stage.” Using the strength of her Greek background she has learned to be strong, patient, and loyal, and bring something special to the stage through dance.

**Theodore Huntalas** – Coming late to the field of computer coding, Theodore has advanced in the field by leaps and bounds through observation, curiosity and motivation to learn. He has picked up various computer languages and developed a passion for the coding process. As he pursues his degree at Ohio State University, he solves complex problems and supports others.

**Katherine Z. Kallaos** – Several volunteer projects: FOCUS at the Orange County Food Bank; Orange County Rescue Mission; and Project Mexico have deepened Katherine’s awareness of poverty and strengthened her commitment to hand-on service. Katherine is planning on a career in nursing as she studies next year at the University of Utah.

**Peter Kondilas** – A student at Western Governors University, Peter is learning the art of Cybersecurity. His goal is to help improve company security using security architecture and best practices. An Eagle Scout with many awards and high academic standards despite health obstacles, proves Peter will be a future success.

**Eleni Danielle Kort** – Eleni aspires to “become an optometrist, someone who not only improves vision, but helps people live healthier lives.” She will continue her educational journey at Chapman University. A strong academic foundation, participation in extracurricular activities, and a strong Orthodox faith point Eleni towards her career objectives.

**Max E. Lialios** – A developing interest in real estate and great skills in the Great American Pastime – Baseball – has led Max to Emporia State University in the state of Kansas. Looking towards creating positive outcomes for his community, his background of student leadership rolls, resilience and discipline will serve Max well.

**Zoe A. Maude** – “I am committed to learning...preparing for a future as a physician focused on women’s health, reproductive care, and maternal wellbeing. My academic achievements, extracurricular involvement, and global experiences reflect a strong, purpose-driven path – one that honors my cultural roots and aspires to create meaningful change in the world of medicine.”

**Andrew J. Mentas** – Andrew will call the University of North Dakota home for the next four years as he learns and trains to become a commercial pilot. He has already obtained his private license – at the age of 17 – and is looking forward to studying and managing his flight skills. An honor student and active church participant, Andrew is ready to display his flight skills in the clouds.

**Grace M. Moore** – A high school athletic career created leadership opportunities that led Grace to San Diego State University where she had to declare a major. Grace chose Business with an emphasis on Real Estate, and she is counting on her persuasive nature and natural leadership skills to serve her well. Grace is an outstanding lacrosse player and outstanding academic student.

**Zachary A. Moore** – While different sports – football, golf, volleyball, and even intramural wiffleball take up Zachary’s “spare time”, he is focused on study to gain a career in public accounting. An upper-class student at UCLA, Zachary has been engaged in many leadership activities. After graduation, Zachary looks forward to returning to the gyro booth at his church festival.

**Marianna A. Newby** – Marianna’s letter of recommendation included the following: “...respected by her peers, but also admired by her teachers, coaches, and mentors for her humility, her leadership, and her unwavering drive to make a positive impact.” Choosing a course of study in Kinesiology – Fitness Specialist, Marianna has been accepted at San Diego State University.

## E Club Members (Annual): 2024 - 2025

Sofie Batshoun

John & Irene Grevas

Nick & Mary Kezios

### E Club Life Members

- Constantine Alex
- Katherine Alex
- Paula Alexander
- Helen Apostle
- Charles Apostolas
- Dino Basdakos
- Penny Boukidis
- Edgar Brault
- Costa Brown
- Chris Compogiannis
- Eugenia Compogiannis
- Stephen Compogiannis
- Tom Compogiannis
- Theony Condos
- Yvonne Cooke DeJoria
- Chris George Daly
- Mary Davis
- Lillian Dovalis
- Nicholas Dovalis
- Annie Drakos
- John Drakos
- Anne Eliopulos
- Cris P. Eliopulos
- Timothy Floor
- John Grevas
- Alek Haidos
- Christine Haidos
- John Kopatsis
- Linda Kotsakis
- Lois Kotzambasis
- Pete Kotzambasis
- Basilios Lambropoulos
- Helen Laury
- Pete Marudas
- Stella Morris
- Anastasios Pallas
- Georgia Papas
- Tasos Papas
- Art Path
- Mary L. Pruitt
- Thomas Pruitt
- Alex Rigopoulos
- Guy Rogers
- James Ruboyianes
- James Selimos
- Gus Sotiriou
- Margo Sotiriou
- Tommie Sotiriou
- Barbara J. Soupos
- Tom Soupos
- Georgia Souris
- Peter Souris
- Carol Stathopoulos
- Olympios Stavros
- Anthony Stavros
- Marian Stavros
- Tony Tangalos
- Peter Triantafyllos
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District Lodge #20
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Anthos #395
Delos #103
Phoebus #146

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