



PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

*Program Book*

2014 AWARDS  
CEREMONY <sup>AND</sup> *gala*

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Hilton Chicago  
International Ballroom



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# *Program*

## *Hilton Chicago*

### *South International Ballroom*

#### **WELCOME**

Pete Zervakis, Master of Ceremonies  
Hellenic Birthright - A Life Changing Opportunity

#### **AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Chris P. Tomaras, Founder & Chairman  
Dr. George Alexopoulos, Academic Committee Chairman  
Yanni Valsamas, Executive Director  
Dimitrios Nikitopoulos, Remarks on behalf of Award Recipients

#### **PARADIGM AWARD PRESENTATION**

James D. Speros  
2014 Paradigm Award Recipient

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chris P. Tomaras

### *North International Ballroom*

#### **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

#### **DINNER**

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Babis Tsertos  
Hellenic Five Orchestra & Eftihia Papageorgiou



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## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

### ***Building a Better America Through Education and Hellenism***

is at the core of the Foundation’s mission, and in that spirit, we aim to strengthen our civic fabric and deliver enlightened and engaged citizens.

One of the deepest and most profound roots in Hellenic tradition is education’s role in the development of civilization. More than 2,300 years ago, Aristotle proclaimed education is the best provision for life’s journey. Respecting this tradition, the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation strives to promote the development of Greek American college students into outstanding individuals through the support and advancement of their education.

Awards recognize and reward students who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance, providing meaningful support to those students with the greatest financial need. We encourage students to continue their pursuit of significant accomplishments over the course of their lives. Our symbol, “Nike of Paionios,” represents our efforts to see Greek American youth triumph in life through hard work, dedication and determination.

## WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1998 by Chris P. Tomaras, the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) national Greek American organization that recognizes and honors exceptional undergraduate students of Hellenic descent. Through scholarships and educational programs, the Foundation supports their efforts to become significant contributors to society. As of today, the Foundation has awarded a total of \$2 million to 264 undergraduate students in the United States. The PanHellenic Awards are based on academic merit and financial need. Selection of Award Recipients is made independently by an Academic Committee. Decisions are based on established criteria.

## OUR OFFICE

Chris P. Tomaras, *Chairman*

Yanni A. Valsamas, *Executive Director*

Elaine Sotos, *Executive Administrator*

Vivian Haritos, *Student Relations*

## CHALLENGING TIMES TO MEANINGFUL LIVES



Dear Friends,

With our heart filled with joy and gratitude we welcome you to our Awards Ceremony and Gala.

This year's theme, "*Challenging Times to Meaningful Lives*" highlights how our scholarship recipients rise and overcome the challenges they face in pursuing their college education. We know that overcoming challenges can make life more meaningful. Our Scholarship Recipients are living proof that they have the ability, the determination and the desire to achieve and succeed.

Tonight's event showcases the academic excellence of 40 outstanding Greek American undergraduates. Twenty of them received significant financial assistance, very meaningful - if not absolutely necessary - to their continuing their educational journey. We are proud of their accomplishments and happy to provide them with our support.

Also tonight, we honor an exceptional individual whose Hellenic values and business achievements bring pride to all of us. We thank Mr. James D. Speros for being our 2014 Paradigm Award Recipient and congratulate him for his many successes.

We thank everyone who participated and became our partner in our "*Chairman's Challenge*" gift program. Your generosity has made a difference and together with my matching donation we have multiplied the impact of your contribution. I express my deep gratitude to you for rising to this challenge and to everyone else for their contribution, large or small, which supported this year's results.

The Foundation faces its own challenge in continuing its efforts to promote education and create meaningful opportunities for our students. Together we can continue the significant impact we have made thus far. I encourage you to continue your support of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation so that we can continue to encourage and assist our Greek American students, both morally and financially, to distinguish themselves and become tomorrow's leaders and contributors to society.

Thank you for your participation in tonight's event and for sharing this precious moment in the lives of our recipients.

*With gratitude,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Tomaras". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chris P. Tomaras  
Founder and Chairman

## *Chairman's Message*

### **To our Scholarship Award Recipients:**

I say to you with humility and fond affection: go forth and live, learn and lead. I wish you a successful career and a life as conscientious, caring and thoughtful adults, with dignity and pride of your ethnic identity and as persons who will contribute meaningfully to society.

– **Chris P. Tomaras**

# *Master of Ceremonies*

## **PETE ZERVAKIS**

Pete Zervakis is a 2008 PanHellenic Scholarship Recipient who now works as a reporter at WKOW-TV, the ABC affiliated television station in Madison, Wisconsin. Before entering the world of broadcast news, Pete graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with highest honors.



Since moving north, he's covered campaign stops by President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's historic recall election victory, the Wisconsin Supreme Court's review of Walker's signature, collective bargaining legislation, and other stories important to the viewers he serves. Pete's reporting has been honored by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, as well as the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Outside of the newsroom, Pete enjoys working out and cheering on his favorite sports teams—he is rumored to be the most fanatic supporter of the Greek national soccer team in the entire state of Wisconsin. Pete still maintains a strong connection with the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Homer Glen, the parish in which he grew up.



*PanHellenic  
Honors Society*

## **Congratulations**

to the 2014 Award Recipients  
for being distinguished as  
this year's most exceptional  
scholars, and for being  
inducted into the PanHellenic  
Honors Society.

## *2014 PanHellenic Award Recipients*

### **Steve Eustratios Alexander, III**

Steve is a sophomore at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, studying Business Administration. In high school, Steve served as GOYA president, Metropolitan Alexios acolyte leader, Cathedral orchestra member, Greek festival dancer, and summer camp counselor. He is currently corporate sponsorship chairman for the Georgia Tech HEROs, Alpha Tau Omega alumni relations chairman, and career fair liaison.

### **Maria Anastasia Arianas**

Maria is an Honors College student at the University of Illinois at Chicago majoring in Biochemistry and Psychology with a Mathematics minor. Maria was valedictorian of her class, a National AP Scholar, a National Merit Commended Scholar, an Illinois State Scholar, and a member of the 2012-2013 Daily Herald All-Academic Team. She served as Vice President of the National Honor Society and Student Council, and has earned Senior Awards in Mathematics, Science, and Community Service.

### **Aristos Athanasiou Athens**

Aristos is a freshman at Stanford University with the hopes of eventually attending medical school. A proud Greek Cypriot, Aristos graduated from high school in Davis, California, where he worked as a private math tutor for other high school students and conducted research in a biotechnology lab at the University of California, Davis. As a result of his research, Aristos has published a peer-reviewed article in PLOS ONE, a leading online scientific and medical journal.

### **Nicholas Chingas**

Nicholas is a junior at Saint Joseph's University and has made the Dean's List every semester. He is a Finance and Economics double major and a member of his University's Honors Program. He is an active member of the Greek American Student Association, Finance Society, and various on-campus volunteer organizations, in addition to being involved as the Secretary of Communications for his University's Student Senate. After graduating, Nicholas intends to attain his MBA or Masters Degree in Finance.

## *2014 PanHellenic Award Recipients*

### **Marie Steven Christophell**

Marie is a freshman in the Honors Program at DePaul University. She is majoring in English with a French minor, and hopes to become an English teacher. She received her Greek education from Plato Academy and graduated from Lane Tech High School in the top 5% of her class. Marie has made the Dean's List and is a member of DePaul's Bhangra team. In her free time she enjoys writing short stories, singing, and reading.

### **Costa Dimitrios Christopoulos**

Costa is a freshman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He plans to receive a bachelor's degree in Physics along with Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Science. Costa's academic interests include Particle Physics and Meteorology, and he was an AP Scholar and member of the Honors Society in high school. Costa was awarded the Principal's Choice Award and received the Science Student of the Year Award three times.

### **Timothy Christopher Daly**

Timothy attends the Schreyer Honors College at the Pennsylvania State University and is majoring in Management and Labor and Employment Relations, while also obtaining his Human Resources and Employment Relations masters, a five year integrated program. Timothy plans to either go to law school or work in human resources. He was in the National Honor Society, has served as Math Honor Society President, is a National AP Scholar, past GOYA President, and is an active member of the OCF.

### **Peter Michail Danos**

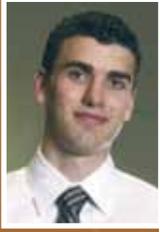
Peter is a freshman at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign with plans to major in History and minor in Secondary Education. He aims to pursue a career as a high school teacher and has been recognized for an outstanding freshman year by being inducted to the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. Peter was co-captain of his High School's Speech Team and Vice President of the National Honor Society. He is currently a volunteer at Edison Middle School, a member of the OCF, and an active brother in the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

## *2014 PanHellenic Award Recipients*



### **Talia Lasandra Davis**

Talia attends Barrett the Honors College at Arizona State University. She is majoring in Mathematics with the hope of attending Medical School. She graduated high school with the highest honors and is an International Baccalaureate Diploma Scholar. She has been on the Dean's List every semester, is a recipient of the Arizona State Provost Scholarship, the 2012 Arizona Hellenic Foundation Scholarship, and winner of the Williams Institute Ethics and Sustainability essay contest.



### **Christopher Stephen-James Deloglos**

Christopher is a sophomore at Virginia Commonwealth University in pursuit of a double major in Electrical Engineering and Physics as well as a double minor in Mathematics and Business Administration. He plans on receiving a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering and getting licensed as a professional Engineer. Christopher received his Associate's Degree in general engineering at the age of 18 at John Tyler Community College where he was elected as the Student Representative of the Year.



### **Anastasia Fitzpatrick**

Anastasia attends Utica College and is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She enjoys being active and playing sports as a member of Utica's softball and tennis teams. Anastasia graduated from Liberty Central School District, where she was part of the National Honor Society, named Scholar Athlete, and received high honor roll every quarter. She was Captain of both her Varsity Tennis and Softball teams. She is a chanter at her Greek Orthodox parish and is also a member of the choir.



### **Jennifer Andrea Fokas**

Jennifer is a sophomore at Northwestern University majoring in biological sciences with aspirations of attending medical school. She placed on the Dean's List multiple times and graduated high school as an Academic Scholar. She regularly volunteers with numerous organizations as a member of the service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. Jennifer has received the Three Hierarchs Award and also had the amazing opportunity to visit Greece as a Hellenic Birthright participant.

## *2014 PanHellenic Award Recipients*



### **Sophia Joy Gianou**

Sophia is completing her undergraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, majoring in Social work with a Business minor. She has been on the Dean's List every semester and is also actively involved with the Sigma Alpha Lambda Honors Society and the Phi Alpha Social Work Honors Society. She plans to obtain her Master's degree and pursue her desire to help needy families through Macro Practice Social Work and Nonprofit Management.



### **Julia Mary Horiates**

Julia graduated as Dixon High School's Class of 2013 Valedictorian. She attends East Carolina University Honors College and is working toward a Biology and Chemistry degree with a minor in English Literature. After college, Julia plans to attend Brody Medical School, specializing in either cardiology or pediatrics. Currently, Julia volunteers with the North Carolina Food Bank and Special Olympics. She also researches in the Biology Department and is a member of the Rock Climbing Team, American Medical Student Association, and Biological Honors Society.



### **Jason Keith Ioannides**

Jason is a junior at Virginia Tech pursuing a bachelor's degree in Finance with a Certified Financial Planner concentration and a Philosophy minor. Jason has achieved the Dean's List every semester and plans to eventually work in the financial services industry. He is an analyst in Bonds and Securities Investing by Students, a student portfolio managing \$5 million of the Virginia Tech Endowment. He has served as Vice President for the Hellenic Student Association, President for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship, and Leadership Chair for Beta Theta Pi fraternity.



### **Christina G. Karahalios**

Christina is a junior at DePaul University where she is in the Honors Program majoring in English with a concentration in Literary Studies. She is in a combined English Program where she will work toward her Bachelor's while receiving her Master's in just one year. She is Treasurer and Vice President of Best Buddies DePaul, an active member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, the Hellenic Student Association, and Vice President of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship. Christina also works as a law clerk, helps with GOYA, and volunteers at her Greek Orthodox parish as a Sunday school teacher.

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### **George John Kartsounis**

George is majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic and State University. He is a member of the University's car club, surf club, and Formula SAE team. George plans on seeking an engineering career in the automotive industry. In years past, he has been Vice President of his high school class, President of his school's chapter of the National Honor Society, and recipient of a Scholar Athlete Award. George enjoys traveling; especially spending time at his grandparents' home in Vresthena, Greece.

### **Katherine Valerie Katsivalis**

Katherine is a junior at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She intends to enroll in UIC's pharmacy school after completing her Bachelor's Degree in Neuroscience. She has found strength for her education through the communities of both Sts. Constantine and Helen and St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Churches and hopes to one day achieve her dream of becoming a clinical pharmacist. Katherine enjoys participating in UIC's Hellenic Student Association as well as its Orthodox Christian Fellowship.

### **Christina Khouri**

Christina is a sophomore at Wesleyan University majoring in Biology and Hispanic Studies, and plans to pursue a career in medicine. She is currently on the Dean's List, Secretary of Circle-K International, a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, and a member of Unite for Sight. Christina is a teaching assistant for the Biology Department, and a volunteer at Advocate BroMenn Hospital and Highland Park Hospital. She attended the Hellenic American Academy for 15 years and also received the Agrafon Award.

### **Katherine Demi Kokkinias**

Katherine is in the Honor's program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in Biology, with plans of becoming a biological researcher. She is currently the Secretary of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship and has coached for Saint Nectarios' Jr. Olympics soccer team. Katherine was awarded the AP Scholars Award, Prairie State Achievement Award for Mathematics, and Jefferson Leadership Award. She was a member of the National Honors Society, President of the Environmental Club, and Senator of Student Council.

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### **Jason Kourkouvis**

Jason is a sophomore at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign studying Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Spanish. He is a James Scholar and has been on the Dean's List every semester. Jason has raised money for the Northfield Food Pantry during the holiday season, and has also volunteered at Garden Hills Elementary School. Jason's goal is to continue his education in Mechanical Engineering by earning a Master's Degree.

### **Malamo Koutsogiannis**

Malamo is a Macaulay Honors Scholar at Hunter College, where she is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and Spanish, as well as a Master's Degree in Adolescent Education. Currently, Malamo is a Senior Health Educator in the Peer Health Exchange Program, the Director of Mathematical Education in the Hunter College Math Club, member and Event Coordinator of the Artemis Hellenic Club. In her spare time, she captains the NY Magic "B" team, a women's soccer club, and manages the Hunter College Men's soccer team.

### **Margarita Sanchez Montgomery**

Margarita is a senior at Dartmouth College pursuing a major in Classical Languages and Literature and a minor in Government and Classical Archaeology. Margarita studied archaeology in Greece and Turkey and continued this education at the American Academy in Rome last summer. She has also worked with the excavation team at Pompeii and interned in the Greek and Roman Department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

### **Dimitrios George Nikitopoulos**

Dimitrios is a freshman at Johns Hopkins University pursuing a degree in Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Robotics. Dimitrios graduated Valedictorian of his High School and also earned his International Baccalaureate diploma. He was awarded an internship at the Roskamp Institute where he assisted in research focusing on neurodegenerative disorders. He has received numerous awards and recognitions which include the AP Scholar with Distinction, National Technology Student Association Honor Society membership, and several first place awards at national competitions for robotics.

## 2014 PanHellenic Award Recipients

### Dimitrios Pagonakis

Dimitrios is a junior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology pursuing a double major in Theoretical Mathematics and Civil Engineering with a minor in Energy. His passion for mathematics has led him to numerous distinctions in several national and international Math Olympiads. In 2013, his first research paper in topological optimization was published and he is currently working on two additional research papers. Dimitri is an undergraduate researcher on 3D printing technology and smart materials in MIT's renowned Media Lab.

### Evangelia Maria Pagones

Evangelia is a Chancellor's Scholar at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she is pursuing a Music Education degree. She is currently Vice President of her Orthodox Christian Fellowship chapter and is a chanter at the Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church. The proceeds of a Byzantine chant CD she recorded with the Panagia Koukouzelissa Choir benefited the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. In her free time, Evangelia enjoys participating in Orthodox vocational and mission trips such as Hellenic College's CrossRoad program and Project Mexico.

### Christina Mary Palis

Christina is a senior at the University of Rochester and is pursuing a double major in Religion and Psychology. She hopes to attend graduate school for Religious Studies before going into social work or mental health counseling. She has been on the Dean's List every semester and is a member of the Religion and Psychology honor societies. She has studied abroad in Greece and Turkey, and is currently the President of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship at the University of Rochester.

### Patrice Victoria Pirpiris

Patrice is pursuing Communication Studies with an International Studies minor at Loyola University Chicago. By the end of her high school career, Patrice was involved in two sports teams, four organizations, served as a journalist for the Chicago Tribune, and received the Girl Scout Gold Award. Patrice was selected as the spokesperson for the Chicago Public Schools International Baccalaureate programs and spoke at a press conference along with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel.

## 2014 PanHellenic Award Recipients

### Katerina Finny Powers

Katerina is completing her Bachelor's degree in Economics at Michigan State University. She has worked as an Economic Research Assistant and served as a Legislative Intern at the Michigan House of Representatives. One of her greatest honors was being selected for the University's Economics Scholarship Program, which is reserved for only the highest achieving economics major. She has dedicated over 120 hours volunteering at the Resource Center for People with Disabilities and is a contributing member of her Maids of Athena Chapter.

### Alexander George Przeslawski

Alexander plans on majoring in Earth Science at Dartmouth College and pursuing a pre-medical route. He is an AP Scholar and avid clarinet player who has performed in the Michigan Honors Band and Orchestra, and currently performs with the Dartmouth Wind Ensemble. Alexander was a St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival metropolis finalist and an executive of GOYA. His dream is to publish his book and help people.

### Kathy Golfo Rodogiannis

Kathy is a first-year at Trinity College studying Biology and taking part in the Genomics Research Program. Kathy is a Quest Scholar who received Faculty Honors and is pursuing a career in medicine. She received an internship from the American Cancer Society where she did research at the University of Chicago. She graduated Eisenhower High School as valedictorian, an AP Scholar with Distinction, Illinois State Scholar, and member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta.

### Vasilis Vournous Sitaras

Vasilis is a junior at New York University majoring in Music, and intends on applying to Physician Assistant programs. He graduated from Nazareth Area High School with high honors, and held the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the St. Nicholas GOYA in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. An avid musician, Vasilis sings, chants in the Greek Orthodox Church, and has been playing violin for eight years. He aspires to one day combine his love for helping others and his passion for music.

## *2014 PanHellenic Award Recipients*



### **Nicholas John Sotos**

Nicholas was admitted to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's School of Business as a James Scholar, who plans to major in Accountancy and minor in Technology and Management. He was a member of three honor societies in high school, graduating with Highest Honors. As a member of Stevenson High School's Business Professionals of America, Nicholas competed at the regional and state competitions in computerized accounting. Nicholas volunteers at his church's Greekfest, and is a member of the University of Illinois' Hellenic American Student Organization.



### **Samuel Patrick Sullivan**

Samuel is a third-year at the University of Chicago pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Paleontology has always been Samuels' main academic interest, and his involvement includes not only coursework and lab research, but also expeditionary experiences and volunteer work at the Field Museum and University of Chicago. Samuel says much of his life is shaped by his local Greek Orthodox parish, where he learned the Greek language, traditional dance, Byzantine iconography, and the importance of religion in the family and Greek community.



### **Katerina Christina Svigos**

Katerina is a senior at New York University where she is majoring in Economics with a Chemistry minor. After graduation she plans to continue her studies in a post-baccalaureate program to earn pre-med requirements for medical school. Katerina hopes to attend Medical School and eventually become a dermatologist with her own practice. Aside from her love of family and visiting with friends, Katerina's interests include fitness, travel, language, and fashion.



### **Thomas Stavros Topalis**

Thomas is a freshman at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign majoring in Biology. He graduated with highest honors from Buffalo Grove High School where he was on the Math Team, Scholastic Bowl, and the National Honor Society. Thomas also volunteered over 175 hours at Northwest Community Hospital and received the Cook County Youth Service Medal of Honor for his service. In college, he serves as the Public Relations Chair for the James Scholar Honors Student Association. Thomas hopes to attend medical school and become a physician.

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### **Dimitris S. Tselepatiotis**

Dimitris is a freshman at the University of Illinois at Chicago majoring in Business Finance. He is a graduate of Socrates Greek American Day School, and completed Gymnasio at the Hellenic American Academy. In high school, Dimitri was on the honor roll and was a National AP Scholar. He earned the distinction of Ridgewood High Student of the Term in English, while also playing on the basketball team and participating in the Junior Orthodox Youth League. Dimitri also takes pride in volunteering with his church to help the homeless and less fortunate.



### **Sofia Eleni Vatougios**

Sofia is an Honor's Program sophomore at Saint Xavier University double majoring in Political Science and Philosophy, and aspires to attend law school. She plays three musical instruments, is fluent in three languages, and loves to read and write in her spare time. She is an attorney in her school's competitive mock trial team, alongside being an executive member of the Saint Xavier University Pre-Law Society and Honors Program Student Advisory Council.



### **William George Vergados**

William is an Honors College senior at the University of Illinois at Chicago pursuing degrees in Psychology and Classical Studies, with the goal of attending dental school. He has been on the Dean's List every semester and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He is on the Executive Board of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and was recognized for having the highest GPA among all members of the seven fraternities. William is a parishioner of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and also attended Koraes Elementary School.

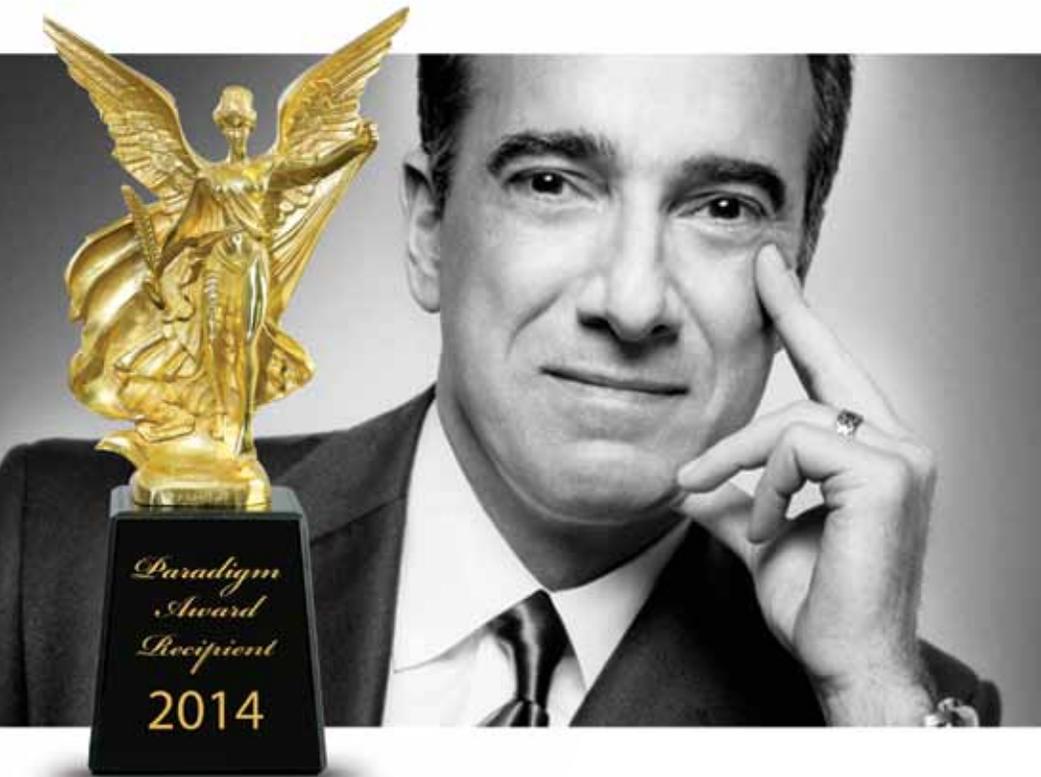


### **Victor Angelos Zaharopoulos**

Victor is a junior attending the University of Kansas where he is majoring in Finance with a concentration in International Business and an Economics minor. He participated in the AHEPA Journey to Greece Program in 2011, and studied abroad in Beijing, China during the spring of 2013. Victor is a re-founding father of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at the University of Kansas, and is currently serving as Chapter Treasurer. Victor spends each summer volunteering to raise money for his local Greek Orthodox parish and AHEPA chapter.



# *Paradigm Award Recipient*



## **JAMES D. SPEROS**

Jim Speros is Executive Vice President and Chief Creative Officer of Fidelity Investments and joined the company in 2008. In this role, he leads all creative development and corporate sponsorship activities for more than 30 businesses and organizations and is responsible for creating Fidelity's award-winning "Green Line" integrated campaign. Prior to his current role, Jim served as EVP and Chief Marketing Officer for 5+ years and led a team of over 200 associates directing the development of integrated marketing campaigns including advertising, digital marketing, media planning & buying, branding, direct marketing, collateral development, mobile marketing and sponsorships driving significant growth in Fidelity's business.

During his more than 35 year career, he has led marketing and communications for some of the largest companies including: Chief Marketing Officer of Marsh & McLennan Companies; Chief Marketing Officer and Partner at Ernst & Young LLP where he successfully drove marketing and communications efforts across 140 countries during his 8 year tenure; and as Vice President, Advertising and Marketing Communications for AT&T for 19 years where he directed a variety of award winning programs including the "Reach Out and Touch Someone" and "You Will" campaigns—the later for which he is credited with placing the very first banner on the web in 1994 on Hotwired. Jim also chaired AT&T's global branding council and directed all of the company's multicultural marketing efforts in 17 languages.

Mr. Speros is considered one of the top thought leaders in marketing and advertising and is recognized for his strong creative and leadership skills having served on the Board of Directors of the Advertising Council, Chairman of the Board of BPA International and Chairman of the Board of the Association of National Advertisers (ANA). He also initiated and chaired the ANA's Multicultural Marketing Committee and launched the industry's first-ever Multicultural Excellence Awards in 2001. In addition to his industry leadership positions, Speros also serves on the Executive Board of Overseers of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and the Board of Directors of the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston.

His successful career and accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. Some of the many awards he has received include: the Robert V. Goldstein Award for distinguished service as volunteer campaign director for the Advertising Council (1995); named "Communicator of the Year" by the Business Marketing Association (2001); Outstanding Lifetime Achievement award from the Baruch College Alumni Association (1996); Financial Communications Society's 2009 Financial Marketer of the Year; Ad Club's 2010 Marketer of the Year; and 2012 MITX Digital Marketer of the Year. In recognition of his accomplishments and contributions to the industry, Jim was elected into the American Advertising Federation's Hall of Achievement.

Mr. Speros earned his bachelor of business administration degree, magna cum laude, in marketing from Bernard M. Baruch College in New York City. In addition, he received an Advanced Management Certificate from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

**His core belief: "Always bring pride and honor to your name."**



# THE CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE

## THE FUND RAISING INITIATIVE THAT DELIVERED RESULTS

As funds play a most important role in providing scholarships to our Award Recipients, the Chairman's Challenge facilitated our fund raising efforts with significant results this year. Matching funds of \$200,000 were pledged by the Chairman of the Foundation, Mr. Chris Tomaras, offered as a challenge to the community to respond with donations.

The response was overwhelming and a number of donations of up to \$10,000 each were received in response to the challenge. These donated amounts doubled in value as a result of the Chairman's matching pledge.

We express our sincere thanks and deep gratitude to all our donors, large or small, who participated in this initiative. We assure them that our scholarship recipients will find significant economic relief because of their contributions.

With sincere thanks,  
The Board of Directors



## *Our Donors*

## *With Heartfelt Gratitude*

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation expresses its gratitude to you, our faithful contributors for your continued generosity.

Your support confirms your commitment to the Foundation's mission of excellence in education.

We thank each and every donor for their generous contribution.

On behalf of our Award Recipients, the Board of Directors and everyone affiliated with the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, we thank you for supporting our noble cause.



# *Special Benefactor*

**In Gratitude**

*Special Thanks*

to His Eminence  
Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago  
for His paternal blessings and the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of  
Chicago for the in-kind contribution  
to our Foundation through  
the efforts of His Grace Bishop  
Demetrios of Mokissos.

GREEK ORTHODOX  
METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO





*Premier*

*Benefactor*

**\$10,000  
Scholarship Award**

*given by*

**Ms. Helen  
Tomaras Astin**

**To All Recipients:**

A well deserved honor for  
your accomplishments.  
Congratulations on all your  
valued achievements.



*Premier*

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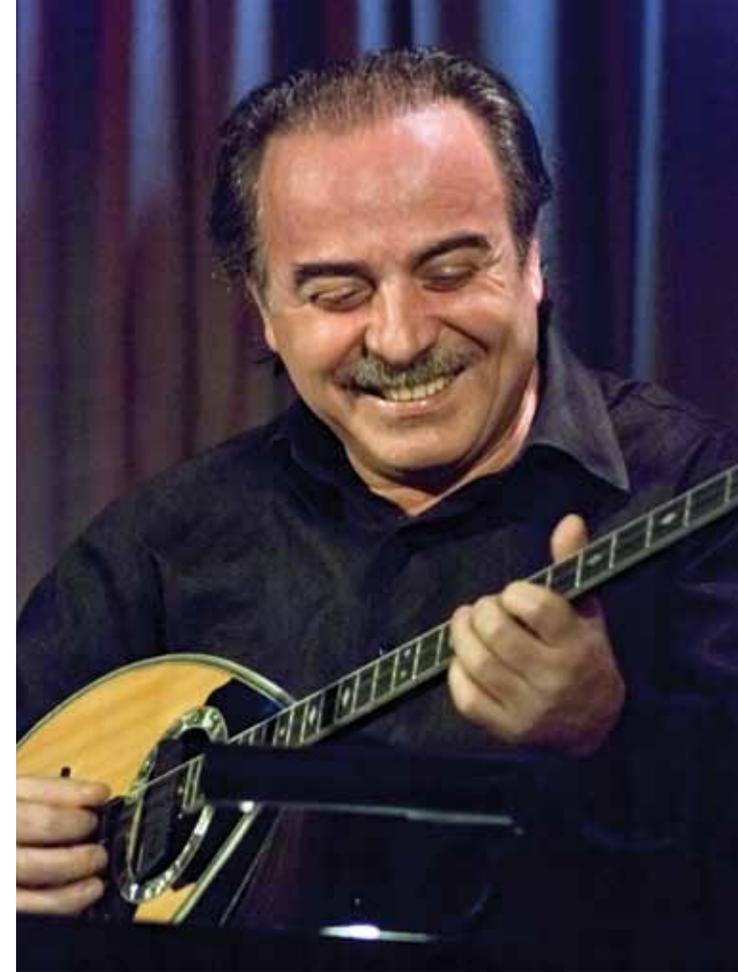
*The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is deeply grateful to Mr. Babis Tsertos for his appearance. He came all the way from Greece to perform for our recipients and our guests. We are indebted to him for his kindness.*

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The Hellenic Five have been delighting audiences with their music for over 30 years. The group was formed by Kostas Sotiropoulos in 1981, who had recently emigrated from Athens to Chicago. The Hellenic five specialize in all styles of Greek music, and their extensive repertoire includes traditional folk music to the contemporary sounds of today. They have performed throughout Greece and North America, and frequently accompany singers and musicians from Greece. The Hellenic Five also pride themselves as being a socially conscious group performing for various charitable events.

## **EFTIHIA PAPAGEORGIU**

Eftihia Papageorgiou, Director at ODEION School of Music, first began pursuing her passion for performing as a youth during tours of Europe, Greece, and Turkey with the Panagouda choir, based in Thessaloniki, Greece. Eftihia is now a familiar face as a performer and music educator in the Chicago metropolitan area. Since 1992, she has been performing, providing individual instruction in piano and voice, directing choirs and musicals, and coaching vocalists and vocal ensembles.



## **BABIS TSERTOS**

Babis Tsertos was born and raised in Tropaia, Arcadia, where he grew up in a very musical family. His father was a mandolin player, and sister Nadia Karagianni is a celebrated singer. He moved to Athens at the age of 17 where he eventually joined the faculty at The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Over the years he has worked with many gifted artists, singers and composers, including Glykeria, Giorgos Dalaras, Sotiria Bellou, Manolis Mitsias, Vicky Moscholiou, Stelios Vamvakaris, and many more. Babis' music has been featured on television, in film and in theatrical performances. In 2002, he won the award for best rebetiko singer at the Corfu Awards, and the award for best folk album and best traditional album at the 2003 Arion Awards. Babis' son, Yiannis Tsertos, serves as his musical director and is also a talented pianist.

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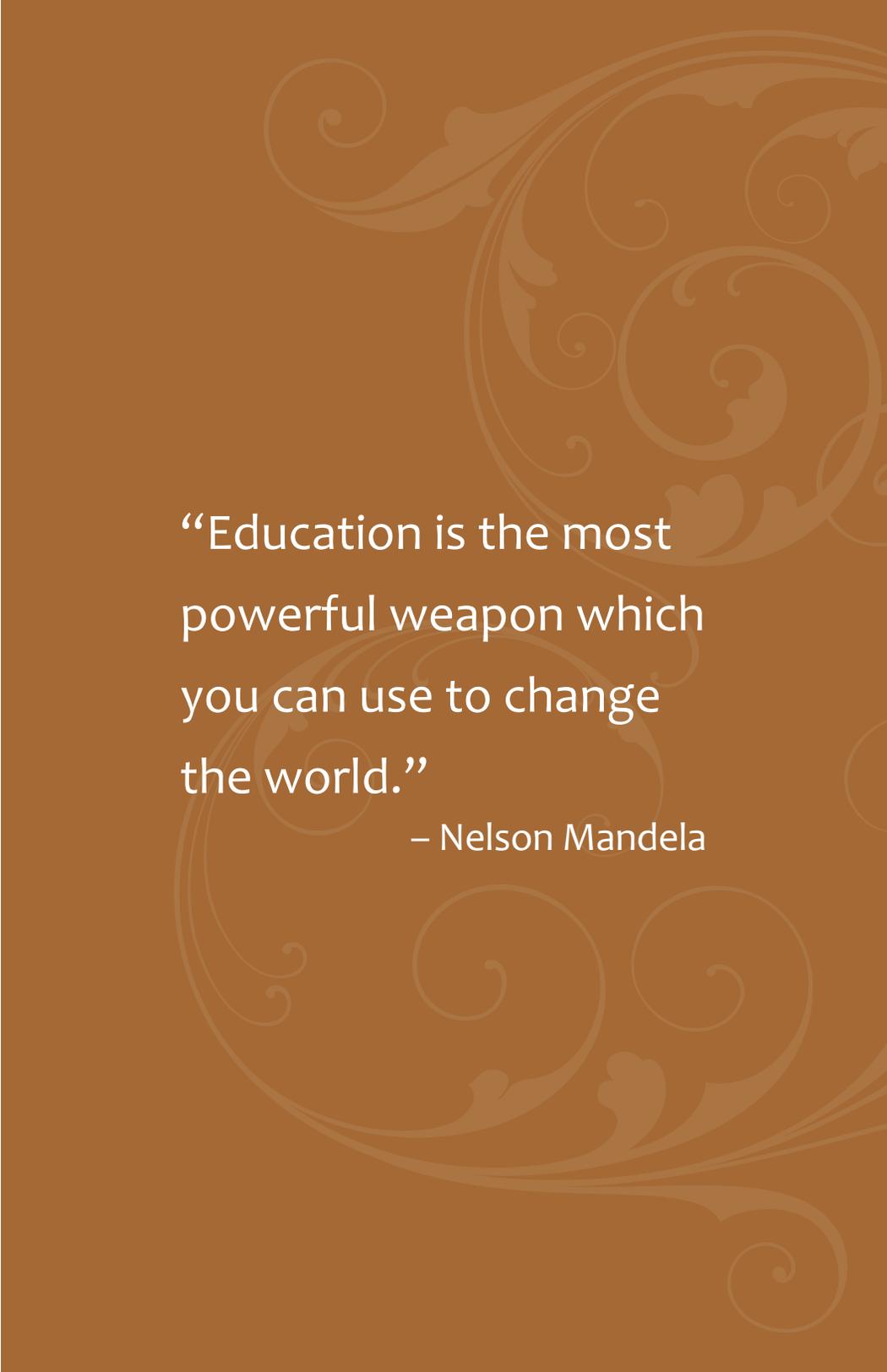
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