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Building a better America through Education and Hellenism

The PanHellenic Foundation newsletter is produced to keep you apprised of the Foundation's ongoing efforts—and how you can join in those efforts to build a better America through Education and Hellenism.

PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



OUR 2008 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

This year, the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation reconfirms its commitment in its mission and repeats its offer of \$250,000 in scholarship awards to 25 deserving Greek American students. And this year, the Foundation's emphasis is on students with financial need, rather than those with ade-

quate means, provided that academic performance criteria are first met by all.

Also this year, as in the past, we ask for your contribution to help us reach our goal, as we consider you, our supporters, the lifeline of our mission. You are the believers in a better America through education and the values of Hellenism, and this distinguishes you as a group of conscientious citizens that guide our youth to the fulfillment of their dreams and, from theirs, to the dreams of others.

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation opens the path toward that end with awards of \$10,000 in the hands of our youth, thus many of the financial obstacles are eliminated and their goal is easier reached. Please consider giving today. You will have helped a young Greek American receive meaningful support and the means to succeed.



WHAT'S NEW

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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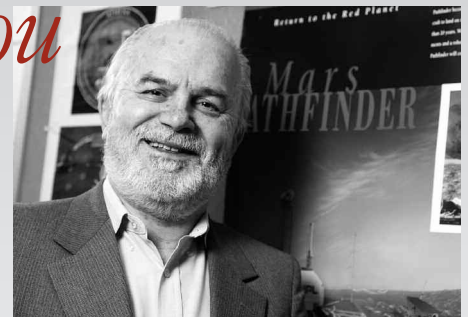
2009 GALA EVENT

OUR 2009 PARADIGM AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. Thanasis Economou

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is proud to announce that the 2009 recipient of the Paradigm Award is Dr. Thanasis Economou. Born in Grevena Greece, Thanasis Economou finished his studies in nuclear physics at Charles University in Prague in 1964. In the same year, he joined the Laboratory for Astrophysics and Space Research at the University of Chicago. He is now a senior scientist at the Enrico Fermi Institute of the University of Chicago and his name is linked with most of NASA's 50 year history. As early as in 1966, he contributed to NASA's missions to the Moon (1966-1968) and in subsequent endeavors such as NASA's Apollo program (1969-1973).

Dr. Economou is currently associated with three of NASA's robotic missions carrying his instruments: the Mars Exploration Rovers, the Cassini mission to Saturn, and the Stardust-NexT mission to Comet Tempel 1. He has been building instruments for interplanetary spacecraft since the mid-1960s. He has developed tools and techniques that enabled several of NASA's famous missions to be carried out successfully, such



as the Alpha Proton X-ray Spectrometer that successfully performed the first chemical analysis of martian rocks aboard the Mars Pathfinder rover in 1997.

Recently, with the support of the European Union and the Greek Government, Dr. Economou has started a project to build an observatory in the mountains of Grevena, Greece. He is the author of more than 200 publications and has received many prestigious awards from various agencies and NASA on the Pathfinder Mission, the Sojourner rover development, the Mars Rover mission and the STARDUST mission.

A Message from the Chairman



As we are preparing for this year's distribution of our scholarship awards, we again turn to the community to draw our best and brightest Greek American students to reward them with our grants. Our application is now ready and available online. If you know of any students that are eligible for our \$10,000 grants, please encourage them to apply.

Our program has been successful because of friends and supporters like you. To that end, I express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all our 2008 contributors listed on the opposite page, and hope you will share our pride as we prepare to repeat our \$250,000 commitment for 2009. Your help has been invaluable in making our effort a success.

I am also delighted that Dr. Thanasis Economou has accepted our invitation to receive our Paradigm Award. He is an accomplished planetary scientist with numerous awards from NASA and other agencies as the leading scientist for Mars projects. He is a true example for our youth and sheer pride for the entire Greek American Community.

Once again, I thank you and look forward to seeing you at our gala event, on November 20th, at our new, most appropriate venue this year.

CHRIS P. TOMARAS

2008 PARADIGM AWARD RECIPIENT
DR. PETER DIAMANDIS WITH
CHAIRMAN CHRIS TOMARAS.



THE GABBY AWARDS

The film industry has the Oscars. The music business has the Grammys. The Greek Community has THE GABBY AWARDS. Participate in the Gabby Awards on June 19, 2009 and celebrate the recognition of America's most distinguished Hellenes. To learn more and cast your vote visit www.gabbyawards.com.

2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE!

For those deserving Greek American students seeking financial support, the 2009 PanHellenic Scholarship Application is now available. To download an application and view guidelines and requirements visit www.panhellenicscholarships.org.

DR. CONSTANTINE PAPADAKIS

Drexel University
President and
Paradigm Award
recipient of the
PanHellenic
Scholarship
Foundation
dies at 63



It is with deep sorrow that we face the death of our good friend and strong supporter of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, Dr. Constantine Papadakis, president of Drexel University, who passed away on April 6, 2009. He died from pulmonary complications after a battle with cancer which was managed to be in remission.

Dr. Papadakis' lifework and achievements had become an example for the Greek youth to follow and that is why it was our privilege to recognize him with our Foundation's Paradigm Award which he received at our annual event in November 2006. Ever since that event, he followed our work and shared our goals with enthusiasm so much so that he decided to match our

scholarships funds to any students who decided to attend Drexel University.

Dr. Papadakis was born in Athens on February 2, 1946. His father Nicholas Papadakis was a physician from Crete and his mother Rita Masciotti Papadakis was a native of Italy. He came to U.S. in 1969 with a degree in civil engineering from the National Technical University in Athens (Metsovion Polytechnion). He earned his masters degree from the University of Cincinnati and a doctorate from the University of Michigan. In 1984 he became professor and later a dean at Colorado State University. But his greatest achievement was during his presidency at Drexel University in Philadelphia where since 1995 he managed to increase student enrollment from 4,500 to 21,000 and a budget today of \$650 million.

Dr. Papadakis is survived by his wife of 39 years Eliana and his daughter Maria.

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The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation thanks the following individuals, foundations, corporations & organizations for their generous donations and support during the 2008 calendar year. This support enables the Foundation to continue its mission of educating Greek-American students and Building a better America through Education & Hellenism.

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Special Thanks to our 2009 Dinner Underwriter



JOHN APOSTOLOU • *President*

Our 2009 Scholarships Awards Gala

This year our annual Scholarship Awards gala event will take place at the Union League Club of Chicago, on Friday, November 20, 2009. This is a change from our previous venue, the University Club of Chicago, due to our need for a larger space to accommodate the ever-growing number of our attendees. The Union League Club of Chicago is located in the heart of Chicago's downtown financial district at 65 W. Jackson Blvd.

The Union Club has amassed one of the nation's largest privately held art collections with more than 750 works of art, including paintings, sculpture, works on paper, and decorative arts.

Among the works featured in Club's Art Collection is Pommiers en fleurs (Apple Trees in Blossom; Le Printemps; Springtime) by Monet.



The 1872 oil painting was acquired by the Club in 1895 for just \$500 – approximately 25 to 30 percent of its value at the time. The acquisition made the Club one of the early Chicago collectors of Monet.

The elegantly appointed Main Dining Room is the ideal place to enjoy our Awards Gala. The ceilings in this dramatic, opulent, walnut-trimmed room are 28-feet high and accented with hand-stenciled beams. Ten fanlight windows and 12 crystal chandeliers further enhance its elegance. During that evening our Foundation will distribute the scholarship checks and certificates to the selected scholarship recipients and present this year's Paradigm Award to Dr. Thanasis Economou.

The event is open to the public and is attended by friends and supporters of the Foundation. The admission is \$150 per person and includes an upscale dinner in a warm and inviting environment.

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BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA THROUGH EDUCATION AND HELLENISM

For centuries, Hellenism has been appropriated and re-contextualized by cultures across the globe – to their good and ongoing vitality. This was true in Rome, and it remains true in America today. As such, Hellenism is more than an historical legacy; Hellenism is a living concept, a body of humanistic and classical ideals associated with reason, the pursuit of knowledge, physical development, and civic responsibility. Hellenism also includes the fiery desire to achieve, to accomplish, to succeed, all that it takes to lead.

Hellenism includes principles that live on and are deeply rooted in the character of our Hellenic youth. The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation believes that advanced education and the continued practice of Hellenic values and principles strengthen our civic fabric and deliver enlightened and engaged citizens.

Recognizing the values and contributions of other ethnicities and cultures, we claim no superiority of our Hellenic Heritage, but only immense admiration and pride.

WHO WE ARE

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is an Illinois non-profit corporation with an IRS designation of 501(c)(3). It is administered by a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee (Officers). A separate Advisory Board representing a range of professional disciplines provides to the Foundation guidance and support. The selection of Scholarship Award Recipients is made by an Academic Committee appointed by the Board of Directors. This Committee works independently and makes its decisions based on established criteria. Members of the Board of Directors, Officers, the Advisory Board and employees of the Foundation may not serve on the Academic Committee.