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6:30 — *Reception*

7:00 — *Welcome and Dinner*

8:00 — *Remarks by Chris P. Tomaras,
Chairman of the Board of
Directors, and by several of our
Distinguished Guests*

*Presentation of 2003 Grant Awards
by Dr. George Alexopoulos, Chairman
of the Academic Committee, and
Responses*

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AWARD RECIPIENTS — 2003



Pericles Camberis Abassi - Salutatorian of his Fenwick H.S. (Oak Park, Ill.) Class of 2002, is a National AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Top 20 in National Chemistry Olympiad, WYSE State Champion in Mathematics & Chemistry and State Champion, ICTM Math Competition; he is pursuing a degree in Chemistry from the University of Chicago.



Marika Manolopoulou - A graduate of Good Counsel H.S. (Chicago, Ill.) where she was selected for the National Honor Society and Outstanding Student Award for AP Biology, she has continued her education at Oakton Community College, where she was a Presidential Scholar, and now at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where her honors include the Dean's List.



Michael Paul Kaplanis - Ranked 1st of 219 in the Class of 2003 at Cardinal Gibbons H.S. (Raleigh, N.C.), his recognitions include: National Honor Society, AP Scholar, Academic All-Conference Football Player, Gr. Orth. Metropolis of Atlanta Archangel Michael Award for Service & Leadership; he is pursuing a degree at Duke University.



Sophia Fotinos - Graduated 8th of 308 in the Class of 2003 at Westlake (Ohio) H.S., her academic recognitions include: Top 10 Student Award, High Honor Roll (8 Semesters), Kiwanis (4 Yrs.); an avid volunteer in her Church and local community, she has raised funds for diabetes research and is pursuing a degree in Biology from the University of Michigan.



Nikki Eleni Thomas - A 2003 graduate of Maine Township H. S. East (Park Ridge, Ill.), her recognitions include: Illinois State Scholar, AP Government/Democracy, National Forensic League, 1st Place-Constitution Contest, and Debate Student of the Year; she is continuing her education at DePaul University in Chicago.



Ioanna Maria Yakoumatos-Hawley - A graduating Senior at St. John's Literary Institution at Prospect Hall (Frederick, Md.), she is a National Honor Society member, a "Big Sister," and active in volunteerism and athletics; she is pursuing her interest and talents in the graphic, visual and performing arts at Carnegie Mellon University.

PRIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Alexia C. Capiniaris - Martinez, California
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Our Mission: Bridging Two Worlds

Our Scholarship Foundation seeks to combine and utilize the highest principles of the American and Hellenic traditions in order to help develop Greek Americans, through the promotion of higher educational accomplishments and scholastic excellence.

In this way, these Greek Americans, proud of their ethnic heritage, are encouraged to participate actively in, and contribute meaningfully to, American society, distinguishing not only themselves, but all Hellenes as well.



The Awards

Our Foundation's Scholarship Awards are offered to high school graduates who are prepared to continue their studies at a college or university, thus achieving a higher level of education that provides a platform for greater accomplishments in life.

It is our intent that several awards be offered annually ranging up to \$5,000 each, depending on the number of recipients, the level of contributions and the resulting size of our Scholarship Fund.

Each year, during the Fall, a social gathering is held, organized by the Foundation, for presenting the awards and honoring the recipients. The event is open to the general public and attended by the award recipients, their families and friends, our donors, Foundation officials and dignitaries from the U.S. and Greece.

The Scholarship Fund

Our Foundation is made possible by the commitment of Chicago businessperson Chris P. Tomaras, with additional funds from private donors and friends of the Foundation. The realization of our Mission depends on the continued generosity of members of our community and friends like you.