

# Program

## Presentation of Scholarship Grants



## 2007 PARADIGM AWARD

Saturday,  
November 3, 2007

The University Club  
of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois



## PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

## Program 2007

Library (8<sup>th</sup> Floor) – 7:00 pm

- ◆ *Cocktail Reception*

Cathedral Hall (9<sup>th</sup> Floor) – 8:00 pm

- ◆ *Welcome and Introduction of Emcee, Mr. Bill Kurtis*  
*Invocation by Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos*
- ◆ *Dinner*
- ◆ *Remarks by Amb. Anastasios Petrovas*  
*Consul General of Greece in Chicago*
- ◆ *Presentation of 2007 Grant Awards*  
*by Dr. George Alexopoulos, Chairman, Academic Committee*
- ◆ *Musical Interlude*
- ◆ *Remarks by John Apostolou, Chairman, Advisory Board*
- ◆ *Remarks by Chris P. Tomaras, Chairman, Board of Directors*
- ◆ *Presentation of the Foundation's 2007*  
*"PARADIGM AWARD" to John P. Calamos, Sr.*
- ◆ *Benediction*

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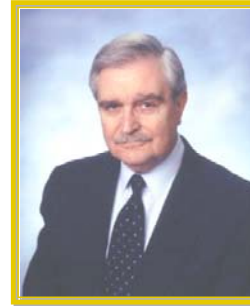
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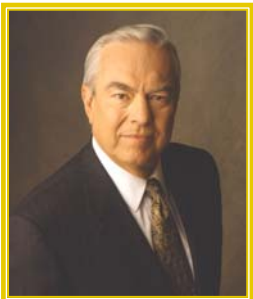
Tonight's sell-out Awards Gala is a milestone in the history of our Scholarship Foundation, and we sincerely thank you for sharing it with us. **But tonight is not about the Foundation.** It is, rather, all about the future of Hellenism in the United States, and what we each can do to ensure that our "best and brightest" Greek-Americans are encouraged to excel... both for themselves, and for the benefit of our community and our Nation.

The Foundation's outreach this year, including our presence on [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com), the upgrading of our website, and increased support from community institutions, have resulted in our receiving applications from a record 157 outstanding young Greek-Americans. And your record generosity this year, swelling our Scholarship Fund to a record \$210,000, has allowed us to recognize the achievements of the 21 best with a \$10,000 Scholarship Grant for each. But more importantly, we recognize the future promise that their current trajectories suggest by offering Grant Awards that are making the difference between their getting a college education or not.

With our 2007 "PARADIGM AWARD," we are also recognizing the outstanding example that their generation, and every future generation, have been given... this year in the field of investments. World-renowned investment "guru" John P. Calamos, Sr. is truly another example for them to emulate.

To our Grant recipients, their parents, families and friends, and to all who applied, we wish continued success «Και εις ανώτερα!»... may you achieve even higher honors in the future! And to everyone here tonight, in person or in thought, your presence and your generous investment in the future of Hellenism here in our blessed country, is what makes this all possible.

Founder  
Chairman of the Board of Directors



*Master of  
Ceremonies -  
Bill Kurtis*

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is honored to have Bill Kurtis as Emcee of this year's Awards Gala. An acclaimed documentary host and producer, network and major market news anchor, and multimedia production company president, Bill Kurtis recently celebrated his fortieth anniversary in the field of broadcasting. Born in Florida and raised in Independence, Kansas, Kurtis graduated from The University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism. He attended Washburn University School of Law where he was awarded a Juris Doctor degree.

Kurtis began his television career at WIBW-TV (CBS) in Topeka, Kansas. In 1966, Kurtis was hired by WBBM-TV in Chicago where he was a field reporter and later anchor of *The Channel Two News*. Kurtis moved on to the network level at CBS where he anchored the *CBS Morning News* and contributed to *CBS Reports*. Returning to Chicago and WBBM-TV as news anchor in 1985, Kurtis began his career as a documentarian, traveling to the far ends of the earth for the Peabody Award-winning series *The New Explorers*, which aired on A&E. In 1990, he founded Kurtis Productions and began producing programs including the long-running, award-winning *Investigative Reports* and *Cold Case Files* as well as *Investigating History* for The History Channel. Kurtis has also served as the host of A&E's *American Justice*—the longest running non-fiction justice series on cable. Kurtis is also an author. *The Death Penalty on Trial: Crisis in American Justice* (PublicAffairs) is his most recent book, which explores issues surrounding capital punishment in America.

In his home state of Kansas, Kurtis is a rancher, radio station owner, art gallery owner, small businessman, supporter of small-town America, and an active conservationist. His 10,000-acre Red Buffalo Ranch is a working cattle ranch, raising and marketing organic grass-fed beef. Mr. Kurtis is the recipient of numerous humanitarian, journalism, and broadcasting awards including Emmys, CableACE Awards, and the Thurgood Marshall Award for his *Investigative Reports* installment on the death penalty.

A longtime philhellene, Kurtis had also served as master of ceremonies at the "Banquet for the Faithful" during Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's 1997 visit to Chicago.

# *Menu*

## **HORS D' OEUVRES**

Dill-Marinated Salmon and Goat Cheese Coronets  
Jicama Roll with Tobiko and Maryland Crab  
Brie *En Croute*, Dijon-Apricot Sauce  
Asparagus and Bay Scallop Tempura, Spicy Mango Sauce

## **DINNER**

*Croustade* of Asparagus with Wild Mushrooms  
and Madeira-Chive Sauce  
Salad of Red Endive, *Lolla Rossa* and Oak Leaf Lettuce  
with Candied Walnuts and Sage Blue Cheese,  
Balsamic Roasted Pear, Balsamic Vinaigrette  
Duet of Angus Tallgrass Beef Filet  
and Thyme-Roasted Shrimp  
with Tarragon-Mustard Sauce  
*Dauphenoise* Potatoes, Chef's Fall Vegetable Bundle

## **DESSERT**

Chocolate Flourless Cake with Fig Ice Cream  
Coffee and Tea Service

## **WINES**

Hess Select *Chardonnay* and *Cabernet Sauvignon*

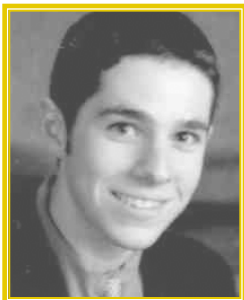
# Musical Interlude



Mary Lutz, a recent graduate of Northwestern University's Master's Program in voice, was most recently heard in the Chicago area as Natalia Petrovna in OperaModa's production of *A Month in the Country*. Other roles with OperaModa include Meg in *Little Women* and Mariane in *Tartuffe*. She has been heard as Madame Lidoine in *Dialogues of the Carmelites*, Mlle Silberklang in *Der Schauspieldirektor*, and First Lady in *Die Zauberfloete*.

At Northwestern, Mary performed the role of Deborah Metcalfe in the world premiere of T.J. Anderson's opera *Slip Knot*. Other roles include Violetta in *La Traviata*, Nella in *Gianni Schicchi*, and Donna Anna in *Don Giovanni*.

In the spring of 2007, Mary made her debut with Opera for the Young as Persephone in *Orpheus Returns*, a role she will reprise this fall. She is a 2004 winner of the Greek Womens' University Club competition for young Greek musicians.



John Mannos is from LaGrange, Illinois where he began studying piano at age seven under Lydia Sterba. Through childhood and high school, John won many local and national competitions, including the Interlochen Arts Camp Concerto Competition in 2000 and Bronze Medal of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition in 2001, where he was featured in a national broadcast of the television show "The Competition" that aired on A&E.

An active soloist and collaborator, John also has aired two performances on Chicago's WFMT. Most recently he won the Kanellos Award and Scholarship from the Greek Women's University Club Music Competition. Mr. Mannos continues to pursue his B.M. degree at the Chicago College of Performing Arts, and has been an active member of international summer music festivals, including Interlochen Arts Camp, Tanglewood Institute, *Academie Nationale De Musique* in Paris, and most recently the Aspen Music Festival and School in Aspen, Colorado.

Our  
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Recipients  
for  
2007



# 2007 Scholarship Grant Recipients



**Costadina Aneziris** – Costadina, who hails from Skokie, Illinois, has begun her studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago, majoring in Anthropology. She is a member of the Honors College, and the Guaranteed Professional Program for Pharmacy. An Illinois State Scholar and Member of the National Honor Society, her interests include figure skating, art, and playing the violin; she is fluent in both Greek and Spanish.



**Marina Margarita Basseas** – Already on the Dean's List at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Marina is from Park Ridge, Illinois, and active in the youth organization of Mani, Greece and the Pontian Society of Chicago. She is an Illinois State Scholar, a Member of the National Honors Society and maintained Honor Roll status all four years in high school. She is also a graduate of the St. Haralambos Parish Greek School, and an avid athlete, traveler and pianist.



**Margarite Anne Bechis** – Brookline, N.H.'s Margarite Anne graduated 3<sup>rd</sup> in her high school class and will be attending the University of New Hampshire. A Member of the National Honors Society and recipient of numerous recognitions, she also achieved the highest grade-point average in Greek Language and Culture at the 2006 Summer Camp program in Cyprus. She is actively involved in community service and the performing arts



**Eunice Garifalia Buhler** – A graduate of Lake Forest High School in Illinois and the St. Andrew Parish Greek School, Eunice has now begun her studies at Stanford University, majoring in International Relations with a minor in Classics. She is the Founder and President of "Cultures for Youth," a non-profit organization that promotes cultural enrichment and diversity world-wide, and oversaw construction of a library in Jinga, Uganda. Eunice is active in Youth Service America and a number of other service groups.



**Artemis Denekos** – A graduate of Maine-East High School in Park Ridge, Artemis has begun her studies in the top 5% of her class in the DePaul U. College of Commerce and was accepted into the Accounting Honors Program of the Strobel Accountants Program at DePaul University. Active in a wide range of extra-curricular teams and clubs, she has dedicated much of her time and talents to the Greek-American Nursing Home in Wheeling, IL. Born in Greece, she is fluent in Greek and French as well.



**Stacy Peggy Economy (Economopoulos)** – Graduating in the top 10% of her class at Prospect H.S. in Mt. Prospect, IL, Stacy is attending the Illinois Institute of Technology where she is studying Architecture. As Concertmistress of the Prospect H.S. Symphony Orchestra, she is equally talented as a musician and performing artist, and has also taught Sunday School for four years at the St. Nectarios Parish. Other interests include inter-national travel and cross-country running.



**Lia Eliades** – Lia hails from Petaluma, California and has begun her studies at the University of California – Berkeley. Included in the 2006 "Who's Who of American High School Students" and the National Honor Roll, she has already distinguished herself there, receiving the E. Frank Kraft Award for Freshmen and the Pritchett Prize for "Best Student in Beginning Greek." Lia is active in the Nativity of Christ Parish in Novato, California and volunteer at the Monastery in Dunlap.



**Katerina Georgiarentis** – Graduating 31<sup>st</sup> in her class of nearly 600 at Palatine H.S. in Palatine, IL, and a Member of the National Honors Society, Katerina is currently attending the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana majoring in Speech Communication. Her talents in the Performing Arts led her to featured roles and leadership positions during her high school years, and her commitment to her Faith to teaching Sunday School and feeding the needy at Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission Center.



**Demitra Athena Giannaras** – 35<sup>th</sup> in her graduating class at Lake Park High School in Roselle, IL, an Illinois State Scholar and recipient of a President's Award, Demitra is attending Loyola University where she is majoring in Psychology and Business Marketing. A student of literature as well as a promising writer and artist, Demitra's interests include music, playing the clarinet, photography and poetry. She has received a National Student Leadership Council Award as well.



**Eleni Gouvas** – A graduate of Oak Park & River Forest H.S. in Illinois, and pursuing studies in Modern Greek, History and Political Science at the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, Eleni has earned University Honors for both the Fall, 2006 and Winter, 2007 terms and was a Member of the Cum Laude Society in 2003 and 2004. She is active in her community, serving as an officer of the Hellenic Student Assn., a volunteer at the St. Nicholas Parish in Ann Arbor and Member of the Kyklos Dance Troupe.



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**Vasilios Kalas** – Graduating second in his graduating class of 932 at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park, IL, and therefore Class Salutatorian, Vasilios is attending the University of Chicago. A Commended National Merit Scholar, a 2006 AP Scholar with Distinction, and recipient of Outstanding Achievement Awards in Science, Math and overall Academics, he is also a gifted jazz pianist as evidenced by selection for the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award.



**Paul Koukouvanis** – Paul is a graduate of Chicago's Northside College Preparatory High School, and currently a James Scholar at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He is the recipient of the Prairie State Achievement Award in Reading, Mathematics and Science, while his athletics were recognized with a Leadership Award in Tennis. His community activities include teaching Sunday School at the St. Demetrios Parish, a participant in the Metropolis of Chicago Junior Olympics and as a Member of the Hellenic Dance Troupe.



**Eugenia Kyriakopoulos** – Also graduating second, in her class of 596, Eugenia is studying in the Honors College of the University of Illinois at Chicago, majoring in Biology on her way to medical school, with a minor in Spanish. She has received numerous recognitions, both for her academic performance as well as her community service at Advocate Christ Medical Center, garnering her a Cook County Sheriff's Award for Service for two consecutive years.



**Argie Maria Lafakis** – Hailing from Birmingham, Alabama, Argie is a graduate of Hoover High School where she maintained a GPA of 3.83 out of 4.0 while taking Honors courses in Biology, Chemics, AP Chemistry and Anatomy, as well as 3 years of French, Psychology (AP) and Sociology. She attends the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa where she has received the Phi Eta Sigma and Sigma Alpha Lambda awards and a Member of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship.



**Nicholas Lalos** – Winfield, Illinois native Nicholas graduated in the top 15% of his class at St. Charles East H.S., maintaining a 5.0 GPA with AP courses in Government and MacroEconomics, receiving both Junior and Senior Class Honors and being inducted as a Member of the Math Honor Society. An avid athlete as well, he has distinguished himself on the soccer field, both as a PhyEd Leader and weekend referee. He is beginning his higher education at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.



**Eleni Elias Liakaris** – A resident of Bayside, New York, Eleni is studying Art at St. John's University in Queens. Recipient of a Merit Scholarship and a 3.95 GPA, she received the "Best in Show – Mixed Media" at the WCS Art Exhibition and other awards for her work. Her community activities include her work with Pre-School children at the St. Nicholas Parish in Flushing among many others.



**Matthew F. Mikelatos Sacino** – Hailing from Lighthouse Point, Florida, Matthew graduated 1<sup>st</sup> in his class of 292 at Cardinal Gibbons H.S. in Ft. Lauderdale. His distinctions also include ranking in the top 1% of students nationally on the SAT, with a score of 2190. His major at the University of Miami will be in the Honors Program on the Neuroscience-Premed track.



**Evangelos C. Papadinas** – A resident of Ithaca, New York, Evangelos is studying Biological Science at Cornell University where he has also become an "ambassador" of Greek culture to his fellow-students and professors as well. But his interests are much wider, working on a 70-page research paper on anti-Americanism, translating texts from French to English, and teaching Greek at the Parish in Ithaca. Intramural soccer, too!



**Stratos George Skarpathiotis** – Stratos hails from Burr Ridge, Illinois and is a graduate of Hinsdale Central High School. He presently is pursuing his studies in the Biological Sciences and Chemistry at The University of Chicago. His other interests include classical music, piano and soccer, and his community activities include participating in the life of Sts. Constantine and Helen Parish in Palos Heights, IL.



**Marjorie Spiriliotis** – Morton Grove, Illinois resident Marjorie Spiriliotis is a 2006 Honors graduate of the Institution Sainte Marie (high school) in France, with a major in Economics / Social Science. She is currently attending DePaul University, pursuing studies in the Liberal Arts and Sciences.



**Stephanie Toronidis** – Stephanie hails from Fair Lawn, New Jersey and is a graduate of its high school and the St. Athanasios Parish Greek School. She was elected President of the Fair Lawn H.S. Chapter of the National Honor Society and serves as Secretary of the French Honor Society. She is active in her Parish's GOYA, especially on its sports teams; other interests include cooking, travel and visiting family in Greece.

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**JOHN P.  
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SR.**

John P. Calamos, Sr., is chairman, chief executive officer and chief investment officer of the firm he founded in 1977, which he took public as Calamos Asset Management in 2004. A pioneer in investment strategies and techniques to help manage risk, Mr. Calamos has created a reputation for using investment techniques to control risk, preserve capital and build wealth for clients over the long term.

From its origins as an institutional convertible bond manager, Calamos Investments has grown into a diversified asset management firm with major institutional and individual clients in the U.S. and around the world. Mr. Calamos received his undergraduate degree in Economics and M.B.A. in Finance from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Joining the United States Air Force after graduation, he served as a combat pilot during the Vietnam War and ultimately earned the rank of Major.

It was during his time in the Air Force that Mr. Calamos became intrigued by the risk management aspects of convertible bonds. By applying option price theory to the valuation of convertibles he was able to demonstrate the benefit of convertibles as part of an investment strategy and began to attract institutional investors who remain clients today.

## JOHN P. CALAMOS, SR.

Mr. Calamos won the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award for the financial services sector, Lake Michigan Area program for 2006. He is a member of the Investment Analysts Society of Chicago.

A frequent speaker at investment seminars and conferences, he has taught graduate level courses on finance and investments and is often quoted as an authority on risk-managed investment strategies in *Barron's*, *Fortune*, *Forbes*, *Pensions & Investments*, *Financial World*, *Nation's Business*, *The Wall Street Journal* and on *CNBC* and *Bloomberg Forum*.

Mr. Calamos has written two books: *Investing in Convertible Securities: Your Complete Guide to the Risks and Rewards*, and *Convertible Securities: the Latest Instruments, Portfolio Strategies, and Valuation Analysis*.

The author of a chapter on convertibles for the Pension Investment Handbook by Ibbotson Associates, he has also written articles for publications such as *Personal Financial Planning*, *Pension World*, *Pensions & Investments*, *Journal of Investing* and *Financial Executive*. Mr. Calamos' latest press interviews include appearances on *Kudlow & Company*, *Bloomberg's Market Week*, *Open Exchange with Suzy Asaad*, *CNNfn's Halftime Report*, and *Nightly Business Report*.

The son of Greek immigrants, John Calamos often expresses pride in his Greek heritage and the work ethic that he learned growing up in his family grocery store in Chicago. He learned first-hand from his parents that if he takes care of his customers, his business will prosper. In honor of his parents, he has made many contributions to various Greek American community endeavors, including a major gift to the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center in Chicago.

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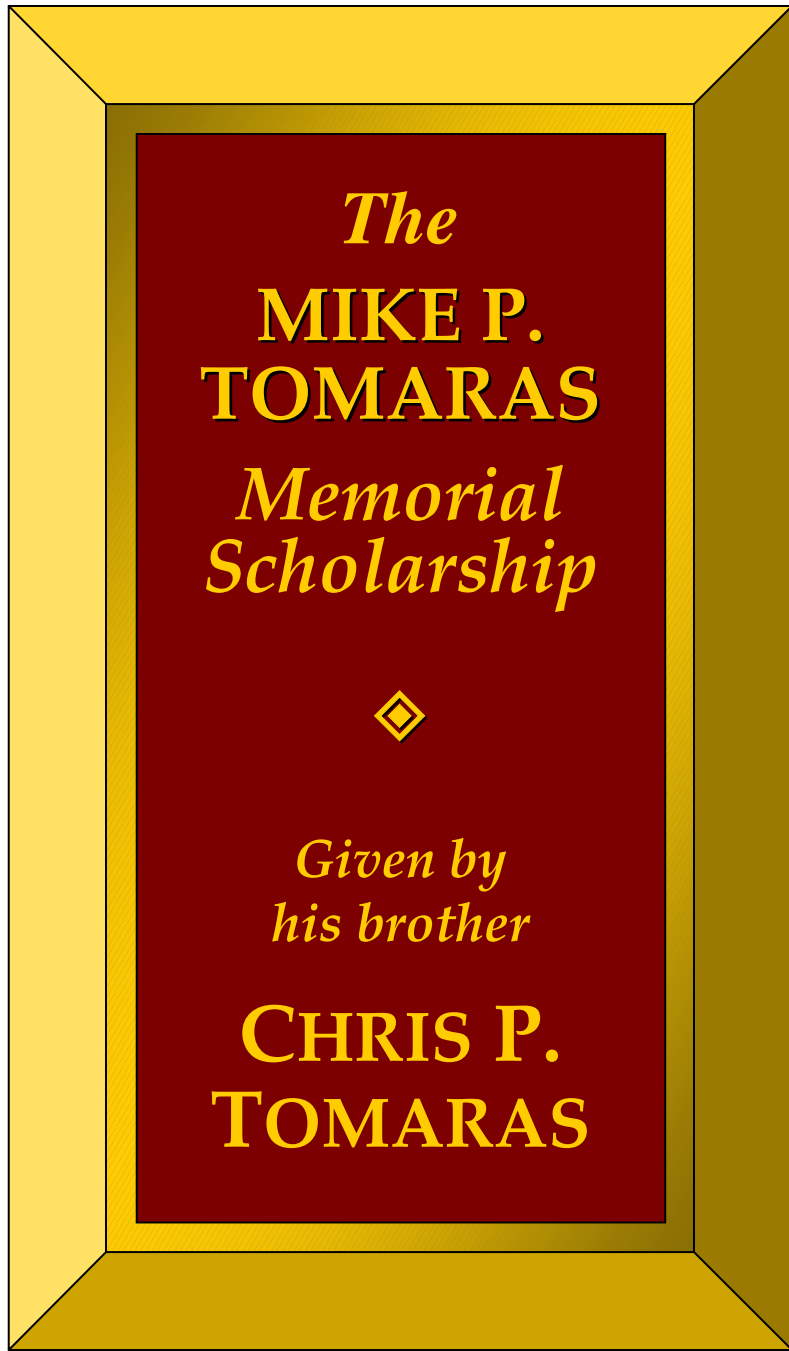


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*In this way, these Greek Americans, proud of their ethnic heritage, are encouraged to participate actively in, and contribute meaningfully to American society, distinguishing not only themselves, but all Hellenes as well.*



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*Selection of Award recipients is made by an Academic Committee appointed by the Board of Directors. This Committee works independently and makes its decisions based on the established criteria. Members of the Board of Directors, Officers, the Advisory Board and employees of the Foundation may not serve on the Academic Committee.*



## **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. In doing so we provide an opportunity to achieve a higher level of education that provides a platform for greater accomplishments in life. The Foundation also considers applicants among students already attending a university or college.*

*It is our intent that several Awards be offered annually, ranging up to \$10,000 each, depending on the number of recipients, the level of contributions and the resulting size of our Scholarship Fund in any given year.*

*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**

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*We are proud to have been accepted by [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), the premier student aid web site.*

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