

ALPHA OMEGA COUNCIL



2023 HONORS GALA

“Celebrating Visionaries and Trailblazers”



**PHILHELLENE
AWARD**

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Co-Founder Hellenic Caucus
U.S. House of Representatives



**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD**

GEORGE P. SAKELLARIS
Leader & Pioneer in Clean Energy
Ameresco, Inc.



**EMERGING LEADER
AWARD**

DR. VANESSA FARSADAKI
Space Medicine
Expert and Futurist

InterContinental Boston ~ October 21, 2023

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2023 HONORS GALA PROGRAM

WELCOME

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

John Metaxas, Veteran Journalist & Podcast Host

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Aggeliki Psonis

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Dr. Vanessa Farsadaki

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION

Hon. John Sarbanes, U.S. House of Representatives from Maryland

HONOREE'S REMARKS

George P. Sakellaris

CLOSING REMARKS

Harry J. Vlachos, Esq., Vice President, Alpha Omega Council

BENEDICTION

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston

CELEBRATION WITH MUSIC AND DANCING

George Karatzas & the Athenian Entertainment Orchestra
with Special Guest Aggeliki Psonis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Apostolos P. Tsitsopoulos Alpha Omega Council
President



Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to welcome you to our premier event, the Alpha Omega Council 2023 Honors Gala. You can expect an exciting and memorable evening as we celebrate three true “visionaries and trailblazers” of our Hellenic American community.

The Alpha Omega Council’s mission is to cultivate the ideals of Hellenism, recognize leaders who impact the world and improve our community, and unite Hellenes and Philhellenes in fellowship and philanthropy. We celebrate this mission by recognizing three unique and inspirational individuals who exemplify the values of our organization.

Our 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award honoree is George P. Sakellaris, a pioneer and early advocate for renewable energy and the green energy movement. His passion is the driving force behind his success, but his love for his family and Greek heritage is the foundation for his sustained leadership and accomplishments. He is a gentleman who epitomizes the principles of the Alpha Omega Council.

Our 2023 Philhellene Award honoree is the Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney, former US Representative from New York, co-founder of The Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, and its co-chair for 26 years! Her avid support for Hellenic issues and for US-Greece relations earned her the nickname ‘Bouboulina.’

Our 2023 Emerging Leader Award honoree is Dr. Vanessa Farsadaki, a preeminent leader in the advancement of Space Medicine, an inspiration to our next generation, and on track to be Greece’s first-ever astronaut!

We also continue our tradition of presenting the Peter Agris Memorial Journalism Scholarships to six promising Greek American students pursuing studies in journalism and communications. We proudly recognize and celebrate Eliana Wallis Klathis, Jenna Elizabeth Papadopoulou, Zoe Paraskevas, Viktoria Popovski, Alexa Nicole Potamianos, and Arianna Maria Shalhoub. Congratulations to all of you και εις ανώτερα!

Lastly, I want to thank our Honors Gala and Agris Scholarship Program committees for the exemplary hard work and dedication that made tonight’s Gala an enormous success!

I am humbled that you have all joined us this evening, many flying in from long distances, to celebrate our visionaries and trailblazers. On behalf of the Alpha Omega Council Board of Trustees and membership, I thank each of you for attending and supporting our mission.

Apostolos Paul Tsitsopoulos
Alpha Omega Council President

2023 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

George P. Sakellaris...Leader and Pioneer



During the early 1980's, George Sakellaris emerged as a groundbreaking innovator in the energy industry. Rather than implement the status quo, George created a new type of contracting vehicle – an energy savings performance contract – providing customers with transformative cost savings as an incentive to undertake environmentally friendly energy projects. During the ensuing 40 years, George has championed efforts to build a more sustainable and resilient world through energy efficiency and renewable energy resources. George is the

Founder, President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ameresco, the leading independent energy services provider, cleantech integrator, and renewable energy asset developer, owner, and operator. Ameresco focuses on deploying efficiency to maximize the use of energy from all resources, embraces efficiency as the first energy resource, and implements advanced renewable energy technologies for a diverse clientele throughout North America and Europe, including Greece.

Since its inception in April 2000, George has been at the helm of Ameresco. After growing the technical expertise and customer portfolio of the company for over 10 years, he took the company public. Today, Ameresco has over 1500 employees across 70 global offices and is an established industry leader in sustainability. It is currently North America's largest energy service company (ESCO). Ameresco has been recognized as a top-performing company by *The Boston Globe* and *The Boston Business Journal*. *Forbes* named Ameresco as #6 on its 2021 Best Mid-Size Companies list, and the company was also honored as one of Inc.'s 2021 Best-Led Companies. In 2023, Ameresco received the North American Energy Services Company of the Year Award from Frost and Sullivan for being an industry-leading cleantech provider. In addition, among many other recognitions, George has received the 2011 Ernst & Young New England Entrepreneur of the Year and World's Eminent Man of Global Vision in Renewable Energy from Who's Who International Awards.

George's appreciation for the environment began as a boy shepherding goats on the hillsides of Greece, where he observed the fragility of the country's natural resources. He formed a deep connection to the land and a work ethic that propelled his immigration to America to further his education. Overcoming language and financial barriers, George earned a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maine, which also granted him an Honorary Doctorate in 2012. He also earned an MS in Electrical Engineering and an MBA from Northeastern University. In 2017, the University of Maine College of Engineering inducted George as a Hall of Fame member of the Francis Crowe Society.

2023 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

in Clean Energy ~Ameresco, Inc.

George was a visionary who recognized the need for cost-effective and viable energy alternatives to fossil fuels, and in 1980 he established and led NEES Energy, a subsidiary of his first employer. George and his team proved the energy conservation business model utilizing energy efficiency and alternative energy sources. George continued to lead the green energy movement with his first solo entrepreneurial venture, NORESKO, which George grew into a market-leading independent energy services company before doing the same with Ameresco. George's entrepreneurial success has been defined by his willingness to take risks, his ability to articulate a compelling vision that attracts people to join his team to undertake a shared mission, and his steadfast persistence to attain the next goal. George's commitment to his teams is grounded in helping team members self-actualize to attain their highest potential.



George has applied these same traits to one of his favorite hobbies. He is an accomplished sailing helmsman, competing in the Maxi72 class of racing yachts. He and his team's accolades include winning some of the world's most iconic yachting competitions, the 2012 and 2014 Newport to Bermuda Race, the 2014 & 2016 Caribbean 600, and the 2017 Corfu Challenge.

George's mantra — "Doing Well by Doing Good" — embodies his appreciation for how his business success has enabled his decades-long commitment to philanthropy. George and his wife Cathy are deeply committed to the Greek community, supporting the Greek Orthodox Church and other organizations dedicated to preserving Greek culture, history, and music. Ever mindful and appreciative of his parent's and sibling's tremendous positive influence on his life, George also gives back to his homeland through the implementation of clean energy projects within the country, including the rebuilding of critical infrastructure in his village of Vassara. George and Cathy have also been dedicated supporters of educational institutions, many Boston charities and organizations, and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, on whose behalf George has completed several Boston marathons.

George is most proud of his success as a family man, as a loving husband to his wife Cathy, and devoted father to his children, Christina and Peter. For decades George has educated the world on how the importance of energy efficiency is the greatest and most compelling global energy resource, and acknowledging and embracing efficiency is key. Implementing energy efficiency and renewable projects and motivating others to help create a sustainable world is the legacy he leaves for future generations.

2023 PHILHELLENE AWARD

*Offering our gratitude
and appreciation to
Hon. Carolyn B. Maloney
for your more than three decades
of steadfast support of Hellenic
American issues, advocacy for
parity in US foreign policy
toward Greece, and true
friendship to the Hellenic Diaspora.*



*From your friends in the
Greek American Community of New England*

Philhellene Award Past Recipients

The Philhellene Award was created in 2018 by the Alpha Omega Council to recognize individuals not of Hellenic descent who have made significant contributions to furthering Hellenic ideals, values and culture in America.

2017 Honoree ~ The Examined Life

For their work making a difference in the lives of students through Greek Studies in schools

2018 Honoree ~ Timothy W. Kilduff

For his work promoting Hellenism through the 26.2 Foundation and the Boston Marathon Wreath Ceremony and Education

2019 Honoree ~ Mary R. Lefkowitz, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita of Classical Studies at Wellesley College
For her scholarship on Classical Greece

2020 Honoree ~ Jody Adams

For her work in popularizing Greek cuisine and culture

2023 PHILHELLENE AWARD RECIPIENT

Hon. Carolyn B. Maloney *Co-Founder Hellenic Caucus
U.S. House of Representatives*



The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney is a nationally recognized legislative leader on foreign policy, national security, financial services, the economy, and women's issues.

She represented the East Side of Manhattan and parts of Brooklyn and Queens, NY in the U.S. Congress from 1993 to 2023.

As co-founder of The Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, she was one of Capitol Hill's staunchest advocates for Greek causes, including advancing U.S.-Greece foreign policy cooperation, Greece's entry into the U.S. Visa Waiver Program and securing a Congressional Gold Medal posthumously for Constantino Brumidi, "The Artist of the Capitol," a Greek-Italian-American painter honored for his fresco work, *Apotheosis of Washington*, in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington.

She chaired both the House Oversight and Reform and the Joint House-Senate Economic Committees; served as a Regional Whip and Vice-Chair of the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee; and co-chaired The 911 Commission and The Congressional Caucus on Human Trafficking.

Her legislative legacy includes more than 80 pieces of legislation, including The 911 Health and Compensation Act to compensate first responders, the first bill targeting the 'demand' side of human trafficking to punish the perpetrators of these heinous crimes, legislation providing annual mammograms for women on Medicare and to create Women's Health Offices in five federal agencies. She was also the chief sponsor of the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum on the National Mall.

Ms. Maloney currently serves as The Eleanor Roosevelt Distinguished Leader in Residence at Hunter College (CUNY), the Chair of the Equal Rights Amendment Coalition, and the President of The National Organization for Women New York State.

2023 EMERGING LEADER AWARD

Offering our congratulations and best wishes for continued success to Dr. Vanessa Farsadaki on your commitment to the highest standards of achievement and service in the field of Space Medicine, and for serving as an inspiration to the next generation of Hellenes.



*From your friends in the
Greek American Community of New England*

Emerging Leader Award Past Recipients

The Emerging Leader Award was created in 2019 because the Alpha Omega Council believes in the sustainable development of young Greek American leaders and entrepreneurs. These individuals are dynamic optimists who have the vision, energy, and power to overcome obstacles and change the world.

We wish to recognize and celebrate individuals whose ingenuity, spirit of innovation and influential leadership are transforming lives.

2019 Honoree ~ Constantinos Daskalakis, Ph.D.

Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2023 EMERGING LEADER AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. Vanessa Farsadaki *Space Medicine Expert
and Futurist*



Dr. Vanessa Farsadaki is a preeminent leader in the advancement of space medicine. A proud American citizen of Greek descent, she is on track to become Greece's first astronaut.

As the President and Managing Partner of Space Exploration Strategies LLC, Dr. Farsadaki's impressive bona fides include advanced degrees in biology, genetics, astronomy, astrophysics, and business leadership.

She has authored and co-authored a plethora of articles advocating for advancements in her field of expertise, and her profound experiences with radiation exposure and protection have made her a sought-after advisor to high-end programs across the field.

Her fluency in 18 languages is a testament to her ability to engage with a broad range of audiences, and thus she continues to serve as a keynote speaker at numerous for a including the prestigious King's College in London, England, and many other universities internationally.

She has won numerous awards, including the International Trailblazer Award for her futurist work in space medicine. She is a British Interplanetary Society Fellow and the youngest Space Ambassador to be recognized by the National Space Society.

A medical doctor, Dr. V, as she is known colloquially, is a scuba diver, a pilot in training, and a skydiver.

ALPHA OMEGA COUNCIL

Alpha Omega is a non-profit philanthropic organization, based in Boston, with a mission to promote patriotism to the United States and to cultivate the ideals of Hellenism, by supporting various scholarly, athletic, medical, charitable, scientific, literary, religious and educational activities throughout New England, and across the United States. Alpha Omega also fosters fellowship amongst its members, philhellenes, the greater Hellenic community and the next generation of Greek Americans.

Founded in 1976, the Council has raised and donated more than \$2,500,000 directly to charitable and philanthropic causes.

Each year, the Council recognizes through its Honors Gala the achievements of particular individuals and organizations who have excelled in their endeavors from throughout the worlds of government, business, philanthropy, and the arts and sciences. The Council also administers and presents the Peter Agris Memorial Journalism Scholarships to young Greek Americans preparing for careers in journalism - one of the cornerstones of democracy.

Since 1984, the Council has promoted the Hellenic roots of the Boston Marathon race by hosting the Greek Consul General of Boston's Annual Wreath Ceremony, a tradition initiated through Council efforts, at which the wreaths to crown the winners of the Boston Marathon are presented to the Boston Athletic Association.

In the wake of the 2013 bombings at the Boston Marathon, the Council developed and launched educational programming for middle school educators and students, including essay contests, classics lectures, and Museum of Fine Arts and State House tours, to promote appreciation of the traditions of civic responsibility and defense of liberty that the ancient Greeks demonstrated at the Battle of Marathon.

Since its inception, the Alpha Omega Council has contributed over \$2.5 Million to various charities and sponsorships including:

- ✓ ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS LIBRARY & LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
- ✓ BOSTON UNIVERSITY PHILHELLENES - SUMMER STUDY IN GREECE PROGRAM
- ✓ EMMANUEL COLLEGE -INSTITUTE OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES
- ✓ THE EXAMINED LIFE: PROMOTING GREEK STUDIES IN THE SCHOOLS
- ✓ FEDERATION OF HELLENIC AMERICAN SOCIETIES OF N.E. - GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
- ✓ CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE - BOSTON MARATHON WREATH CEREMONY
- ✓ GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF BOSTON YOUTH CAMP, CONTOOCOOK, N.H.
- ✓ HELLENIC CARDIAC FUND AT BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
- ✓ HELLENIC COLLEGE AND HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
- ✓ HELLENIC WOMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC. -HELLENIC NURSING HOME
- ✓ INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES -AID TO GREECE
- ✓ IONIAN VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
- ✓ METROPOLIS OF BOSTON PHILOXENIA HOUSE
- ✓ NATIONAL HELLENIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION
- ✓ ST. BASIL'S ACADEMY, GARRISON, N.Y.
- ✓ ST. METHODIOS FAITH & HERITAGE CENTER, CONTOOCOOK, N.H.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

John Metaxas Veteran Journalist & Podcast Host



John Metaxas is an award-winning journalist who has reported, anchored, and produced for networks and stations including CNN, CBS, ABC, Bloomberg, and CNBC in a career spanning over four decades.

During his 18 years at WCBS Newsradio and WCBS-TV in New York, he covered stories ranging from the Bernard Madoff fraud prosecution to the landing of the U.S. Airways jetliner in the Hudson River.

His seven years with CNN included anchoring *Your Money* and reporting for *Moneyline* with Lou Dobbs, and interviews with world figures including former Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, and Microsoft founder Bill Gates. He covered the 1988 presidential campaign as a reportorial producer with ABC News.

John is also the founder of WallStreetNorth Communications Inc. and has trained lawyers, corporate executives, and union leaders in public speaking, media appearances, and crisis communications. He currently podcasts on Apple Podcasts and on his website, wallstreetnorth.com

A lawyer admitted to the bar in New York, John has been a university lecturer at the undergraduate and graduate levels and served as Chief Corporate Communications Officer at E-Trade. He received his Bachelor of Arts, Master in Journalism, and Juris Doctor degrees from Columbia University.

Proud of his faith and culture, John is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and a member of AHEPA.

John is married to Eirini Metaxas, a life coach who helps people elevate their consciousness and brings women to Ikaria to discover their inner goddess. They are the parents of Christiana, a U.S. foreign service officer, and Yanni, who was the first Boston University student to major in Modern Greek Studies in 25 years, and the winner of BU's Polytropos Award for his "Odyssean virtues."



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The Examined Life - Greek Studies in the Schools
Christopher J. Trakas, CPA
In Memory of Dr. John C. Trakas,
Anne P. Trakas, and Nicholas J. Trakas

ALPHA OMEGA COUNCIL



Honoring Order of AHEPA, our 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient & 100 years of Athens Chapter 24



Marathon Wreath Ceremony 2023



*Greek Heritage Night
Red Sox Game at Fenway Park –
2023*

*Celebrating Greek Independence Day
in the Annual Greek Parade
in Boston*

*2nd Annual Alpha Omega Council
Golf Classic at Crosswinds
Golf Club*

ALWAYS ON THE MOVE!



Celebrating Fellowship & Friendships - Hellas on the Charles 2023



Recognizing 2022 Agris Scholarship Recipients



Marathon Education Committee Essay Contest Winners



Socrates Series Speakers, Nick Tsiotos and Nick Larigakis of AHI



Honoring the 2022 Outgoing Alpha Omega Council President

31st Annual Scholarship Awards

Through a partnership of the Alpha Omega Council and the Agris Family to honor the memory of Peter Agris, the founder of the Council and the publisher of *The Hellenic Chronicle* newspaper, the careers of almost 150 aspiring journalists have been supported by grants totaling three-quarters of a million dollars over the last thirty-one years.

These proud Greek American communications professionals serve as anchors in news markets across this nation, correspondents covering wars and politics at home and abroad, press officers at the State Department and on Capitol Hill, authors, documentary film producers, and teaching future journalists. They report for and contribute to *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, Fox News, CNN, *Frontline*, NPR, *60 Minutes*, *National Geographic*, *The History Channel*, *The Atlantic*, *Nightline*, *Fodors* and others.

Donations from individual Alpha Omegans, Agris family members, friends, and colleagues have made possible the dedicated funding of non-renewable grants of \$5,000 each.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Scholarship Chair Peter Lemonias & and Executive Director Nancy Agris Savage offer their congratulations to this year's recipients...

Eliana Wallis Klathis, Jenna Elizabeth Papadopoulos, Zoe Paraskevas, Viktoria Popovski, Alexa Nicole Potamianos & Arianna Maria Shalhoub

...and thank Committee Members for their commitment and dedication to this special program:

Paul Tsitsopoulos, *ex officio*, John Anton, David Paleologos, Costa Sideridis, Michael Ververis & Nicholas Ypsilantis

"It is an honor to see once again such a talented group of scholarship recipients.

When this Agris Scholarship program began 31 years ago, no one realized the impact the program would have on Greek Americans in journalism. Seeing our recipients reporting on television and in print around the country should make us all proud that we have contributed in a small way to their success."

Peter Lemonias

"What began in 1993 as a tribute to my father's vision as founder of Alpha Omega and his passion for journalism in establishing the first fully English language newspaper for assimilating Greek Americans has produced something even greater – the only network of Hellenic communications and media professionals in the US. We take great pride in having helped these dynamic young Hellenes further their dreams and honor their heritage and faith in the process."

Nancy Agris Savage

PETER AGRIS MEMORIAL JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIPS

Some of the many impressive careers in journalism and communications we have helped to launch over the last 30 years.



Evan Bourtis
*Digital Writer, WHEC-TV
News 10, Rochester, NY*



Brett Forrest
*Emmy Award-winning
Broadcast Journalist/Anchor,
Documentary Film Producer,
Las Vegas, NV*



George Gemelas
*Mitch Daniels Leadership
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*Assistant Director of
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Computer Studies*



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*Director/Producer, Zoel
Productions NYC, founder of
MAPP, a non-profit to empower
women through leadership/advocacy*



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global development*



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The New Bedford Light*



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*Communications Strategist,
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Veronica Wilson
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UC Santa Barbara*



Melanie Yates
*Senior Editor,
Hearst Magazines*

Recipients



ELIANA WALLIS KLATHIS is a sophomore at the American College of Greece Deree majoring in communications with an emphasis on journalism and a minor in environmental science. Involved in the campus newspaper and part of the social media team, she was a dean honors student at Johnson County Community College in Kansas, where she was feature editor of *The Campus Ledger*, the cohost of a student podcast *The Cavalier Corner*, and a videojournalist volunteer for the bi-weekly campus broadcast *Cav Media*. She also participated in the 8th Annual National Hellenic Society's Heritage America Program in Washington, DC. Eliana is the daughter of Yiannis Klathis of Athens, Greece, and Timmetha Harrington of Arizona.



JENNA ELIZABETH PAPADOPOULOS is a Master's in Mass Communications candidate at the University of Florida. She earned a Bachelor's in Mass Communications with a minor in Humanities at the University of South Florida, where she managed a radio show at WUSF Radio and presented her research at the University of South Florida's annual Undergraduate Humanities Conference. She hopes to combine her love of science and communications in her future career. Jenna is the daughter of George and Janice Papadopoulos, both of Dunedin, FL.



ZOE PARASKEVAS is a recent summa cum laude graduate of St. John's University in New York. She graduated with a Bachelor's in Communication Arts & Media Management, with two minors in International Studies and Criminal Justice. Throughout her time as an undergrad, she held multiple internships in communications, content creation, and marketing positions to enhance her skill set for her ultimate goal of a career in news media journalism. A native of Rhodes, Greece holding dual citizenship, Zoe is the daughter of Emmanuel Paraskevas and Toula Kontonicolaou of Rhodes, Greece.

Recipients

VIKTORIA POPOVSKI is a senior at Boston University's College of Communications studying journalism and is a member of the Kilachand Honors College. She is also a member of the Tri-Alpha First Generation Student Honors Society, a Provost Scholar award recipient, an NJPF Jules L. Plangere summer intern, and has had a research essay published in the Kilachand Kaleidoscope Journal. While at BU, she has had her journalistic work featured in The Daily Free Press Independent student newspaper, WTBU Radio News, The BU Buzz Magazine, as well as The Boston Globe. She has also interned with The Montclair Local in New Jersey, The New England Journal of Higher Education in Boston, and GCN Magazine in Dublin, Ireland. Her parents are Goran and Divna Popovski from Montville, NJ.



ALEXA NICOLE POTAMIANOS is a senior at the University of Rhode Island pursuing a degree in Film Media and Communication Studies. She is actively involved in her school newspaper, The Good Five Cent Cigar, currently serving as the newscast editor and formerly as a staff reporter. Alexa's experience working with media continues as host of her own weekly radio program and in her position as a social media specialist for the URI orientation team. She is interning with the academic advising office helping to advise first-year students and run the office's social media accounts. Post-graduation in 2024, she hopes to attend graduate school. Alexa is the daughter of Spiro and Chrisanthy Potamianos of Randolph, NJ.



ARIANNA MARIA SHALHOUB is a sophomore at Tufts University, matriculating in a 5-year, dual-degree program in Film & Media Studies and Studio Art. She is a radio host at WMFO, Tufts Freeform Radio, where she has interviewed multiple up-and-coming artists live on her show Love on Air, and is the Head of Scripted Content and a TV Project Head at Tufts University Television. She is also the illustrator of a recently published children's book titled, I Love to be Greek!, which was launched in June 2023. Recently completing a television internship at Danvers Community Access Television, she also participated in the 8th Annual National Hellenic Society's Heritage America Program in Washington, DC. Arianna is the daughter of Joseph Shalhoub M.D. and Angela Diantgikis Shalhoub of Peabody, MA.



1993 ~ 2022 Past Recipients

Aivazis, Maria - 2021
Allen, Sarah - 1999
Angelos, James - 2007
Antoniou, Christine - 2002
Apostolopoulos, Dimitra - 2011
Argyrou, Gregory - 2005
Artsitas, George - 2010
Avlas, Melanie - 2002
Baim, Nikki - 2019
Bairaktaris, Sophia - 2010
Balouris, Marilena - 2014
Barghouty, Phoebe - 2013
Bazigos, Sophia - 2003
Beyer, Gregory - 2006
Bilis, Madeline - 2014
Blake, Christopher - 2010
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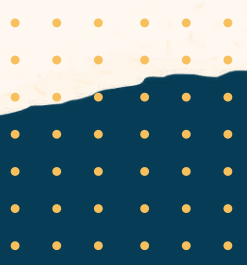
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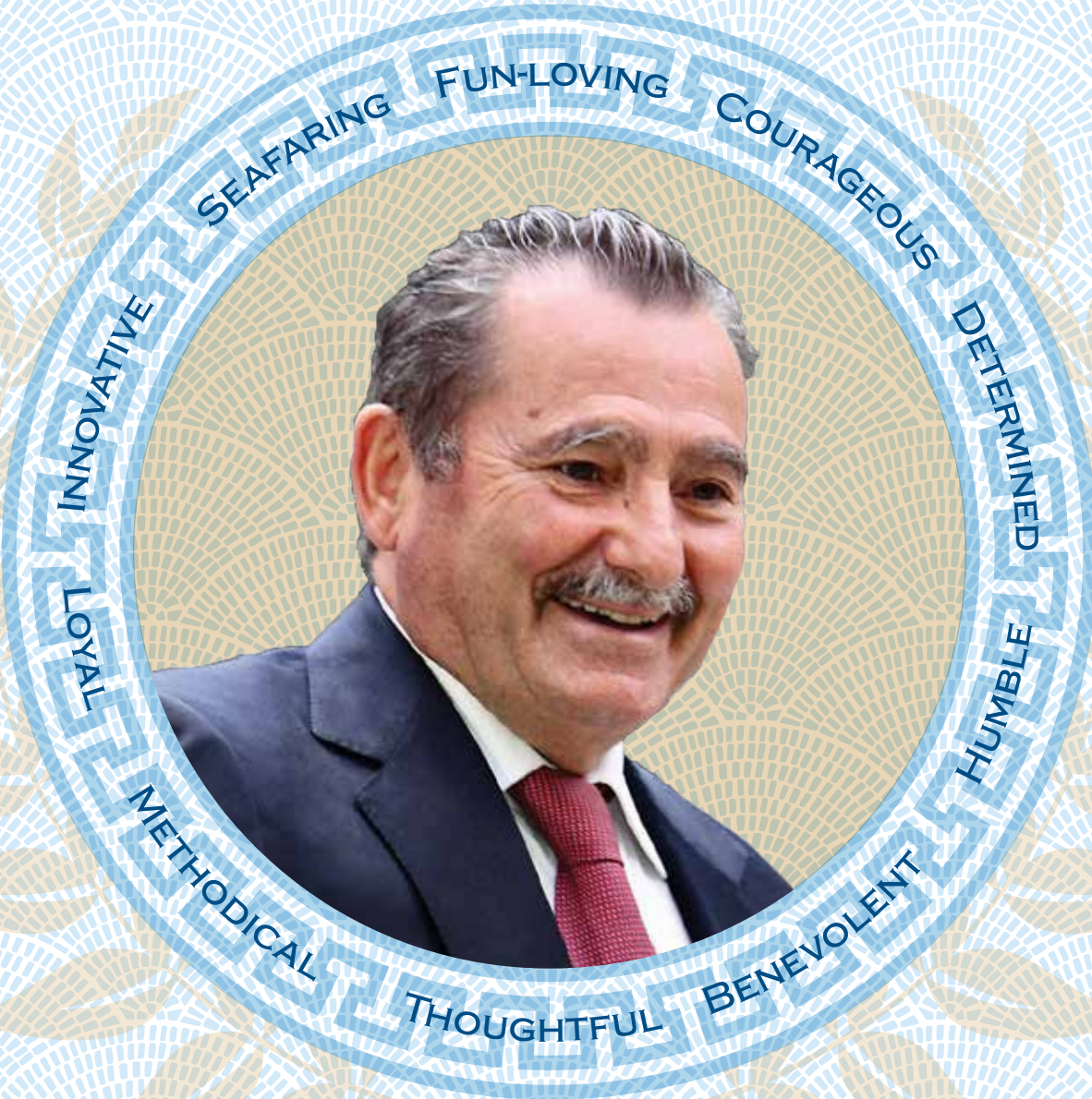
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