



**National Hellenic Student Association**  
Spring Convention | Los Angeles | March 10-12 2017

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# National Hellenic Student Association of North America

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Dearest NHSA Members, Convention Attendees, Friends & Sponsors,

The National Hellenic Student Association would like to welcome you to its 17th bi-annual Convention, taking place this spring in Los Angeles. NHSA is very excited to host its first convention out West with the hope of further expanding our network and bringing together young Hellenes from coast to coast. In the few short months since our successful fall Convention in Boston, NHSA has invested its efforts in a number of special projects and initiatives to create opportunities for activism for our members throughout the year: a stock market competition, an academic journal, and a volunteer program in Greece to name a few. The formation of a Board of Trustees will solidify our professional, financial, and social standing, offering greater reach for NHSA to benefit all its members.

NHSA has repeatedly succeeded in uniting the brightest of students and young professionals from all around the U.S., Canada, and Greece, with common hopes for the future: to preserve our beloved culture and a Hellenic identity that has survived through generations of tradition. In addition to planning this Hellenic Weekend, NHSA created a new logo, re-designed our website and shifted our focus to furthering the development of our vast network which will allow our members to connect in educational, professional, and social platforms. We give thanks as we acknowledge that none of our achievements would be possible without the support and dedication of students and faculty alike from our 50+ university chapters.

Every convention seems to fall at a more dramatic time in history than the last. As our generation ages and as social justice, equality and the environment become more endangered, it is more crucial than ever to create an atmosphere where one can learn of the current obstacles our nation, countrymen or families abroad face, and how these challenges affect the rest of the modern world. With perspective and understanding of differences and conflicts as well as a reminder of the trials our homeland has already overcome time and again, a new sense of possibility is born. We look forward to inspiring such hope for the Hellenic diaspora of North America.

The Executive Board is grateful to all members for attending this convention and embracing these discussions with great enthusiasm. Whether you have traveled from near or far, we would like to welcome all students and young professionals to the warm city of Los Angeles. We would also like to recognize the local organizations and individuals who have guided us while working to create a weekend of unforgettable memories that forge friendships that can transcend distance and time.

We are indebted to our speakers and mentors for dedicating their time and sharing their expertise and experience with us. As a student-run nonprofit organization, we also depend on our generous sponsors and would like to thank them for their belief in our cause.

“Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people”

-Socrates

On behalf of the Executive Board,  
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President

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# Weekend Schedule

## Friday, March 10

Time	Event	Description	Location	Attire	Scholarship
3:00p	Hotel Check In	Check in upon arrival <i>Early arrivals may leave luggage at hotel</i>	The L.A. Hotel Downtown 333 S. Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA	.....	.....
3:00p-7:00p	Registration	Attendees check in & register to receive their welcome bag	Hotel Lobby	.....	.....
7:40p	Depart Hotel	Meet in Hotel Lobby for buses to Meet & Greet Dinner.	Hotel Lobby	.....	.....
8:00p-10:00p	Welcome Dinner & Greek Night*	Meet & Greet Dinner followed by Greek Night 18+ to enter; 21+ to drink	St. Sophia Cultural Center 1324 Normandie Ave, Los Angeles, CA	Dressy Casual "Club Attire"	.....
10:00p-1:30a					.....

## Saturday, March 11

Time	Event	Description	Location	Attire	Scholarship		
9:00a	Depart Hotel	Meet in Hotel Lobby dressed and ready. Buses depart @ 9:00am sharp!	Hotel Lobby	Business Professional	Mandatory for Qualification		
9:30a	Breakfast	Continental Breakfast	University of California Los Angeles Royce Hall - 314 340 Royce Dr, Los Angeles, CA	Business Professional	Mandatory for Qualification		
10:00a	Conference Begins	Opening Remarks Mr. Alexander Thomopoulos - President, NHSA Dr. David Schaberg - Dean, College of Humanities V. Rev. Fr. John Bakas - Dean, Saint Sophia Cathedral Hon. Gregory Karahalios - Consul General of Greece in LA Mr. Andreas Kyprianides - Hon. Consul-General of Cyprus in LA Gov. Michael Dukakis - Frm. Gov. of Massachusetts; Visiting Professor, UCLA Dr. Jim Dimitriou - PSP, AHEPA; Board Member, AHC				*	*
10:45a	Panel 1: Innovation & Entrepreneurship	Moderator Dr. Yiannis Yortsos - Dean, Viterbi School of Engineering, USC Panelists Peter Polydor - CEO, Ergo Capital Michalis Raptis - Software Engineer, Google LA Eirini Schlosser - Founder, Chuz				*	*
11:45a	Panel 2a: Arts	Moderator Prof. Katerina Zacharia - Prof. Classics & Archaeology, Loyola Marymount Panelist Anna Giannotis - Writer/Director; Board Member GHS of SoCal				*	*
12:15p	Lunch & Networking	Lunch will be provided followed by networking				*	*
1:15p	Worlds Apart Film Screening	Screening of <i>Worlds Apart</i> Snacks will be provided				*	*
3:15p	Panel 2b: Arts	Moderator Prof. Katerina Zacharia - Prof. Classics & Archaeology, Loyola Marymount Panelists Christoforos Papakaliatis - Director, <i>Worlds Apart</i> Kostas Christides - Musical Composer, <i>Worlds Apart</i>				*	*
4:00p	Conference Concludes	Closing Remarks					
4:15p	Buses to Griffith Observatory	Buses will take attendees from Conference directly to Griffith Observatory				.....	.....
5:15p	Griffith Observatory & Sunset	Enjoy LA sunset with a view NHSA Photo - Sunset at ~6:00p				Griffith Observatory 2800 E. Observatory Rd, Los Angeles, CA	.....
6:00p	Bus to Hotel	Buses will take attendees back to Hotel	.....	.....			
6:45p	Arrive at Hotel	Free time until Greek Night	.....	.....			
10:00p-2:00a	Greek Night*	18+ to enter; 21+ to drink	Josephs of Hollywood 1775 Ivar Ave, Los Angeles, CA	Dressy Casual "Club Attire"	.....		

# Weekend Schedule

## Sunday, March 12

Time	Event	Description	Location	Attire	Scholarship
9:00-12:00p	Church Service*	Attendees may choose to attend church services	St. Sophia Cathedral 1324 Normandie Ave, Los Angeles, CA	Church Appropriate	.....
11:00a	Hotel Checkout	Attendees must check out by this time to avoid any fees Luggage may be left with Reception	The LA Hotel Downtown	Wear your NHSA Tshirts  * *	.....
11:45a	Getty Villa	Meet in Hotel lobby. Buses to Getty Villa	Hotel Lobby		.....
12:00p		"Visit the Ancient World of Greece and Rome"	Getty Villa 17985 Pacific Coast Hwy, Pacific Palisades, CA		.....
2:45p	Buses Depart	Buses to return to Hotel	.....		.....

## Emergency Contact Information

If emergency questions or concerns arise during the conference weekend please call either Konstantina Panagiotopoulos at 708-609-1001, Alexander Thomopoulos at 240-596-2707, or Konstantine Ouranitsas at 917-805-3430.

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# Speaker Biographies - Opening Remarks

## **Dr. Davis Schaberg**

Dr. Schaberg is the dean of the College of Humanities at the University of California, Los Angeles. A member of the Asian Languages and Cultures faculty since 1996, David served as chair of the department from May 2009 through September 2011. He also served as co-director of the Center for Chinese Studies from 2005 to 2011 and chair of the East Asian Studies interdepartmental and masters programs from 2004 to 2009. Since September 2011, David has served as interim dean of the Division of Humanities. David holds a Ph.D. in comparative literature from Harvard University and a B.A. in comparative literature from Stanford University. He also studied Chinese literature at National Taiwan University from 1986 to 1988.

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## **V. Rev. Fr. John Bakas**

Fr. John immigrated with his family to the United States from Greece in 1958. The family settled in Albuquerque, New Mexico and worked in restaurant related businesses. He was ordained to Deaconate, March 7, 1975 and ordained to The Priesthood, January 21, 1979. Fr. Bakas is the Dean of Saint Sophia Cathedral and Greek Orthodox Community of Los Angeles since 1995. Along with the talented leadership of the Cathedral, he spearheaded the drive for the major renovation of the Cathedral grounds and adjacent buildings.

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## **Hon. Gregory Karahalios**

Gregory Karahalios was born in Athens in 1961. He studied law at the University of Rome and has a masters degree in Ecclesiastical Law from the same university. He worked as a lawyer in Athens for five years, and in 1997 he joined the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He served at the Embassy of Greece in Ankara between 1999 and 2004, and at the Embassy of Greece in Rome, 2004-2008. From 2008 to 2014 he served as First Counselor at the Department for Middle East and Arab Countries at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece. In 2014 he was appointed Consul General of Greece in Los Angeles.

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## **Andreas Kyprianides**

Andreas Kyprianides currently serves as the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Cyprus in Los Angeles.

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## **Gov. Michael Dukakis**

Michael Dukakis serves as a Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Northeastern University and visiting professor at the School of Public Affairs at UCLA. Dukakis won his party's nomination for Governor of Massachusetts in 1974. He inherited a record deficit and record high unemployment and is generally credited with digging Massachusetts out of one of its worst financial and economic crises in history. But the effort took its toll, and Dukakis was defeated in the Democratic primary in 1978 by Edward King. Dukakis came back to defeat King in 1982 and was reelected to an unprecedented third, four-year term in 1986 by one of the largest margins in history. In 1986, his colleagues in the National Governors' Association voted him the most effective governor in the nation. Dukakis won the Democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States in 1988 but was defeated by George Bush.

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## **Dr. James Dimitriou**

Dr. Dimitriou is a noted educator, grant recipient and former Director for the "Journey to Greece," Travel Study Program. He has taken over 2400 students to Greece in over 25 years. As a Past AHEPA Supreme President, Dimitriou served in a variety of educational programs over many years. He has served as National AHEPA Education Chairman and Chairman of the Cyprus & Hellenic Affairs Committee. Currently, he is on the Board for Hellenext, the Next Generation Initiative. Dimitriou was named to the Order of Saint Andrew of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2004. Dimitriou is a co-founder of the Greek Heritage Society; former President of AHI, LA Chapter; former Executive Director of the Axios Foundation; founding Board Member of the Save Cyprus Council for 12 years (today's American Hellenic Council); veteran of several years on the St. Katherine's parish council; & long time President of the Marmarion Society.

## Speaker Biographies - Arts Panel

### Professor Katerina Zacharia - Moderator

A professor of Classics at Loyola Marymount University, her research focuses on Greek drama; Greek ethnicity; and cultural politics. Her publications include: *Converging Truths: Euripides' Ion and the Athenian Quest for Self-Definition* (2003), *Hellenisms: Culture, Identity and Ethnicity from Antiquity to Modernity* (2008), and articles on Greek cinema, classical reception, and Greek tourism. A former Onassis Senior Research Fellow (2011), and long-term collaborator of the Michael Cacoyannis Foundation in Athens, she practices active learning pedagogies, turning the classroom into cooperatives of learning and research. She has developed a robust student internship program as Director of Education and Culture for the LA Greek film festival.



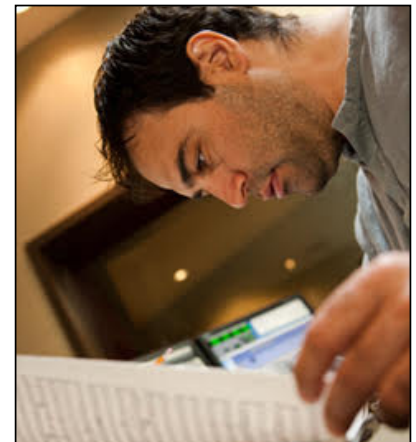
### Christopher Papakaliatis

Born and raised in Athens, Greece, Christopher Papakaliatis began acting in television at age 16 and, within a few years, was writing, directing, and starring in commercially successful and critically acclaimed series. In addition to his stage work, including Jean Cocteau's *Les Parents Terribles*, he starred with Catherine Deneuve in the feature film *God Loves Caviar*, which introduced his talent to an international audience. He then wrote and played the lead in his directorial debut entitled *What If...* Papakaliatis' box office hit, *Worlds Apart*, is currently in theaters around the world and recently opened to great success in the U.S.



### Kostas Christides

Born in Thessaloniki, Greece, he started his musical studies when he was six years old. He graduated from the London College of Music and then continued his studies at USC where he met the acclaimed Hollywood composer, Christopher Young. Kostas was fortunate, to work with him on over 35 films. Christides' accomplishments have included among others, compositions and orchestrations for the films, *Baytown Outlaws*, *Dark Ride*, *Perkins 14*, *Love Happens*, *Spiderman*, *The Hurricane*, *Wonder Boys*, *Swordfish*, *The Shipping News*, *The Core*, *The Exorcism Of Emily Rose*. In 2015 he scored "*Worlds Apart*", a drama film by Christopher Papakaliatis. That was their second collaboration after "*What if.*"



### Anna Giannotis

Anna was raised in Newport, R.I., by Julia (Koutrakos) and Kostas Paul Gianiotis. At 19, she began acting in regional theatres throughout the U.S. between studies. In the mid 80's, Anna wrote and produced plays in NYC, and then migrated to Los Angeles in 1994. She has written and produced two documentary features for the Greek Heritage Society of S.CA: "*The Pionners*" and "*The Promise of Tomorrow*," which highlight immigration, assimilation, and the success of two generations, and have received several awards from international film festivals in the U.S. and Greece. Screenwriting credits include an adaptation of "*I Was Trained to be a Spy*." Anna resides in Los Angeles with her husband, Bob Luna, an accomplished musician and composer.



# Speaker Biographies - Innovation Panel



## **Dr. Yannis C. Yortsos - Moderator**

Yortsos has served as Dean of the USC Viterbi School of Engineering since June 2005. He is the Chester F. Dolley Professor of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, and holds the Zohrab A. Kaprielian Dean's Chair in Engineering. Yortsos is well known for his work on fluid flow, transport and reaction processes in porous and fractured media with applications to the recovery of subsurface fluids and soil remediation. He has been actively involved in the peer review of the Yucca Mountain Project for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste. Under his leadership, the Viterbi School rose to 10th worldwide for engineering, computer science and technology (2010 Shanghai Jiao Tong rankings), and has earned the top ranking in Distance Learning in the same fields. Yortsos coined the term Engineering+, a concept promoting interdisciplinary research, programs and faculty appointments that enable engineering's powerful role for innovation in the sciences and the professions.



## **Peter Polydor**

Polydor has built successful companies in web services and real estate and has spent the last several years working in venture capital. Currently he is the CEO and Founder of ERGO Capital and the startup accelerator Ergo Accel. In 2014, he founded the Eureka Building, a three-acre startup and tech community based in Irvine, California, designed to foster innovation and house entrepreneurs. The site is home to over 30 companies ranging from startup to large public company. Peter sits on the Board of Directors of ecoPHYSI and SugarsGone as well as the advisory board of a number of startups. Further to his work at ERGO, Peter is a Professor of Practice at the University of Wales, is the President of Ergo Properties, advised the Oxford Seed Fund, is a Charter Member of the Canadian C100, recipient of the Greek 40 Under 40 award and the Power 30 Under 30 award. He received his BA from Occidental College and his MBA from the University of Oxford, Said Business School.



## **Michalis Raptis**

Raptis is a software engineer at Google working on the Research and Machine Intelligence group. Before that he was a senior researcher at Comcast Labs working on video analysis. During 2011-2013, he was a postdoctoral research associate at Disney Research Pittsburgh. Michalis obtained his Ph.D. in the summer of 2011 from the Computer Science Department of UCLA, under the supervision of Prof. Stefano Soatto. Previously he obtained his M.Sc. degree from the Computer Science Department of UCLA in 2008 and the diploma of Electrical and Computer Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens, Greece, in 2006. His research interests are in the broader fields of computer vision, pattern recognition and time series analysis, in particular the application of discriminative approaches to the solution of video analysis tasks.



## **Eirini Schlosser**

Schlosser is the CEO and Founder of Chuz, a mobile app that curates where you're going for food, drink, and lifestyle. Chuz adapts to your taste, habits, and preferences and content is curated by chefs, critics, and industry experts. No more scrolling through inauthentic reviews. Chuz a spot, invite friends, and get there all in one app. Schlosser completed her masters at London Business School and started her career in investment banking in Morgan Stanley's M&A Execution Team in London. At Morgan Stanley she had exposure working on multi-billion dollar technology, consumer, and retail deals. Though an incredible learning opportunity on how businesses scale, how to problem solve quickly and analytically, and how to execute for C-level clients, she craved creative outside-the-box impact of building a business. The idea of Chuz was born as a direct solution to a problem that her and her friends faced: the time consuming difficulty in planning where to go for food and drink.





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March 2017

Dear members of the National Hellenic Student Organization:

On behalf of all of us at UCLA, welcome to Los Angeles! We're proud to host Saturday's activities of the NHSA Hellenic Weekend at our historic Royce Hall, and I wish you all the best as you deepen your appreciation of your Hellenic heritage and strengthen ties with one other and the wider community.

It is an exciting time for Hellenic studies at UCLA, and for our campus as a whole. We are continuing to increase the diversity and quality of our academic community, incorporating new teaching methodologies, and building upon the strengths that have made our institution one of the nation's premier universities. We are particularly eager to build upon our existing strengths in the study of Hellenic culture, from the ancient world through modern times. Our engagement with the Greek community has never been stronger than it is today, and we are inspired by opportunities to further these important relationships. We take to heart the ancient imperative of *koinonia* — building community.

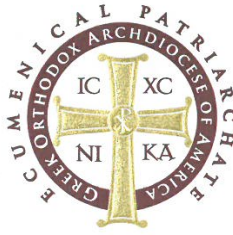
Pindar, the ancient Greek poet, wrote that when conditions are right, "Excellence grows like a tree." I hope our campus and our dynamic city provide the perfect environment for a weekend of discovery and growth for each of you. Congratulations on participating in this meaningful event.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene D. Block".

Gene D. Block  
Chancellor



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

March 11, 2017

Mr. Konstantine Ouranitsas, Chairman  
National Hellenic Student Association

Dear Mr. Ouranitsas and Students of  
the National Hellenic Student Association,

I greet you in the love of our Lord as you gather for the bi-annual international convention of the National Hellenic Student Association.

How pleasing it is to hear that you gather to strengthen the bonds of love and fellowship that unite you as young, spirited, and bright Hellenes and Greek Orthodox Christians. My thoughts are with you as you advance in your studies and plan prudently for your future.

It is my hope and prayer that *Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend ...what is the width and length and depth and height – to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:17-19).* With my best wishes for a spiritually enriching Lenten journey to the fulfillment of *Pascha*, I remain

With paternal love in Christ,

*Archbishop Demetrios of America*

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March 10, 2017

✠Quadratus the Martyr & his Companions

Beloved Members of the National Hellenic Student Association,

*“Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”  
Joshua 1:9*

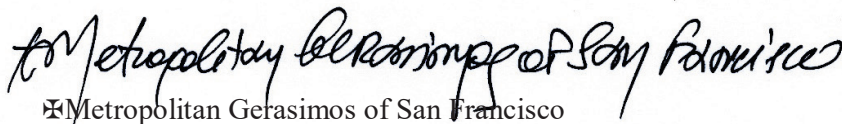
It is a joy to greet you as you gather for your convention in Los Angeles, California, representing universities and Hellenic student associations from across North America for a weekend of fellowship, collaboration and cultural and social enrichment. You are taking your college studies out of the classroom and expanding your horizons through your involvement with the National Hellenic Student Association, and I am certain that this weekend’s conference will provide many opportunities for learning and personal and professional growth.

As Hellenes and Orthodox Christians, we share a common bond through our ancestral lineage, our values, our faith, and our commitment to excellence. Philosophy, medicine, democracy, and modern science are just a few examples of the significant contributions of our forebears. You are the next generation who are now challenged to continue this legacy of excellence and leave your indelible mark on society.

As you come together this weekend, may your minds be receptive to new ideas, to learning, and to reaching out beyond what is comfortable but rather standing up for what is noble, for what is good, and for what will be profitable for our society, as well as our souls as Orthodox Christians.

It is my fervent prayer that the Lord may grant you His abundant blessings and guide you in all your endeavors, always bringing Him praise and glory through your thoughts, words and deeds!

With Love in Christ,

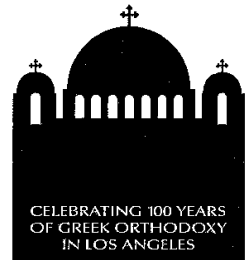
  
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February 27, 2017

Dear Members of the National Hellenic Students Association:

On behalf of our Saint Sophia Cathedral and Greek Orthodox community of Los Angeles, I welcome you to Los Angeles. You are here for your bi-annual educational and professional convention March 10<sup>th</sup>-12. I know your organization seeks to promote the best of Hellenic values and traditions in the lives of young professionals who carry on the noble traditions of our ancestors.

These Hellenic values of honor, justice, dignity and excellence should be spread among your friends and colleagues who may not share our heritage. I have always believed that "you don't have to be Greek to be a Hellene." It has been written that after the victorious battle of Opis (present day Iraq) in 324 BC, Alexander the Great said the following that can certainly pertain to us today. "I do not distinguish among men as the narrow-minded do, both among Greeks and barbarians. For me, every virtuous foreigner is a Greek and every evil Greek worse than a barbarian." The great Hellenic virtues are embodied in the principles of NHSA.

I wish you all much success and God's blessings.

Sincerely,

V. Rev. Fr. John S. Bakas  
Dean

*"When you write your will or update it, please remember Saint Sophia Cathedral. Your gift will live into eternity."*



**CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE  
IN LOS ANGELES**

**GREETING TO NHTA**

**BY GREGORY KARAHALIOS  
CONSUL GENERAL OF GREECE IN LOS ANGELES**

Dear members of the NHTA,

On the occasion of your 9<sup>th</sup> annual convention that takes place in Los Angeles this year, I would like to congratulate you for your efforts and the work you did all these years, in order to preserve and promote the Hellenic culture, traditions, and ideas, that make Greeks a genuine and special part of mankind.

It is very important for all students of Hellenic descent, as well as for those interested in Hellenism, to be able to come together, exchange views, experiences, and knowledge, and join their efforts in various different projects. This collaboration, which in many cases involves issues concerning Greece, will help you address them in a more effective way, consolidating at the same time your bonds with Greece.

The existence of your association also gives students coming from Greece now a point of reference that can offer them consultation and help, when needed.

Concluding, I would like to praise your efforts, and wish you a successful convention in Los Angeles.

Gregory Karahalios

Consul General



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The Ambassador

**Message of the Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the United States,  
Mr. Leonidas Pantelides  
on the occasion of the  
National Hellenic Student Association of North America Convention**

*March 10-12, 2017*

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It is with great pleasure that I convey to all of you my warmest and most sincere greetings on the occasion of the National Hellenic Student Association of North America (NHTA) Convention.

Since its inception as an umbrella organization for the university Hellenic student organizations throughout the United States and Canada, NHTA has distinguished itself as one of the most prominent and deeply respected educational societies of the Hellenic Diaspora in North America. A powerful grassroots community with wide membership, active members and an influential voice, NHTA stands as a glowing example of dedication to the values of civic responsibility and ethos, education, and a deep pride in our Hellenic roots. These exceptional qualities have enabled young Greek Americans to become highly successful, earning the admiration and respect of all fellow Americans.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Cyprus, allow me to extend to all of you our heartfelt appreciation for all your remarkable achievements and your role in promoting Hellenism and our identity, as virtual young ambassadors, in North America.

On this unique occasion, please accept my best wishes for continued happiness and success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Leonidas Pantelides





# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

## Message

As the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Cyprus in Los Angeles, it is my great pleasure to welcome the leaders and members of the National Hellenic Student Association of North America to our city. I would also like to convey my warmest congratulations for your efforts promoting Hellenism, education, networking and the unity of the diaspora. Yours is an important contribution to the task of shaping the future leaders of our Hellenic Community. I salute and commend you for that and assure you of my strong and wholehearted support.

We are privileged to be heirs and trustees of the Hellenic Heritage, the most important Heritage in the history of Western Man. However, with privilege comes responsibility. I believe we have a moral obligation to know, study and take pride in our great Heritage. We must preserve it, promote it and pass it on to the younger generations. At the same time we must also uphold the universal and timeless principles and values of Democracy, liberty and justice, first espoused by our Greek ancestors. You, as the educated future leaders, movers and shakers of our people have a special responsibility in this mission. Also, while keeping abreast of the changing political issues and global realities, you must engage in the fight for the National Causes of Greece and Cyprus. In this context I like to make a strong appeal for your support and solidarity in our long and difficult struggle to find a just, viable and lasting solution to the problem of Cyprus. A solution based on all the relevant United Nations resolutions, on International law and the Acquis Communautaire of the European Union, of which the Republic of Cyprus has been a full and equal member, for the past thirteen years. This solution must reunite the island, including the population, the institutions and the economy. The solution must turn The Republic of Cyprus into a place of peace, harmony and stability in that very troubled part of the Eastern Mediterranean. The solution must be equally good for all the people of the island, the 80% Greek Cypriot majority the 18% Turkish Cypriots as well as the 2% Armenians, Maronites and Latins. All inhabitants will fully enjoy the security and great benefits provided by the European Union, in a free, united and independent Federal Republic, without foreign armies or guarantor powers. For the past twenty-two months there have been ongoing negotiations between the president of Cyprus Mr. Anastasiades and the Turkish Cypriot leader Mr. Akinci for a final settlement. Unfortunately, the Turkish side, using a pretext, suspended the talks and their future remains uncertain. We hope they will reconsider their action. Our side is making every effort to restart the negotiations towards the final resolution. In this, we ask for your support and the support of all the fair-minded people of the world.

Again I wish you a successful and productive convention and all the best in your personal, academic and professional endeavors. You are the hope and the future of our people and a lot rests on your shoulders.

Andreas Kyprianides

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Hon. Consul General of Cyprus

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Πρεσβείας της Ελλάδος  
Οττάβα



Οττάβα, 28 Φεβρουαρίου 2017

**Μήνυμα του Πρέσβευς της Ελλάδος στον Καναδά, κ. Γεώργιου Α.  
Μαρκαντωνάτου, επ'ευκαιρία συναντήσεως NHSA, στο Λος Άντζελες**

*Αγαπητέ μέλη και ιδρυτές ενώσεως Ελληνων Φοιτητών.*

Χαίρομαι και πάλι που μου δίδεται η ευκαιρία να επικοινωνήσω μαζί σας, εν όψει της επόμενης συνελεύσεώς σας, τον Μάρτιο, στο Λος Άντζελες.

Οι τακτικές συναντήσεις σας και οι αξιόλογες δραστηριότητες που αναπτύσσετε, στο πλαίσιο της NHSA, επιβεβαιώνουν την πραγματική αγάπη σας για τις ελληνικές ρίζες, αλλά και την Γενέτειρα των προγόνων σας.

Η συμβολή των Ελλήνων της Διασποράς στη σύγχρονη ιστορία της Ελλάδος ήταν πάντοτε σημαντική. Ταυτιζόταν με την επιθυμία αλλά και την προσπάθεια που κατέβαλλε το Μητροπολιτικό Κέντρο, να διατηρήσει στενή επαφή με τα παιδιά του, τα οποία βρέθηκαν διάσπαρτα σε ολόκληρο τον πλανήτη. Έτσι, άνοιξαν και παραμένουν πάντοτε ανοικτοί οι δίαυλοι επικοινωνίας μεταξύ της Μητέρας Πατρίδας και της Ομογένειας, και μάλιστα των νέων της, όπως εσείς.

Με τις σκέψεις αυτές θα ήθελα και πάλι να ευχηθώ κάθε επιτυχία στις σπουδές σας και στο ερευνητικό έργο σας, στο μέλλον. Επίσης να υπογραμμίσω ότι κατά την παρούσα κρίσιμη συγκυρία οφείλουμε να εκμεταλλευθούμε κάθε παράγοντα ισχύος καθώς και ότι η οργάνωση όλων των δυνάμεων του Οικουμενικού Ελληνισμού πρέπει να αποτελεί εθνική προτεραιότητα.

Γεώργιος Α. Μαρκαντωνάτος  
Πρέσβυς της Ελλάδος στον Καναδά



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March 11, 2017

Dear members of the National Hellenic Student Association,

On behalf of the University of Southern California, I want to welcome you to Los Angeles for this important gathering. We are certain that the conference will be a fitting celebration of the association's important work in uniting people across generations, and in encouraging a deeper appreciation of their heritage. As an individual of Hellenic descent, I am personally delighted to extend my greetings, in addition to my congratulations for your steadfast efforts to build your group into the expansive, vibrant organization that it is today.

The association's vital support of educational opportunities and mentorship programs helps develop the next generation of leaders in the realms of government, science, business, and academia, among many others. Further, you uplift your Hellenic brothers and sisters by promoting awareness of their shared cultural traditions and their unique place in the fabric of a multicultural society—knowledge that enriches and inspires them as citizens of the world.

As a diverse, global community of scholars, USC takes pride in opening its arms to people of all ethnic and national backgrounds. I encourage you to take advantage of this occasion to start friendships, explore collaborative projects, and make lasting connections with your fellow attendees. Enjoy the conference!

Yours truly,

C. L. Max Nikias  
President

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March 3, 2017

Mr. Konstantine N. Ouranitsas  
Chairman, National Hellenic Student Association (NHSA)

Dear Konstantine,

On behalf of the American Hellenic Council (AHC), I'd like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the National Hellenic Student Association (NHSA) of North America, and welcome you and your members to Los Angeles, California! The Greek-American community of Southern California is delighted that the NHSA has chosen Los Angeles as the host city for its annual Hellenic Weekend and Convention.

The AHC is proud of all the work that the NHSA does to promote Hellenism and foster the next generation of Greek-American and Greek-Canadian leaders. As the largest Hellenic student and young professional organization in North America. The mission of the NHSA is not only vital for young Greek professionals, but to the future of our community as a whole.

Now, more than ever our community needs organizations, like the NHSA to help motivate and mentor the next generation of passionate innovators that will lead our community to new heights. This is why, we, at the AHC are proud to support this year's convention, and wish you and your members continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Professor Menas C. Kafatos  
Chairman of the Board  
American Hellenic Council



# PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

*Building a better America through Education and Hellenism*

February 5, 2017

Mr. Konstantine Ouranitsas  
Chairman  
National Hellenic Student Association  
99 Battery Place, Ste. 8D  
New York, NY 10280

Dear Mr. Ouranitsas and Members of the National Hellenic Student Association,

I would like to extend our warmest congratulations for your Spring 2017 Convention in Los Angeles. We commend you for organizing this event, and for bringing together Hellenic students from across the country. I am certain that you, our future leaders, will benefit from the educational and professional opportunities offered at this convention.

Your organization is an admirable example for Hellenic college students everywhere, and encourages undergraduates to stay faithful to their Hellenic principles and ideals. Our beloved late Founder, Chris P. Tomaras, was always proud to support the National Hellenic Student Association (NHSA) of North America because of its dedication to Hellenism, education, and the unity of the Greek community. In honor of Mr. Tomaras' memory, our Foundation remains dedicated to supporting your organization.

Similar to the NHSA, the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation believes in developing young leaders by promoting education and Hellenism. Educational opportunity is critical to any young person's long-term success. While you are together at this convention, we urge you to encourage and motivate one another, as fellow Hellenes, in your educational and professional aspirations.

Congratulations on your Spring 2017 Convention and I wish each and every one of you success in your future educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Buhler  
Chairman

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Andreas Kyprianides,  
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We commend your passion and dedication to Hellenism and Education. Your organization is an admirable example for Greek students, and offers valuable educational and professional opportunities to young Hellenes.

Like NHSA, our mission is to promote education by providing \$250,000 in scholarships to financially-deserving students of Hellenic descent, who also have the potential to become the great future leaders of America.

Best wishes for a successful Spring 2017 Convention,

**The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation**

# Special Thank You

## Sharon Gerstel

*Professor, Byzantine Art & Archeology, University of California, Los Angeles*

Sharon E. J. Gerstel's work focuses on the intersection of ritual and art in Byzantium and the Latin East. Her books include *Beholding the Sacred Mysteries* (1999) and *Rural Lives and Landscapes in Late Byzantium: Art, Archaeology and Ethnography* (2015), which was awarded the 2016 Runciman Prize by the Anglo-Hellenic League. As an archaeologist, she has worked at numerous excavations in Greece, both as a field director and as a ceramics specialist.

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