



Annual Report 2019

National Hellenic Student Association
(NHSA) of North America, Inc.

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Our Mission



To offer students and young professionals the opportunity to grow academically, professionally, and socially, through unique networking and engagement projects along with their peers and established professionals of the Hellenic community in North America, Greece, and Cyprus.

OVERVIEW

The National Hellenic Student Association (“NHSA”) of North America, Inc. serves as an umbrella for Hellenic student organizations of universities throughout the United States and Canada. NHSA is the largest Hellenic student and young professional organization in North America, with over 50 member chapters that promote Hellenism, education, mentorship, and overall unity of the Hellenic community.

NHSA has offered resources to Greeks, Greek/Cypriot-Americans, Greek/Cypriot-Canadians, and Philhellenes since its inception in 2004. Through its events and initiatives, NHSA provides career guidance, mentorship and life-long opportunities in tandem with Hellenic organizations to Hellenic North American citizens.

NHSA’s hosts several initiatives and programs to promote professional development. NHSA’s most notable events are its fall and spring bi-annual conventions. Conventions take place in distinct cities and universities in the US and Canada, each offering a unique experience. These conferences are educational, professional, and social in nature, providing participants with a well-rounded experience. Attendees have the opportunity to learn about various topics, network with professionals in their fields, and socialize with one another.

NHSA promotes Hellenism and unity of the Hellenic community in North America, striving to build the future of the next generations.

Incentives & Programs

CONVENTION WEEKENDS

NHSA hosts bi-annual conventions where attendees have the opportunity to learn about various topics, network with professionals within their fields, and socialize with each other.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The NHSA Annual Beach Clean-Up is held in Athens, Greece to revive local beaches!

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship opportunities are awarded through the Ariston-NHSA scholarship! Gain experiences through internship opportunities and much more!



SUPPORTING HSA MEMBER CHAPTERS

NHSA supports local HSA member chapters through planning local events, assisting with logistics governance, as well as providing grants for HSA events.

NHSA CONVENTION
APRIL 5 - 7 2019



Speakers



SUSY SOLIS

Journalist, entrepreneur and consultant who now uses her platform to encourage and advise budding entrepreneurs and empower women and minorities.

Media and communication expert, having spent more than a decade on radio and television and later launching her media consulting firm, Solis Media Strategies.



VICTOIRE COGEVINA

TOPIC: DOING BUSINESS WITH AN OPEN HEART

Victoire co-founded SR All Stars, the first female-led sports agency, focusing on bringing LATAM talent into the US.

She later became founder & CEO of GLORIA, a groundbreaking technology that is disrupting the soccer industry by removing the predatory middlemen in between aspiring players and their dreams of playing professionally.



DIMITRIS PAPAGEORGIU

An Innovation and Transformation Executive at Salesforce serving global accounts.

Has advised a variety of businesses in the area of information architecture and large system deployments with worldwide interests. Current Governor for the AHEPA Automotive District 10 in Michigan Committee.



YANNI DIMOULIS

Graduate student pursuing his Master in Industrial Design at UIC, with a previous bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Founder of 54thirty, a Greek-American brand that focuses on branding, clothing, and Instagram memes.

A Leukemia survivor, who has dedicated his research thesis to designing a device to facilitate nonverbal meaningful connections between patients and their network of loved ones.



LIA ASSIMAKOPOULOS

An 18-year-old student, published author and proud Greek from Bethesda, Maryland.

Freshman studying journalism and integrated marketing communications at Northwestern University.

Published her first book this February called Life in Letters: A Book About Autism in which she reflects upon having a younger brother with autism and shares the stories of other young autistic individuals.



ANGELO KRITIKOS

Angelo Kritikos is chief financial officer and director of operations for the Havas Chicago Group, a multi office integrated advertising agency with over 500 employees. Havas is owned by the Paris based Vivendi S.A.

"Inspiring Next Gen Leaders"

At our Chicago Convention in April of 2019 our speakers discussed areas including strategies for success, the secrets to networking, and elevating your personal brand.

NHSA also announced its joint scholarship initiative with
Ariston Foundation.

Spring 2019 Chicago Convention



Scholarship Initiative

Ariston Foundation and the National Hellenic Student Association (NHSA) of North America Inc. launched the joint Ariston Foundation - NHSA Scholarship.



From left to right: Alexander Thomopoulos, NHSA Past President; Vasiliki Mitrakos, Ariston Foundation Co-Founder; Panagiotis Vandris, scholarship recipient; Christina Metaxas, scholarship recipient; Anthe Mitrakos Ariston Foundation Co-Founder; Konstantine Ouranitsas, NHSA Chairman. Helena Lysandrou (not pictured) was also a scholarship recipient.

First presented during the Fall of 2019 at our Washington D.C. Convention, three accomplished students received an award of \$1,000 each.





Our Washington D.C. Convention took place on November 1-3, 2019. The convention covered areas such as bridging community-government gaps, international relations, and the Hellenic identity.

NHSA presented its premier scholarship opportunity to three students who demonstrated strong academic achievements.

NHSA incorporates city tours and social events in its convention weekends in order to build lasting relationships.

Speakers



Amb. Haris Lalacos

Ambassador of Greece to the U.S.

Since 1990 he has represented the Hellenic Republic in various capacities, including posts at the embassies in Australia, Turkey, Egypt, and the U.S. He has held various positions in the field of foreign service for over 30 years.



Amb. Marios Lysiotis

Ambassador of Cyprus to the U.S.

He joined the Foreign Service in 1991. He has represented the Republic of Cyprus in various capacities, including posts in France, Sweden, and Vienna, and also served as Cyprus' Permanent Delegate to UNESCO.



Mike Manatos

President of Manatos & Manatos, one of the most influential and trusted lobbying firms in D.C.

He has successfully achieved results in the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives and the Executive Branch on behalf of his clients for nearly 30 years. Mike also serves as Executive Director of the Washington Oxi Day Foundation.



Nick Papas

Global Press Secretary at Airbnb

Prior to joining Airbnb, he served as a spokesman for President Obama and the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as for a number of other elected officials. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in Political Science.



Polyvia Parara

Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Greek in the Department of Classics
University of Maryland, College Park.

Her areas of expertise include Ancient Greek poetry, history and politics, Classical Past, and Modern Greek identity, as well as teaching Modern Greek as a second language.



Harris Mylonas

Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at the George Washington University

His research explores the processes of nation - and state-building, diaspora policies, and political development. He is the author of *The Politics of Nation-Building: Making Co-Nationals, Refugees, and Minorities*, and editor-in-chief of *Nationalities Papers*.



Nick Larigakis

President of the
American Hellenic Institute

He has served AHI for over 30 years. In 2019, the Greek Minister of National Defense, bestowed upon him the Medal of "Honour and Valour" for his "distinguished services to the Hellenic Armed Forces and the Nation."

Fall 2019 Washington D.C. Convention



Beach Clean-Up 2018 & 2019

A more understated crisis in Greece is its environmental dilemma. While Greece's beaches continue to gain international recognition for their pristine quality, they are not immune to overwhelming pollution. Recognizing this growing need to lessen pollution's tide, The Hellenic Initiative (THI) announced its support for NHSA's Beach Clean-up in Greece on July 7th, 2018 and July 20th, 2019.

The initiative was designed to connect volunteers of the Hellenic diaspora with locals and devote one vacation day to clean a selected beach. The summer's Beach Clean-up was inspired by environmentally oriented discussions at the NHSA conference in Atlanta, Georgia during the fall of 2017. When NHSA approached THI for event funding and support, THI readily embraced the idea of promoting environmental awareness while forming a bridge between Hellenes of the diaspora and Greece in the process.

The Impact

As a result of the clean-up, over 1,000 pounds of garbage was lifted from Saronida Beach and Schinas Beach in Marathon. Through the support of both municipalities, NHSA's initiative demonstrated the power of synergy and connecting non-profit groups for a good cause.

NHSA teamed up with thelon, a non-profit Greece-based volunteer platform, along with iSea and Saronikos Young Volunteers in Action (2018); and Π3 (2019). Together, the organizations brought over 75 volunteers to Saronida Beach and Schinas Beach for a day-long beach clean-up, which included shoreline trash collection as well as underwater cleaning supported by the Poseidon Club Dive Center. The event exemplified the importance of long-term sustainability while promoting the local economy. As a parting-gift in 2018, NHSA provided volunteers with t-shirts printed in Greece, and biodegradable bamboo toothbrushes made by a Greek company.

Beach Clean-Up 2018 & 2019



#NHSACares

NHSA continuously strives to donate to charities and organizations that benefit people and communities.

Past supported initiatives include The Home Project and SOS Children's Villages Greece, which address the needs of children in Greece.

NHSA established its #GivingTuesday fundraiser to encourage involvement in our members and the greater Hellenic community. The fundraiser contributes to similar causes and assists disadvantaged people in Greece.



NHSA Chairman Konstantine Ouranitsas met with Elsa Stathopoulou, Communication and Fundraising Director, SOS Children's Villages Greece, at the SOS Babies Home in Marousi, Athens to present the donation check in March 2019.

#GIVINGTUESDAY



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES
GREECE



Our Executive Board and members volunteer for The Hellenic Initiative Gala in New York and the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation Gala in Chicago, ensuring a successful event. NHSA also contributes to the Chicago Youth Ball, which donates the event proceeds to a different charity or children with dire medical needs.

NHSA in the Community



Protest in Washington, DC; Evzones at the NYC Greek Independence Day Parade; Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet hosted by the Order of St. Andrews; H.E. Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus, speaking in New York; Meeting in Toronto with local HSAs; NHSA marching in the NYC Greek Independence Day Parade; our Chairman with Fmr. Amb. of Greece to Canada, H.E. Eleftherios Anghelopoulos and Con. Gen. of Greece in NY, Hon. Dr. Konstantinos Koutras; NHSA past participants at the Hellenic Professionals Gala in Toronto; H.E. Archbishop Elpidophoros of America's first Divine Liturgy; PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation gala volunteers; National Hellenic Society Hellenic Heritage Weekend; NHSA Board and NYC HSA YPs attending the Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet

NHSA in the Community



Our Chairman, Konstantine Ouranitsas, represented the Hellenic youth and spoke at the Crisis Awareness Rally for Macedonia in March 2018 at the United Nations in New York.

NHSA current and past board members volunteering at The Hellenic Initiative Gala; Our Chairman with H.E. Archbishop Elpidophoros of America; Meeting with Reload Greece on entrepreneur development programs; new president of UConn Thomas Katsouleas speaking; George Stamas and Anthony Liveris with our Chairman, Evzones at the flag raising ceremony for Greek Independence Day in NYC; THL New Leaders speaker series with Anthony Liveris, NHSA Past Executive Board members are Hellenic American Leadership Council's Leadership 2030 Fellows; our Chairman and Past President with our Board of Trustee Michael Psaros; our Chairman with Arianna Huffington at Gracie Mansion in NYC; NHSA cross-continent collaboration and discussions with the National Union of Greeks Australian Students - Victoria (NUGAS).

Convention Recap - 2016



In 2016, NHSA hosted its Spring Convention in Baltimore and a Fall Convention in Boston.

The organization had the opportunity to march in Baltimore's Greek Independence Day Parade.

Topics discussed included Greece's security environment, leadership trials and tribulations, and the implications of tragedies like the Boston Marathon Bombing.

NHSA organized workshops for our attendees that focused on networking, career building, and community activism.

NHSA ensures its Conventions incorporate time for social gatherings and sightseeing. Fostering friendships reinforce NHSA's networking and relationship-building goals.



Convention Recap - 2017



NHSA continuously expands its reach to more regions in an effort to connect more individuals in our community. In 2017, NHSA hosted its spring convention in Los Angeles and our fall convention in Atlanta.

Subject matters included leadership and corporate responsibility, energy, the environment, art and entertainment. NHSA provided workshops dedicated to activism and social responsibility. The workshops highlighted impacts of our habits and what the Hellenic community can offer. NHSA further organized an exclusive screening of *Worlds Apart* followed by a conversation with director, writer, and actor Christoforos Papakaliatis.



Convention Recap - 2018



Our 2018 Conventions were hosted in New York for the Fall and Philadelphia for the Spring.

Our fall New York Convention marked our 20th convention of NHSA history. The convention's theme was "Tomorrow is Now."

Main topics of discussion at our 2018 conventions included current events in our community, leadership, and entrepreneurship.

Our Spring Philadelphia Convention was presented in partnership with the Greek America Foundation and was titled the *National Innovation Conference*. In addition, the annual *Forty Under 40 Awards* were presented by the Greek America Foundation to recognize the community's top young talent in business, the arts, the sciences and other fields.



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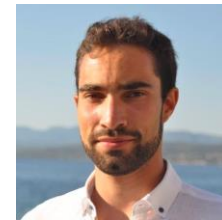
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NHSA Past Board
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Theodore Koutsoubas
Viohl & Associates

Past Conventions

2019 Spring: Chicago
Fall: Washington D.C.

2018 Spring: Philadelphia
Fall: New York City

2017 Spring: Los Angeles
Fall: Atlanta

2016 Spring: Baltimore
Fall: Boston

2015 Spring: Philadelphia
Fall: Chicago

2014 Spring: New York City
Fall: Washington D.C.

2013 Spring: Newark
Fall: Montreal

2012 Spring: Toronto
Fall: Philadelphia

2011 Spring: Chicago
Fall: Boston

2010 Spring: Columbus
Fall: Atlantic City

2009 Spring: Storrs Spring
Fall: Ann Arbor:



Friends of NHSA

Fall 2012-Fall 2019

\$5,000 and above

The Behrakis Foundation - Drake & Maria Behrakis
KPS Capital Partners - Michael, Psaros
Libra Group - George Logothetis
Municipal Bar & Dinner Company

PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation
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The Hellenic Initiative

\$2,000-\$4,999

Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA)
Alpha Omega Council
American Hellenic Institute
Ernst & Young
Federation of Hellenic American Societies of Philadelphia
& Greater Delaware Valley

Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia
George Horiates
National Hellenic Society
Plastic Molding Manufacturing - George Danis
Saloniki Greek

\$1,000-\$1,999

American College of Thessaloniki
American Network Solutions - Phillip Christopher
Paul & Dora Thomopoulos
Atlanta Bread/Bake One - Jerry & Helen Cowaras
Boston University & BU Student Activities Fees
Boston University Department of Classics & The Program
in Modern Greek
Cedar Farms
Cinema Libre Studio
Consul General of Greece in Montreal
Ecodomos Construction
Greek Community of Montreal

Greek Islands

Dimitri & Georgia Halakos
Hellenic Medical Society of Philadelphia
Ikaros Restaurant
Mana Products - Nikos Mouyiaris
Marathon Embroidery
McGill University HSA

Mezze Restaurant
Museum of Science, Boston
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Oxford Auto Insurance
St. George's University of London Medical Programme at
University of Nicosia Medical School
John & Renee Vasiliou

\$500-\$999

AHEPA Chapter #26 - Philadelphia
AHEPA District 1

AHEPA Family of Monreal
American Hellenic Council
Astra Foods
Athens Pizza - Sandy
Baltimore-Piraeus Sister City Committee
The Coca-Cola Company
Concordia University HSA
District Realty
Federation of Hellenic American Societies of Illinois
"Enosis"
Federation of Hellenic American Societies of New England
Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York
Finest Roots
Georgetown Cupcakes

Georgia State University Center for Hellenic Studies
Greek American Chamber of Commerce - Philadelphia
Chapter
Groupe Serpone
Hellenic American National Council
Lykion Ton Ellinidon Atlanta
Mykonos Restaurant
National Hellenic Museum
New Melano Food
Olyra Foods
Pan-Brother Association
Pardalis & Nohavicka, LLP - Taso Pardalis

Philo4Thought
Realty Associates of Atlanta - Costas Panos
Samos Restaurant
Six06 Café Bar

Friends of NHSA

Hellenic Federation of New Jersey
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Sterling Project Development Group LLC
Sweet Connection
University of California, Los Angeles - School of
Humanities
University of Toronto HSA

\$250-\$499

Alfa Pie House Bakery
Andreas Kyprianides

Pitsa Balomas
BZ Grill
Chicago Sweet Connection Bakery

Drexel University Greek Studies Program
Epirotic Society of Philadelphia "Omonia"
George's Ice Cream & Snacks
Good Greek Grill
Hellenext
Hellenic Link-Midwest
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John Manos

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University)
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Titan Foods
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The United Chios Society of Philadelphia
Tony Vaggelas
WindyCityGreek
Yamas Mediterranean Grill

\$249 and below

AHEPA Athens Chapter #24 - Boston
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Pete Doulis
Greek Heritage Society
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Hellenic Studies Paidieia (UConn) Abroad Program
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Kostas Vrontis
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Maria Zaloni

Membership

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Baruch College, CUNY	Stony Brook University, SUNY
Binghamton University, SUNY	Temple University
Boston College	The College of New Jersey
Boston University	University at Albany, SUNY
Chapman University	University of Arizona
City College of New York, CUNY	University of California, Los Angeles
DePaul University	University of Chicago
Drexel University	University of Florida
Fordham University	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Georgetown University	University of Miami
Hunter College, CUNY	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Loyola University, Chicago	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Loyola University, Maryland	University of Ontario Institute of Technology
Michigan State University	University of Pittsburgh
Molloy College	University of Rochester
Northwestern University	University of Toronto, Scarborough
Princeton University	University of Toronto, St. George
Queens College, CUNY	Vanderbilt University
Queens University	Villanova University
Rutgers University, New Brunswick	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Ryerson University	Yale University
	York University

Financials

**National Hellenic Student Association
(NHSA) of North America, Inc.**
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019
(Unaudited as allowed by law)

Revenue		
Convention	\$	25,231
Operating	\$	23,138
Total Revenue	\$	48,369
Expenses		
Convention	\$	28,194
Initiatives	\$	6,409
Operating	\$	6,693
Total Expenses	\$	41,296



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