

**THE FOUNDERS OF FAITH
ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
AND WELCOME 55 OF THE
BRIGHTEST AND MOST
ACCOMPLISHED YOUNG
LEADERS WITHIN THE GREEK
AMERICAN COMMUNITY INTO
THE FAITH SCHOLARSHIP
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
PROGRAM.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

The recipients of the FAITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence join a network of over 500 young leaders representing an exemplary range of innovation, achievement and ambition—from aspiring architects and educators who believe housing and education are basic human rights, to future biomedical engineers and data scientists who already are witnessing exciting advancements in their research. This year highlighted the extraordinary need for a new generation of minds demonstrating the scholarly intellect lauded by our Hellenic ancestors and a magnificent spirit of charity, philanthropy and altruism which is at the very core of our Orthodox Christian and humanitarian values.

From National Merit Scholars, class valedictorians, student government officers and scholastic team captains, the 2020 FAITH Scholars merited the highest recommendations from their teachers and mentors, scored within the 95th percentile for the ACT and SAT, maintained an A grade point average and ranked within the top 10% of their graduating classes. While following rigorous course plans of AP, honors and dual credit courses, 70% founded clubs at school and interned in fields related to their college majors. Despite the interruptions they faced during their spring semester, they adapted to meet the growing needs in their communities: grocery shopping for elderly neighbors, creating a support program for low-income medical students, collaborating with an international team of data scientists to evaluate clinical trial results for COVID treatment and developing curriculum for a virtual education program for kids throughout southern California. Furthermore, they remained engaged with the Hellenic and Greek Orthodox community when it was logistically difficult to do so—heading their parish's COVID response teams, providing tech support for live streams and hosting weekly GOYA Zoom meetings.

While FAITH Scholars enroll in top universities across the nation to pursue a diverse range of career paths, this extraordinary group of young people are bonded by the shared goal to push our community forward through their talents, intellect, benevolence and leadership to ensure a healthy and hopeful present and future for our community, country and world. Please join us in celebrating these remarkable young people!



Promoting Hellenism, supporting the Greek Orthodox faith and celebrating excellence in education for future generations. FAITH was founded in 2004 with the core mission to promote an understanding of the Greek Orthodox faith, Hellenism and excellence through a series of high quality innovative educational programs and cultural initiatives.



Antigone Antonakakis; Public Health, College of New Jersey
Nicoleta Arcidiacono; Economics, University of Pennsylvania
Alexia Armatas; Business, Colorado State University
Kathryn Athanasaw; Psychology, Virginia Tech University
Katerina Babanikas; Government, Connecticut College
Johnna Baniewicz; Psychology, Saint Xavier University
Evangelos Barous; Electrical Engineering, Northeastern University
Maria Chacona; Neuroscience, University of Maryland
Alexandra Conley; Political Science, University of Notre Dame
Xenya Currie; Classics, Bryn Hawr College
Julia Dallar; Neuroscience, Northeastern University
Ellie Fallon; Political Science, Bucknell University
Constantinos Goodson; Political Science, Arizona State University
Cristian Guerrero; Finance, Baruch College
Alexandra Hellinghausen; Political Science, Fordham University
Nicholas Hellinghausen; Business, University of Connecticut
Reece Hughes; Genetics, University of Georgia
Jacob Kaminsky; Aerospace Engineering, University of California, Davis
Nicholas Karayianis; Architecture, University of Virginia
Christina Kendrat; Business, Hellenic College Holy Cross
George Kontopoulos; Business, Northeastern University
Grace Kovakas; Chemical Engineering, Auburn University
Julia Krantz; Kinesiology, Michigan State University
Georgia Leon; Nursing, Quinnipiac University
Cassandra Leontsinis; Physiology, Florida State University
Anastasia Likiardopoulos; Education, Hellenic College Holy Cross
Marie Lolis; Science Education, Stony Brook University
Andrew Manatos; Math, Villanova University
Luke Mehl; Biology, Michigan State University
Dmitri Morales; Biomedical Engineering, Duke University
Ephemia Nicolakis; Graphic Design, Quinnipiac University
Joanna Papaioannou; Biochemistry, University of Pennsylvania
Julia Parsenios; Biological Sciences, Fordham University
Antonia Perakis; Communications, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Demetrios Petrou; Biomedical Engineering, University of Rhode Island
Demetrios Pickett; Business, University of Arizona
Amanda Pollakis; Environmental Studies, Texas A&M University
Alexander Regas; Political Science, Ohio State University
Daphne Sardis; Theater, Rutgers University
Callie Saric; Biomedical Engineering, University of Wisconsin
Constantinos Skeofilax; Engineering, University of Texas
Peter Skourlis; Finance, Rutgers University
Jaime Soutos; Music Education, Penn State University
Eriene Stavropoulos; Vocal Performance, Indiana University
Sydney Stratis; Computer Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Mariana Toumazou; Graphic Design, Northeastern University
Mary Tsahas; Engineering, Princeton University
Nick Tsintolas; Biomedical Engineering, Duke University
Angelina Turley; Pharmacy, Purdue University
Eleni Tzougros; Education, Butler University
Gabriella Tzougros; Communications, Butler University
Victoria Valasiadis; Behavior & Health, Boston University
Steliani Vlahos; Nursing, University of Rhode Island
Vasiliki Xenos; Nursing, University of Kentucky
Ioannis Ypsilantis; Computer Science, Stevens Institute of Technology

