

The National Hellenic Student Association (NHSOA) of America

PRESS BULLETIN:

It is our honor to officially announce the re-establishment of the Pan-American Union of the Hellenic Associations - The **National Hellenic Student Association (NHSOA) of America** on the 28th of March, by the annual assembly of the Hellenic Associations of Universities of the United States.



The assembly (NHSOA Convention) convened at the University of Connecticut with the participation of universities from all areas of the United States. The support and financing can be attributed to the Hellenic educational organization "Paideia" which contributed to initiate our efforts to make the National Hellenic Student Association of America a successful and growing organization.

The weekend convention included thorough discussions on the role of Hellenic Associations not only within American universities, but also in their greater academic and social communities.

This discussion provided useful insights for each Association, as well as, towards the establishment of a common initiative that will drive NHSOA's success.



The convention successfully resulted in the formation of our organization's principles and outlined our basic objectives and priorities. Representatives from each university proposed their vision of an association that will play an active national role primarily in the academic communities, yet without missing the social exposure. This vision also incorporated a pursuit of general recognition within the Hellenic community that can only be achieved through our insistence to promote, two identical concepts for us, the Hellenic spirit and Paideia (education) in any move we make. We finally proceeded to elections, and we are proud to announce the institution of the new Board of the National Hellenic Student Association (NHSOA) of America.

According to what we have concurred on during the Convention, the NHSOA Board presents below our key objectives and priorities:

Purpose of Establishment for the National Hellenic Student Association:

- Develop a central body of representation for all Hellenic Student Associations of America, which will provide dynamic opportunities and promote large-scale activities.
- Advance Greek education and culture through study abroad programs in Greece and the cooperation of American and Greek universities on an academic-research level.

- Promote relations not only among the members of the Hellenic Student Associations, but also with members of academic communities both Greek and non-Greek.
- Aid each Hellenic Association in maintaining a standard for methods and procedures within individual Hellenic Associations and on the larger-scale university level.
- Promote Greek interests in American universities, society, and politics
- Assist Greeks, Cypriots, and Greek-American students, researchers and teaching staff to join, adapt, and develop within the communities to which they belong.
- Develop a network of people and organizations throughout Greece and America, which operates to benefit all participants at social, professional, and academic levels.

Annual Programming of the NHSA

- ✓ Find sources to fund NHSA, which will enable the organization to be financially and functionally autonomous and would allow it to act independently to complete its objectives
- ✓ Promote its basic academic character through the "Study Abroad Programs in Greece" that already exist and develop these programs even more to address a larger pool of Universities.
- ✓ Organize new events and activities (social, sporting and cultural) with purposes of: (a) strengthening the relations between the members of the Hellenic Associations (b) developing further relations with the Greek community and the university community, (c) fundraising
- ✓ Develop mutual relationships with other Hellenic organizations in the US and provide them with support from our academic community when needed.
- ✓ Cooperate with Hellenic-American Organizations to form a mutual understanding and common platform on affairs relating to all Greeks in the United States.
- ✓ Manage new projects that will offer benefits to members and supporters of the Association and Greeks all over the US.
- ✓ Design and construct new media which will not only form the external image; "face" of NHSA, its activities, and dynamics, but will also serve as a tool for those seeking useful information and communication with the members and the network of NHSA

- ✓ Welcome new members to the Hellenic Student Associations and administer any type of aid to young students who come to study in the US and are new members of the Greek community
- ✓ Further develop the cooperation with networks established in Greece, especially with the creation of NHSA Alumni Association back in our country
- ✓ Provide advisory for all the Hellenic Associations on the full exploitation of the financial assistance (operational and programming funds) offered by the American universities
- ✓ Amend, if necessary, specific articles of our Constitution, depending on whether they productively served the purpose, aspirations, and needs of NHSA
- ✓ Provide an economic balance sheet of the preceding year, and a financial plan of the next
- ✓ Expand NHSA's dynamic activity to include a greater population of Hellenic students at the university level and encourage the participation of new members in the National Association.



THE BOARD

President: Georgios Nikolettakis – *The Ohio State University*

Internal Vice President: Eleni Christofa – *University of California, Berkeley*

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The Participating Universities (in alphabetical order):

Brown University
Columbia University
DePaul University-Chicago
Georgia Tech (Georgia Institute of Technology)
Indiana University
Loyola University-Chicago
New York University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Stanford University
Quinnipiac University
University of Akron
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Connecticut
University of Illinois
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rhode Island
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

We are expecting several more Associations to sign our manifesto and until the end of the academic year, we anticipate every Hellenic Student Organization to join the National Hellenic Student Association.

The Members of the