

National Hellenic Student Association



Be an Agent of Change !



Dear NHSA Members and Supporters,

As the 2011-2012 academic year begins, the National Hellenic Students Association of America would like to extend the following message of encouragement:

Success in achieving our goals will come from cherishing what it means to be a student of Hellenic descent. For generations, our ancestors have demonstrated a courageous, adventurous, and entrepreneurial spirit with regard to not only their careers but also their lives' endeavors in general. We must therefore always draw inspiration and strength from the example they have set for us.

It is in the Hellenic tradition to espouse an enthusiasm for performing at the peak of one's ability, as well as to overcome life's challenges with resilience, and humor, and grace. In the interest of maintaining this tradition, we encourage all students of Hellenic descent to work diligently and passionately towards achieving their goals as they commence or continue their education in the 2011-2012 academic year.

We wish all of our members the greatest of success, and we sincerely thank everyone who has made the goals of the NHSA a reality.

Sincerely,

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The NHSA: Past, Present, and Future

The NHSA is celebrating its rapid growth in both the scope of its programs and its membership participation. Since its conception in the spring of 2009, the NHSA has come to represent over 52 universities across North America, launch numerous educational initiatives (see below), elicit enthusiastic member participation on the regional level, and conduct several tremendously successful conventions in cities across the United States.

As we look ahead to the upcoming year, the NHSA will be pursuing the following initiatives in the interest of building upon its past successes and answering to the ever-changing needs of Hellenic students that will arise in the future:

- 1. NHSA Milestone Project: The Greece-US Student Exchange Program** - This student exchange program allows both American and Greek students to realize their vision of studying abroad by receiving credits and paying no additional fees through a “mutual mobility” framework. The NHSA finds the compatible courses and facilitates both the bilateral agreements between the American and the Greek Academic Institutions and the adjustment (cultural & language engagement, housing, social and professional networking) of the students in both countries.
- 2. Info Sessions Project** – Informational seminars hosted by the NHSA that inform student in Greece about opportunities for graduate studies in the United States. Topics of discussion include specifics of the application process, scholarship availability, and program placement. Past venues have included the University of Athens, the University of Crete, and the National Technical University of Athens with outstanding attendance.
- 3. Greece Dialogues** – A series of online interviews conducted with academics, professional, economists, and politicians who share their first hand experiences and insights regarding the Greek economic crisis. Interviews will be conducted with the goal of educating by indentifying the causes of the crisis, as well as the opportunities for Greece to move peacefully and democratically towards prosperity as a nation.
- 4. Heritage Project** – This project, created as a celebration of Hellenic culture, aims to connect and inspire students through the mutual heritage they share. The project consists of several cultural initiatives including Inspirational High School Talks, a student run Greek Literature Translation Project, and the creation of a Greek Poetry Translation Database.
- 5. Greek-American Online Career Center** - This online resource, created in cooperation with the Hellenic Voice, serves as a hub of communication between job seekers and potential employers by facilitating the exchange of job listings, resumes, and contact information.
- 6. 501(c)3 Status** – The NHSA will be obtaining official non-profit status as an educational and cultural organization. In doing so, we will be able to more effectively utilize our resources towards the advancement of our goals and initiatives.

NHSA Convention: Fall 2011 Boston

The Board of the NNSA is pleased to announce with great enthusiasm that the **NNSA Convention: Fall 2011** will be held in Boston on **November 11th - 13th, 2011**, hosted by the Hellenic Students Associations of **Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston University, and Northeastern University**. As a hub of higher education in the United States, a bustling center of commerce, and the home of a vibrant Greek American community, the city of Boston promises to be an outstanding locale for the upcoming convention.

The theme of the convention, as decided by the local organizing committee, is ***“Be the Agent of Change: Shape Your Future, Shape Greece, Shape the NNSA”***. The purpose of the convention is to bring together Hellenic student representatives from universities across North America along with esteemed members of the Hellenic community with the goal of empowering students to make a positive impact on their lives and their communities. In addition, students will make valuable friendships and connections through their shared experience over the course of the weekend.

For details please visit www.nhsaofamerica.org/current-convention.

What types of events will be held during the Convention?

There will be a Panel Series and Mentorship Luncheon in which student members are given the opportunity to interact with, learn from, and network with established professionals, politicians, educators, and entrepreneurs. On Saturday we will hold the following [three panel series](#), **The Greece Dialogues: The Way Forward, The Advance of Education** and **Greece on the World Stage**.

During the Mentorship Luncheon students will be granted the opportunity to network with professionals and peers for internships, summer jobs and career advice. Finally, there will be an internal meeting to discuss NNSA Initiatives (www.nhsaofamerica.org/initiatives) as well as matters involving the internal workings of the organization.

With regard to the upcoming convention, we are expecting the largest turnout in our organization’s history, nearly tripling the number that attended our last convention in Chicago. For our speaker line-up we have confirmed: Mr. **Ilias Fotopoulos**, Honorable Consul General of Greece, **Michael Dukakis**, Governor of Massachusetts, **Professor Psalidopoulos**, Karamanlis Chair of Fletcher School, **Elizabeth Prodromou**, Professor of Int’l Relations at Boston University, **Thanos Dimadis**, D.C Correspondent for SKAI TV and **Dr. Marios Efthymiopoulos**, SAIS Scholar, John Hopkins University.

We cordially ask for your support in the following regards:

NHSA Sponsorship:

As a student group, our successful endeavors and initiatives depend on your financial support. In order to make NHSA opportunities of education, involvement, and networking available to all students of Hellenic descent, we continue to **cover the costs** of the weekend's hotel and transportation for one elected representative from each university. Furthermore, extra costs of the convention include the event facilities, food, and various other miscellaneous items such as attendee booklets. All of these costs together place our **convention on a budget of exactly \$14,000**. That being said, we sincerely ask your help in the form of sponsorship, for which options and further details may be found on the following page.

NHSA Mentorship:

As previously mentioned, a key focus of NHSA conventions is to expose our student members to the academic and professional network that each local Hellenic community has to offer while at the same time continuing to introduce students and mentors to an existing national network. This network allows students to meet with and gain practical advice from experienced mentors in their interested career path. Professionals in various fields such as academia, engineering, law, medicine, business, and entrepreneurship are asked to **register in advance for the Mentorship Luncheon** so that we may seat mentors together with students in their respective field of interest. **Mentorship Information and Registration can be found online at:** <http://nhsa-fall11-boston.eventbrite.com>



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