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***“The best thing  
about the future is  
that it comes one  
day at a time.” –  
Abraham Lincoln.***

Two years ago, when I first took office as Governor of District 21, the future was full of possibilities. Well, the future has arrived and it is still as full as it was that day two years ago. The good news is that, in this future, there is still much to do. The bad news is the same. But we need not fret about the future, as it will come regardless. Our real concern should always be what we have done while on the way.

District 21 has done much. We have for many years helped build the future through our support for education with the many scholarships, both from the district and from many of the chapters. That alone should mark us as an exceptional organization, and yet we have done far more. Our support for charitable causes of many kinds is highly commendable. AHEPA has been a force in support of noble causes of all scales, from the remarkable World War II bond drives to the small, quiet donations that contribute to the steady progress of our society.

It takes the efforts and dedication of many to support and promote these causes. In that I am both very fortunate and grateful to be part of, and to have served this most excellent district. Through all the travails and difficulties of maintaining your chapter organizations, you who have served as officers and you who have served with your time, talent and treasure have my deepest gratitude.

I am especially grateful to those chapters –Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto, Fresno- that hosted the Supreme Lodge visitations in January. The hospitality you displayed to the Supreme Lodge has marked this district and we will not likely be forgotten or taken for granted for a long, long while. And I am grateful for the gracious hospitality on display at every visitation these last two years.

Again, I am grateful for the District Lodges I have had these last two years. They have never hesitated to let me know their opinions on matters of the district, nor have they hesitated to rise to the occasion when needed. To all of them –Tom Chiarchianis, George Gianopulos, Alex Bazos, Bill Anton, George Zioulas, Stamus Cocolos, Steve Miller, Nick Johnson, and the indispensable Bill Booras- my thanks for all your efforts and support.

It must not be forgotten that AHEPA is a family, and I extend my appreciation and thanks to the District Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope, and particularly to The Other Governor, Helen Sexton, who made this run with me and has always kept me pointed in the right direction. It would not have been the same without her.

One more comment of appreciation to my Lodge. Thank you for allowing me to torture you through all the visitations with “the speech.” I know you will make this district better than I have given it to you. Just take to heart some advice from the Bard on the value of talk.

***“Talking isn’t doing. It is a kind of good deed to say well, but words are not deeds.”***

I expect great things of you and I know the district will be well served.

*Robert D. Sexton*  
Governor, District 21



### *Message from District Governor Helen Sexton*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA family,

The past two years have been a great and wonderfully rewarding experience. The old adage “you get out as much as you put in,” made a true believer of me. In my case, “I got out” a lot more! As Governor, my involvement in district conferences, conventions, multidistrict sisterhood conferences, and, of course, supreme conventions, gave me a much deeper understanding of the breadth and scope of our organization than I would have ever gotten as a casual participant or delegate.

My theme has been “participation and involvement.” You cannot know what you are missing out on if you are not an active participant. This has been the biggest challenge of our organization. Somehow, we are able to recruit new members, but I don’t believe we have figured out how to get them involved. And I truly believe if we are able to accomplish this, we will be able to retain them. We do have so much to offer and I am optimistic we will find a way to do it.

Of course, now we are preparing for our district convention. Many thanks to the Modesto AHEPA family for their time and efforts. They’ve been working hard all year long to plan a smooth running convention and enjoyable social events. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

My sincere thanks and deep gratitude to all chapter officers and membership for their dedication and the tireless contributions they are making on a continuous basis. Much good is going on throughout the district, and I commend you for it. Please keep up the good work και στα ανωτερα! Once again, thank you to all for the wonderful friendship and hospitality extended to me and to my Lodge during our visitations and other events. The friendships I have made will last a lifetime. I treasure you all. Of course I would be remiss if I did not thank District 21 AHEPA Governor Bob Sexton and his Lodge. They’ve been wonderful to work with and for sure, they made my life a little easier.

And last, but certainly not least, my warmest thank you to my District Lodge for their dedication and support. They have been a joy to work with and I love them all. In closing, on behalf of the DOP Lodge, Kathy Leles, Sylvia Golfes, JoAnne Panagopoulos, Cathy Photopoulos, Margo Drosos, I send you our best wishes for a productive District Convention and much success in the future... And don’t forget to have fun!

Love to all,

In ΘΠ

***Helen Sexton***

District 21 Governor





**Daughters of Penelope  
Sisterhood Conference  
April 12-14, 2013  
Portland, Oregon**





# AHEPA FAMILY

GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21

81ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 14 - 16, 2013



## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY - JUNE 14

REGISTRATION	9:30 AM -	HOTEL LOBBY
AHEPA / DOP JOINT SESSION	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	BALLROOMS I & II
AHEPA BUSINESS SESSION	< 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM >	SACRAMENTO ROOM
DAUGHTERS BUSINESS SESSION		BALLROOMS I & II
WELCOME RECEPTION HOSTED BY MODESTO CHAPTERS	5:00 PM	10TH FL PARLOR SUITE

### SATURDAY - JUNE 15

REGISTRATION	8:30 AM -	HOTEL LOBBY
AHEPA BUSINESS SESSION	< 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM >	SACRAMENTO ROOM
DAUGHTERS BUSINESS SESSION		BALLROOMS I & II
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON	12:00 N - 1:30 PM	BALLROOMS III, IV & V
AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSIONS	1:45 PM - 5:00 PM	
DISTRICT GOVERNORS' RECEPTION	5:00 PM	10TH FL PARLOR SUITE

### GRAND BANQUET & GLENDI

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH @ VERY REV. PAPAGEORGE CULTURAL CENTER

VESPERS	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
NO HOST COCKTAILS	6:00 PM - 6:45 PM
DINNER & PROGRAM	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
MUSIC BY DJ "TASSO"	DANCING UNTIL 11:45 PM

### SUNDAY - JUNE 16

DIVINE LITURGY - ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH	
ORTHROS/MATINS	8:30 AM
LITURGY & ARTOKLASIA FOR AHEPA FAMILY	9:30 AM
CLOSING RECEPTION/COFFEE HOUR	11:30 AM

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY - HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY HOME**



### **FREE TRIP TO GREECE, ATHENS MARATHON**

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## **2013 Journey To Greece**

**The Eighth Annual**  
**AHEPA / University of Indianapolis**  
**Journey to Greece Summer Program**

**Session 1: June 25 - July 13, 2013**  
**Session 2: July 16 - August 3, 2013**  
**Sessions 1 & 2: June 25 - August 3, 2013**

**For more information visit:**  
**www.ahepa.org**



### ***AHEPA Supports Military Family***

#### ***Reading Program Through The USO!***

*AHEPA National President Dr. John Grossomanides announced the organization's support of military families by selecting the United Through Reading? Military Program as a national service project, working in cooperation with the United Services Organization (USO). United Through Reading is a program that enables service members to video record themselves reading books to their children back home and provides a DVD of the recording and a copy of the book to the child.*

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### ***Attention All Chapters!***

*Bring your chapter information up to date*  
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## EOS #1, San Francisco



*Daughter of the Year-May Kireopoulos  
Penelope of the Year-Foula Vasilogiorgis*



*Sisters hosting Effie Choppelas 40 Day Memorial*



*Modesto Luncheon*

## San Francisco Ahepa Family Agape Dinner - May 8, 2013

*by Marion Parashis*

XRISTOS ANESTI! What an awesome Ahepan Family Night! This evening will always be remembered as one of the best Agapi Dinners that the EOS#1 Daughters of Penelope and the Ahepan Golden Gate Chapter #150 have hosted. This beautiful, inspiring event began many years ago out of family christian love, became a traditional affair, and now continues with that same originating love and camaraderie on which it was founded, and it is always held on the Wednesday evening after Easter. Brothers and Sisters work side by side in loyalty, trust, and faithful support to continue to enforce their Ahepan Family Traditions and Hellenic culture. The love that surrounds the Golden Gate Chapter #150 and EOS#1 can be felt throughout the entire room. The Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco was the place the event was held this year, and next year it will be held at Holy Trinity Church also in San Francisco. Brothers and Sisters in both Churches worked side by side today in love and unison proving once again that love does make the world go around! Love can do so much! We honestly can't live without love! Oh my, weren't there songs made with these words? The Ahepan and Daughters did prove successful by taking a chance on love, don't you think?

Kudos to the Chairmen Sisters Vaso Moulas and Foula Vasilogiorgis, President of the Golden Gate Chapter #150 Elias Tsiknis, all the Brother Ahepan, especially Sam Chicos, Jim Tsiplakos, Pete Kireopoulos, Bill Angelopoulos, Steve Drolapas, and Ernie Antonis, and our Sisters Diane Angelopoulos, Mary Chicos, Kathleen Bardis, Eva Skoufis, Sophia Goultas, May Kireopoulos, Yvonne Stamatakis, Helen Markanton, Christie Tsiplakos, and Diane Antonis. Much labor went into this magnificent affair, but no one will remember the tired, burning, aching feet. Greek music, hysterical laughter, family love, loyal support, and that special, warm inner feeling of total accomplishment and acceptance will remain with all of us the rest of our lives! Such creative sisters and brothers, such unique inspiration and such awesome feelings of achievements! WOW! We are so blessed to have each other! Xristos Anesti, my Sisters and Brothers!!

My Love and Respect in Theta Pi,

Marion Parashis, President of EOS#1



**DOP EOS #1 and AHEPA #150 Agape Dinner/Memorial**



*Kitchen Help: H. Markatan, E. Soufis, D. Antonis, F. Drolapas, C. Tsiplakos, M. Kireopoulos & Pres. M. Parashis*



*Effie Choppellas 40 Day Memorial Hosted by Eos# 1 at Holy Trinity Church's Sunday Coffee Hour*



*Chefs S. Drolapas and P. Kireopoulos*



*B. Angelopoulos, E. Antonis, S.Kyriakis, D. Leos, V. Kyriakis*



*Kitchen Help: D. Antonis , D. Angelopoulos*



*C. Tsiplakos, Chairmen V. Moulas, Supreme Gov. N. Mellas, & F. Vasilogiorgis*



**DOP EOS #1 and AHEPA #150 Agape Dinner**



*J. Dariotes and V. Kyriakis*



*Having Fun!*



*Bartenders D. Leos and Pres. E. Tsiknis*



*Metropolitan Gerasimos*



*C. Fousekis, Jan Spanos and M. & S. Chicos*



*M. Kireopoulos, D. and L. Phillips*



## DOP EOS #1 and AHEPA #150 Agape Dinner



*S and C Fotinos*



*Our Servers: K. Bardis, C. Tsipiakos and V. Leos*



*Our Servers: E. Makras, H. Markaton, V. Moulas*



*Pres. M. Parashis, Chairman V. Moulas, Pres E. Tsiknis*



*Birthday Girl  
Rec. Sec. Yvonne Chiappari*



*S. Drolapas, D. Angelopoulos, K. Bardis, M. Kireopoulos, Pres. M. Parashis,  
V. Moulas, Chairman, C. Tsipiakos, H. Markaton, B. Angelopoulos and P. Kireopoulos.*



## IN MEMORIAM

### ANGELO NICHOLAS LYGIZOS

March 24, 1921 – May 29, 2013

Angelo Lygizos was born in the island of Andros, Greece, on March 24, 1921. At the age of 18 he signed on as a deck boy on a ship named "Nea Hellas" but upon arrival in the US he left the ship, taking only a pair of slippers with him.



His first job in this country was in the Gavallas restaurant in N.Y. city. He later moved to Holyoke, Massachusetts where he worked in a restaurant until 1943, when he was drafted in the American Army. His basic training took place in Camp Carson, Colorado where he met the man who was later to become his partner and life long friend, Anargyros "Roger" Antonopoulos.

While in training, OSS (predecessor of CIA) was established and Angelo volunteered for this dangerous work. On May 21, 1944 Angelo with another twenty two men Greek Americans landed in Greece and spent 182 days sabotaging the Germans by destroying railroads, ammo dumps and pill boxes. At last they returned home safe, with many memories and lasting friendships.

In 1948, Angelo arrived in California where he married Yvonne, the mother of his three sons. In the beginning he worked as a baker and in 1951 he open his first restaurant in partnership with his buddy Roger Antonopoulos. He later opened more restaurants, the last of which was Angelo's Steak House, on the Alameda.

Angelo's personality made him very popular to his customers and friends and he gained the respect and love of both employees and customers, who affectionately called him "Papa" Angelo.

Angelo was very involved with his Greek Community and the City of San Jose. A member of the BBB, The Mason's Lodge, AHEPA, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was the host of a Cooking show for 30 years on channel 2B Heritage Cable TV and he has written a cook book.

Angelo Lygizos, despite his personal tragedies and his "mature" age he has been very energetic till very recently, participated in most community happenings and he kept in touch with his many friends who were always glad to see him and share a glass of wine or ouzo with him.

His natural charm and grace was only surpassed by his kindness and warmth for his fellow man and his loyalty and devotion for the United of America and his beloved "patritha" Andros, Greece. *May his memory be eternal!*

## **DOP Leto 71, Fresno**

*by Dr. Eleni Rotous Rockas*

March 9 was AN ENCHANTED EVENING! This was an outstanding evening sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope, the California Opera Association & St. George Orthodox Church. The event was presented in our church hall. All of our guests dressed up in their favorite fairy tale character and we all ate delicious hors d'oeuvres and dinner. Sister Edna Garabedian, voice teacher and outstanding vocalist, introduced her students who sang lovely lyrics. These included our own Father Jim Pappas & his children, Constantine, Chrysanthé and Evangelia. It was truly an Enchanted Evening!

March found our sisters working with our Boy Scout chapter filling bags for the IOCC...International Orthodox Christian Charities. Several hundred packets contained hand towels, wash cloths, toothpaste, band

aids, nail files, etc. which will be sent overseas.

Our own Helen Sexton, District Governor, gave us a report from the DOP Sisterhood Conference she attended in Portland, Oregon

On Father's Day, June 16, we will be rushing back to Fresno from Modesto where we have been attending the District Convention. We are joining our local Cretan Club to invite our church members to an outdoor picnic on that Sunday. You are all invited to join us!

We elected the following officers for the coming year. We are looking forward to next year's activities: President - Phyllis Makredes, Vice President - Mary Alfieris, Recording Secretary - Anne Kossaras, Corresponding Secretary - Cindi Boukidis, Treasurer - Connie Triantis. Board of Governors - Chair, Madelyn Jones, Eleni Rotous Rockas, Helen Sexton, Vera Margiolis, Evelyn T. Boosalis.

## **San Mateo Ahepa Chapter #392**

*by Leonidas Maheras*

On March 21<sup>st</sup> Brother and Veteran of the Greek army Elias Frangos, who fought the second World War, recited to our San Mateo Chapter #392 and to the Daughters of Penelope, many patriotic poems in celebration of the March 25<sup>th</sup> celebration

The new board of the San Mateo Chapter #392. On April 18<sup>th</sup> the San Mateo Chapter #392 chose its new

officers for the chapter's board.

The first meeting of the chapter with the new board was held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the women's Club in Burlingame, CA.

From left to right: Leonidas Maheras-Vice President, George Fontis-Treasurer, Chris Frangos-Secretary, Alexandros Mallas-President, Vlasis Fousekis-Chaplin, John Drakopoulos - Captain of the Guard.





## Oakland Ahepa Family

by Bill Anton

**Spring Conference** (see photos next page).

Oakland Chapter #171 and Echo #4 proudly entertained the members of District #21 for the annual Spring Conference. The morning group meeting was filled with many different speakers with much knowledge of several interesting topics. If you ask WHAT?? Then you should have attended and you would know. After a wonderful lunch, which was prepared by our own CHEF DINO, it received many great reviews from the persons in attendance. Each lodge then met separately to conduct the business at hand.

We were proud to receive guests, Supreme Governor, Chris Mellus from the Order of Ahepa, and Grand Treasurer, Connie Pilallis of the National Daughter's of Penelope.

This was a successful affair; however, these events are only a success when you have the help of others. Many thanks to Emmy Fearn, President of Echo #4 and her crew for the beautiful morning continental breakfast.

Sophia Johnston always comes to the rescue when needed for attending to the registration table.

Hope to see all of you at the District Convention in Modesto in June. The only way the Convention can be a success is when the entire District is in attendance. Let's reward our Sister's and Brother's of Modesto for all of their hard work. Looking forward to seeing you!!!!

**Oakland Ahepa Family to celebrate AHEPA Day on June 30th.**

Due to the Oakland Festival the Oakland Ahepa Family wishes to invite all members of the Oakland Community to a luncheon BBQ at no cost. This an annual event that we wish to carry on indefinitely.

It is our way to present our organization to the community and give back to our church and their members. Come join us, last year was a success and we hope this event will be even bigger and better.

The best part many of your Ahepa and DOP friends will be serving food and drink for your pleasure. Also, w will have applications for new members available.

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## Silicon Valley Chapter #251, San Jose



*District Lodge Visitation: Lambros Panayotopoulos, Chapter Sentinel; Bill Christie, Chapter Secretary; George Zioulas, Chapter VP Education and District Warden; Bill Booras, District Exec. Sec.; Steve Miller, District Chaplain and Scholarship Foundation Chair; Tom Chiarchianis, District Lt. Gov.; Robert Sexton, District Governor; Philip Frangos, Supreme Secretary; Bill Anton, District Marshall; Alex Giakoumis, Chapter VP Membership; Mike Prokopakis, Chapter President and George Berberis, Chapter Treasurer.*



**District #21 Spring Conference - March 16, 2013 - Oakland**





## Daughters of Penelope - Echo #4 - Oakland

by Emmy Fearn, President

The circle of life has been a sad reality for Echo Chapter #4 this year, as we lost three of our Sisters—Sophie Constantine, Theano Johnson, and Alice Ravetti—whose passing was keenly felt. However, Sister Karen Polyzos Kolikithas recently gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, giving a lift to our spirits.

At our holiday awards dinner, we presented service pins to 32 Sisters, 9 of whom had achieved 35+ years of membership! Following our January 5 district joint visitation with Maeonia Chapter #273, we honored Echo Chapter's past presidents with a special recognition ceremony. Eleven past presidents were present or represented by their own daughters for the ceremony during which we read the names of all our past presidents, also remembering those no longer with us. Afterwards the AHEPA family enjoyed lunch hosted by our Sisters.

In late January, DOP hosted coffee after church to heighten awareness of Daughters activities and support of other organizations in our community, and in April the AHEPA family hosted a Lenten meal after Wednesday evening church services. Organizations

we've supported this past year include Building Futures for Women and Children (which provides shelters for abused women in the East Bay), Smile of the Child (supporting homeless children in Greece), Ascension Sunday School, APA Greek Dance Group, Ascension Sunday School, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, and CARH. We have also helped women in need in the Ascension community through our Friends in Deed fund. To identify women in need of one-time emergency financial assistance, we rely upon our members. (Our donations to women in need are made in confidence.)

Finally, our chapter looks forward to co-hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AHEPA Family Barbecue—to which the entire church community is invited—after Sunday church services on June 30<sup>th</sup> on the Ascension plaka. Besides enjoying great food together, this *fun-raising* event provides another opportunity for our church community to know who we are. At this year's event we will celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Echo Chapter #4 and the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AHEPA Oakland Chapter #171, and we will be sharing photos and mementos that our members have gathered over the years.



*Visitation January 4, 2013*

## AHEPA 2013 District Scholarship Recipients



### Aristotle Magganas

*Endorsed by Oakland Chapter 171, Oakland, California*

Aristotle has a goal of becoming an academic and/or government leader in economics. From his essay in his own words he wishes 'to advise developing countries' to improve their economic conditions. With this objective in mind he has been accepted to UC-Berkeley, Duke, the University of Pennsylvania and others for his BA degree; he will decide shortly which to attend. His long range ambitions include a Masters Degree, and Ph.D. ♦

### Alexia Kalogeropoulou

*Endorsed by Silicon Valley Chapter 251, San Jose, California*

Alexia offers an admirable packet of application materials. Her goal is to complete her BS degree in Neuroscience from UCLA. Ultimately she wishes to complete an MD to become a physician. In addition to academic accomplishments Alexia participated in a community health education project in Ghana with a traveling mobile clinic. Presently she is a Dermatology Medical Assistant to increase her exposure to different aspects of medicine.

Alexia has been a hospital lab research assistant studying Alzheimer's Disease, a counselor to freshmen students at UCLA, and numerous other activities. She is fluent in Greek, plays the piano, and lists other honors on her application. She is a Greek School graduate, and regular participant at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. ♦



### Emily Mavrakis

*Endorsed by Silicon Valley Chapter 251, San Jose, California*

Emily seeks a BA degree in Psychology and/or Child Development at George Fox University in Oregon. Her essay mentions interest in becoming a marriage, family, and child counselor. She received the CSF (California Scholarship Federation) honor for four years, obtaining a most impressive total GPA (wtd) of 4.03 from Westmont High School.

Her activities include being a mentor to high school freshmen, and service on the CSF Executive Board for multiple years. Emily volunteers at Valley Church in Cupertino and at youth group events. She also is a volunteer in the Pre-K Sunday School at Valley Church and at the Youth Science Institute in Los Gatos. ♦

### Corinna Kalogeropoulou

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Corinna desires to complete a BA degree in Business Economics from UC-Santa Barbara. Her application contains an impressive separate listing of numerous accomplishments and activities including selection with ten other high school juniors nationwide to attend the 2012 week-long AHEPAcademy outside Washington DC. This is an interactive leadership and professional development program organized by the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

Other activities include participation in the Students-To-Students Leader program, tutoring, cross country and badminton team membership, and volunteering at a local hospital and Adult Day Health center. Her application essay focuses on her love of Greek heritage and overall growth; a specific career target is yet to be determined. She is positioning herself well, however, with almost straight A marks in all courses; her total GPA is 4.1 (wtd). ♦





## AHEPA 2013 District Scholarship Recipients



### Michael Constantinou

*Endorsed by Sacramento Chapter 153, Sacramento, California*

Michael has a unique goal. He plans to complete his BA degree in International Business with a focus on Japan. Michael plans to attend either UC-Davis or San Francisco State University. His academic preparation supports this objective.

Michael's transcripts from Franklin High School appear to be copies rather than official stamped and sealed documents, however, the transcripts note an impressive 3.66 GPA with SAT scores of 1350/ACT score 21. Michael writes well. His essay mentions an

award for a two-week stay in Japan with the Scholars Exchange Program in Osaka; he resided with a host family and gained invaluable exposure to Japanese culture. ❖

### Dia Sophia Borden

*Endorsed by Modesto Chapter 246, Modesto, California*

Dia wishes to complete her BA degree and teaching credential to become a secondary Special Education Teacher. She also mentions an interest in school coaching. Dia is well on her way to achieve these goals. Not only is she accomplished in cross country running and softball, but she holds a 3.4 GPA (wtd) and ranks 39 out of 254 students at Ceres High School.

Dia writes well as judged by her essay statement. Her application lists numerous honors including a University of Dubuque scholarship, activities such as Leadership President, basketball coaches award, MVP softball, and others. She is active in Greek dance as well. ❖



### Kinsie Prokopakis

*Endorsed by Silicon Valley Chapter 251, San Jose, California*

Kinsie attends Adrian Wilcox High School. Her goal is a Masters Degree in Viticulture & Endogy at CAL POLY in San Luis Obispo. She is successfully progressing toward this objective as she holds a total GPA of 3.8 (wtd) and ranks 74 out of 406 students at Wilcox. Kinsie has a creative essay about her growing environmental consciousness as a youth, which led to her present career aspiration.

Kinsie's application lists several honors in areas such as cross country and track and field, AP Scholar, President of Montebello Ridge Bay Ecology, co-founder of Wilcox vegetable garden and animal pen, and others. She is active at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Sunday School, Greek Festival volunteer, a peer tutor, and many Church-Civic and Community activities. ❖

### Sofia Tula Lavdiotis

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Sofia seeks a career as a child educator. She plans to attend Mills College for a five-year program with a BA in Psychology/Special Education and teaching credential. She is also attracted to the school for its reputation in dance. Her well-written essay mentions a longer-term goal of a Ph.D. in Child Development.

Sofia's official transcripts from Millennium High School in Piedmont record a 3.67 GPA, a solid foundation for study in higher education. She lists several school activities including captain of the Junior Varsity basketball team, lacrosse and dance. She was also coach of the 6th grade girl's basketball team. Sofia clearly is growing and expanding her overall breadth of community involvement at Valley Church in Cupertino and at youth group events. She also is a volunteer in the Pre-K Sunday School at Valley Church and at the Youth Science Institute in Los Gatos. ❖



## *Daughters of Penelope District 21 Scholarship Recipients.*

### **Daughters of Penelope Past District Governors Undergraduate Scholarship Award**

*Samantha C. Swenor*



Samantha's goal is to major in Business Marketing with a minor in Studio Art. She is a student with a clear goal and high motivation-contributions to her school and community. She has maintained a GPA of 3.671 because education has always been an important part of her life. As described by her employer, Samantha is consistently hard working and has a refreshing attitude towards the projects assigned to her which is exceptional for a young woman her age. She worked for a major Graphics Design and Product Positioning firm in San Jose. This experience helped see how designers conceptualized and implement their work based on customer needs. Outside the classroom, she is involved greatly in activities related to her Greek Heritage.

**Endorsed by Daphne- San Jose**

### **Daughters of Penelope District 21 Scholarship Award**



*Georgia P. Wasley*

Georgia is pursuing her BA in Hospitality & Tourism Management with an emphasis in Event Management, a primary minor in Business Administration and a secondary minor in Modern Greek Studies at SF State University. She has a GPA of 3.26 and has achieved at a high level academically in college while continuing to volunteer in her church and community. Georgia has not only developed literacy in the Greek language, which included translation of several Cavafy poems from Greek into English but she also chose to learn about the rich Greek heritage from a variety of academic disciplines.

**Endorsed by EOS #1- San Francisco, California**

## *Daughters of Penelope District 21 Scholarship Recipients.*



### **Daughters of Penelope District 21 Scholarship Award**



*Demi N. Latham*

Demi is planning to obtain a BA degree in Sports and Recreation Management. She has a GPA of 4.023 (weighted) and continued to earn the respect of her peers and her teachers. She is a very caring soul but also knows when to hold someone accountable in a loving manner. Demi is increasingly involved in ice hockey. With ice hockey, she was able to not only play a sport that she loves, but was able to travel across the country and parts of Canada, gaining much more experience in dealing with new environments and different people.

**Endorsed by Urania #290- San Mateo, California**



### **Daughters of Penelope District 21 Scholarship Award**



*Daphne A. Ryan*

Daphne is anticipating her major in Mathematics and hopes one day to become a high school math teacher. She has a GPA of 4.31 (weighted) and maintained an excellent academic standards in whatever she does. Daphne is very loyal and dedicated young lady who brightens the world for every person she works with. Her demeanor is mature, thoughtful, energetic and kind which has shown to others her ability for being level-headed and adaptable. Commitment to the Greek community has included her involvement with working at the Greek Festival for several years.





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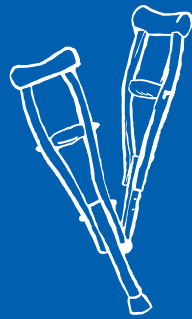


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