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A popular aspect of the CYA experience and a daily testament to a shared community is the lunch at Ismene Hall, the student dining room on the ground floor of the Academic Center. A meal choice for students, faculty and staff, including options for vegetarians and others with dietary restrictions, inspires conversations, laughter and the necessary breather.

While CYA cannot compete with the variety of choices served in U.S. college cafeterias, lunch in our cafeteria manifests the different food attitude that inspires Greek eating practices; it is what our students describe in their evaluation reports as fresh, not mass produced, and “served with love,” the recent comment to me by one of our students.

One could say that CYA meals are representative of the new food culture in Greece with the emphasis on imaginative culinary proposals. The economic crisis brought some advancements in competitiveness and in opportunities, some in new technologies and startup companies, but most seem to be in the food business.

There are numerous new, sleek and modern restaurants proposing a new style of Greek cuisine. The old taverna is always there for the faithful of traditional flavors, but there is certainly the Greek nouvelle cuisine that is making its mark. Some very successful chefs have opened their own restaurants, published their own cook books and have their own TV shows. On Greek television, perhaps because of their low budget, several cooking talent shows are dedicated to discovering new cooking “stars.”

This “culinary spring” manifests itself in many regional areas of the country, where towns and villages regularly organize food festivals as a tourist attraction, usually promoting local products, a cornucopia of foods: cheeses, country sausages, dried tomatoes, capers, pure olive oils, local marmalades, honeys, dried figs, nuts, yogurt, mountain tea, and herbs of all kinds.

Then there is the wine production that is showing remarkable growth. Hundreds of wine labels are available today from a large number of sophisticated wineries, and wine tours are now becoming a popular excursion. The traditional grape varieties, the *agiorgitiko* from Nemea, the *moschofilero* from the Central Peloponnese, the *xinomavro* from Naoussa in Northern Greece, are now challenged by the spectacular growth of newly-discovered varieties, like the *assyrtiko* from Santorini—currently very popular in the U.S. market—and the *malagouzia* from Central Greece. Equally explosive is the appearance of many choices of bottled *tsipouro* (called *raki* or *tsikoudia* in Crete) and of many beers produced by boutique breweries.

The Mediterranean diet that has been credited for many positive nutritional results is at the center of this food revolution in Greece. A few years ago, CYA introduced a marvelous and very popular course on the Mediterranean diet examined from an anthropological angle. A much enriched version of this course, with a Nordic and a Mediterranean component, will be offered in summer 2019 as a strategic collaboration between CYA and DIS, a well-known study abroad institution, similar to CYA, in



Copenhagen. The course will be divided between Copenhagen and Athens and during the Greek part students will visit the island of Naxos, famous for its agriculture, stock-breeding, and food production.

CYA, always strong in the Classics, is expanding its curriculum in new areas of modern Greek culture, and food is a central element of this culture, providing an appealing forum for discussing changes and permanence.

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## A CONFERENCE: THUCYDIDES THE ATHENIAN

CYA successfully organized an international conference on Thucydides from the 26th to 29th June in Athens. Over the course of four days, more than 100 participants joined the conference and its supporting program. The conference sought to situate Thucydides in his native city, exploring the man within his political and social circles, and delving deeper into the realities of Periclean policy and ideology.

An international group of scholars addressed many aspects of Thucydides; known as “the artful reporter” and a great storyteller, he offers a macroscopic view of history revealing the human nature and the human condition. This is why all of the speakers agreed that his work remains very current and that there are a lot of lessons to be learned from his stories today.

The conference organizing committee included the following members:

**Nanno Marinatos**, Professor and Head, Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Alexis Phylactopoulos**, President, College Year in Athens

**Robert Pitt**, Classics professor, College Year in Athens

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Here are the highlights of the main presentations and discussions of the conference as well as the very engaging activities organized on the sidelines of the event:

### Tuesday 26th June - Pre-conference Lecture and Reception

In the evening before the conference, former CYA professor and Trustee **Thanos Veremis**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Athens, gave a lecture on Eleftherios Venizelos and Thucydides — the politician and historian — and Venizelos’ translation work of Thucydides. The lecture was followed by a welcoming reception hosted at the CYA building, overlooking the Acropolis and the Panathenaic stadium.

### Wednesday 27th June - Conference Session I

The conference opened with a welcoming speech by CYA President, **Alexis Phylactopoulos**. In his opening remarks he thanked the international group of scholars for their participation at the conference, the organizing committee for their hard work, and all of the attendants for their presence.



Thanos Veremis speaks about Eleftherios Venizelos and Thucydides.

Next, Matthew Dickie (University of Edinburgh) declared the opening of the works of the conference, as the Chairman of the first session, **From the Periclean Age to Sicily: Historical and Biographical Perspectives**. The international group of speakers participating at this session included Angelos P. Matthaïou (Greek Epigraphical Society), Sebastian Anderson (ASCSA), Lisa Kallet (University of Oxford) and Tasos Tanoulas (CYA).

### Thursday 28th June - Visit to the Epigraphic Museum, Conference Sessions II and III

In the morning, speakers and attendees had the opportunity to visit the Epigraphic Museum of Athens, unique of its kind in Greece and one of the largest in the world. The visit was truly stimulating as it was guided by Epigraphy expert, Professor Angelos P. Matthaïou, who took the time to present in detail the inscriptions exposed at the museum and answer all of the questions of the group of visitors. In the afternoon, the second session of the conference, **Post-Periclean Age: Pylos, Amphipolis and Sicily** was chaired by Olga Palagia (University of Athens). The

panel of speakers was comprised of Anastasios G. Nikolaidis (University of Crete), Nanno Marinatos (University of Illinois at Chicago) and Dimitris J. Kyrtatas (University of Thessaly). The third and last session of the conference, **Literary Metaphors and Ideas**, included presentations from **Robert Pitt** (CYA), Ben Earley (Freie Universität, Berlin), Thomas Scanlon (UC Riverside), Tim Rood (University of Oxford) and Michael Konaris (University of Thessaly). Each presentation was followed by numerous interesting and engaging questions.

### Friday 29th June - Excursion to Brauron

Following the productive sessions of the conference, speakers and attendees alike had the opportunity to visit the ancient sanctuary of Brauron, guided by two expert archaeologists, Professor **Olga Palagia** (Professor Emerita University of Athens) and Dr. **Konstantinos Kalogeropoulos** (Researcher at the Academy of Athens). The conference participants discussed reliefs and buildings that were constructed during the Peloponnesian war and the history of the cult of Artemis. The visit concluded pleasantly with Greek seafood and Ouzo at a local Taverna.



Conference attendees enjoying a night out at the Athens Tennis Club

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS



Raphael Moissis (left) with George Hatsopoulos (former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of CYA, who passed away in September 2018—see pages 10-11 for more)

After 20 years on the Board of Trustees of CYA and 14 years as Vice Chairman of the Board, **Raphael Moissis** has decided to step down from the position of Vice Chairman, a decision which he announced during the CYA Board Meeting in July 2018. Raphael has contributed enormously to the wellbeing of CYA with his wise counsel, his calm and studied response to various challenges, and his ability to merge opposite opinions into constructive decision-making. As Vice Chairman, he represented the Trustees in every important function of the school taking place in Greece. Raphael remains on the Board of CYA where he is expected to continue his valuable contribution.

Raphael has served on various boards and has held numerous public positions, inter alia, as Executive Secretary to the National Energy Council in the Ministry of Coordination, Deputy Governor of the Hellenic Industrial Development Bank (ETBA), Governor of the Public Power Corporation (DEH), President of ATTIKO METRO S.A. and Chairman and Managing Director of the Public Gas Corporation (DEPA). He now serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE), and is Honorary Chairman of the Board of ALFA-BETA VASSILOPOULOS S.A. In 1982 he was named Officer of the Legion of Honor by the President of the Republic of France and in 2008 Commander to the Order of the Crown of the Kingdom of Belgium.

## CYA ALUMNA ELECTED TO POST



CYA Alumna, **Eleni (Tsakopoulos S '90) Kounalakis** was elected lieutenant governor of California in November. Congratulations! CYA wishes her good luck in her new and

very challenging post. Eleni attended CYA in spring '90 from Dartmouth College, where she majored in English. Later she earned her MBA from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business and she also holds an Honorary Doctorate of Law from the American College of Greece. She lives in San Francisco with her husband and two sons.

In 2010-13 she served as Ambassador to Hungary and later on Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign as a member of her foreign advisory team and as a fundraiser. She is the author of *Madam Ambassador, Three Years*

*of Diplomacy, Dinner Parties and Democracy in Budapest* (2015, The New Press). Before accepting President Obama's nomination to serve as a U.S. Ambassador, Kounalakis, a businesswoman, was President of AKT Development Corporation, one of California's largest housing development firms, which was founded by her father.

Eleni and her husband founded two university chairs in Hellenic studies: the Markos and Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis chair at Georgetown University, held by the scholar of late Classical and early Hellenistic Greek literature, Dr. Alexander Sens, and the Tsakopoulos Kounalakis chair in honor of Constantine Mitsotakis at Stanford University, held by Josiah Ober. Both chairs focus on the understanding of the origins of Athenian democracy. They also established the Tsakopoulos Kounalakis lecture series at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to focus on democracy and international relations.

## WHEN PARTNERS WORK TOGETHER...

CYA has recently established an **Academic Advisory Roundtable** which brings study abroad professionals and faculty together with CYA faculty and staff in structured discussions. This informal yet serious exchange of inspiration and ideas focuses on the academic experience of CYA programs. The members of the Academic Advisory Roundtable are faculty and professionals who know and understand CYA, have extensive experience in the broader field of education abroad, knowledge of its best practices, and a deep understanding of US higher education.

The Academic Advisory Roundtable will give CYA a place to explore new courses or curricular directions, to look at existing courses, and to hear advice and recommendations directly from those most interested in CYA's program. It will help CYA remain current with evolving academic issues and trends on campuses by engaging administrators and faculty. In this way, the work of the Academic Advisory Roundtable is essential to CYA as we co-construct the next steps in academic development.

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ALUMNI RETURN AND INSPIRE CURRENT STUDENTS



Steve Gratwick ('90) returned to Athens in May and had the chance to catch up with CYA administrators, faculty and staff and he also gave a presentation to CYA students. Here is what he had to say about it:

"As an alum, and professor of social work at USC, I returned this spring to do some preliminary research on how the refugee influx, along with climate change, are both impacting Greece. Similar to issues impacting southern California, these parallel circumstances present an opportunity for a future group of policy grad students to experience, and learn first-hand, from an immersive program in Athens. To my happy surprise, much is familiar—the friendly and exceptional faculty and staff, along with access to so many cultural, historic and diverse activities and events around Athens and

Steve Gratwick, continued on page 20



Katherine E. Fleming ('88), Provost of NYU, visited CYA in September and met with our students during the Crete field trip pre-departure meeting, giving an inspiring speech of her connection with Crete, and the history and religions of the island. Dr. Fleming is a historian, the Alexander S. Onassis Professor of Hellenic Culture and Civilization, and has served for many years as the Director of the Remarque Institute. She holds a doctorate in history from the University of California, Berkeley and an M.A. (Chicago) and B.A. (Barnard/Columbia) in comparative religion. For weeks following her talk, students were raving about her immediacy and charismatic personality and dreamed of emulating her style. Thank you, Katherine, for this visit!

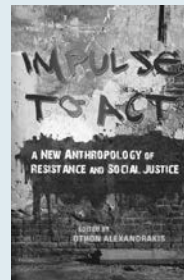
FACULTY NEWS

This has been a very active year for our philosophy professor, Evgenia Mylonaki. Following her recent publication (2017) of an article on practical reasoning in the *European Journal of Philosophy* and a philosophical review of John Hyman's book *Action, Knowledge and the Will* in the *Philosophical Quarterly*, she signed a contract with Harvard University Press to edit a collection of essays in honor of her professor John McDowell (University of Pittsburgh) together with Matthew Boyle (University of Chicago). She has also been contracted to write a second philosophical review for the *Philosophical Quarterly*.

Forthcoming publications: She has an article on the philosopher Philippa Foot forthcoming in the *Oxford Bibliographies* (by Oxford University Press); an article on moral perception forthcoming in the *Journal of Value Inquiry*; and an article on instrumental rationality forthcoming in the journal *Manuscripta*.

She recently gave talks at the fourth Foundations of Normativity workshop at the University of Edinburgh and at the Moral Epistemology conference at the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne, Australia.

LIBRARY DONATION



Othon Alexandrakis (York University) who is using our library this semester, donated to our collection a book that he edited recently: *Impulse to Act: A New Anthropology of Resistance and Social Justice*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2016.

In his book's Acknowledgments, Alexandrakis wrote: "I wish to thank the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for their support of my research in Athens. I am also grateful to the Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies at Princeton University, where I was Hannah Seeger Davis Post-Doctoral Research Fellow between 2010 and 2011. This time at Princeton afforded me the opportunity to reflect with colleagues from various disciplines on the challenges of studying resistance action playing out on highly dynamic terrain. These conversations led to a workshop in 2013 at the International Center for Hellenic and Mediterranean Studies (CYA), *Athens in 'Crisis': Reimagining Ethnographic Writing*, and a roundtable later that year at the Modern Greek Studies Association Symposium, *Greece in Transition: Re-considering Anthropological Approaches to 'Crisis'* I'd like to thank Aimee Placas for co-organizing the workshop with me, and the participants in both the workshop and the roundtable for their insights and questions. I began work on this volume soon after these events."

## CYA STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT THE HOME PROJECT SHELTER FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN



A group of CYA summer course students had the opportunity to investigate various aspects of socio-economic life in Greece beyond the academic perspective that they acquired in class. The students came in contact with the current refugee crisis through “The HOME Project,” a unifying initiative set up to address the needs of refugee children who have arrived in Greece alone. Its mission is to provide a home for every unaccompanied refugee child that arrives in Europe.

The HOME Project was set up by the Libra Group in response to the global refugee crisis. An international business controlling 30 subsidiaries across six continents, the Libra Group believes strongly in the twin values of hope and opportunity which are embedded in its social responsibility programs and initiatives.

During a visit at HOME Project, Scientific Supervisor Maria Kaldani presented the initiative to the students and explained how it addresses refugee needs in a holistic way. Their shelters cater not only for food, material, and medical provision, but also for the children’s

social, psychological and education needs. In the first 16 months of operations, they established 11 homes in Athens, offering shelter, support and protection to more than 220 children and teenagers.

Kaldani had a very lively conversation with the students who were eager to get more involved in the project, visit the homes to meet the children, and offer any assistance they could in the short period they had in Greece.

And this is how a second visit was decided on the spot: in a week’s time, the class would visit the boys’ home at Victoria Square to help paint the shelter’s library and dining room.

Students, residents and other volunteers grabbed paints, brushes and rollers and began transforming the two rooms. With loud music, laughter and a lot of hard work they managed to finish both rooms in record time! Then everyone was happy to move to the garden for a game of football and some fun.

All in all, it was a very emotional morning and a truly unique, touching experience for students. They all agreed it is imperative to promote the needs of refugees throughout the world and CYAers are determined to keep doing so even after returning home.

The instructor of the course, **Political Economy in Historical Content**, visiting professor Eve Geroulis, stated: “To fully understand the scale of Greece’s relentless social and economic challenges, the condition of refugees is an essential component. CYA students expressed a sincere interest in contributing in their own small way to improving the living space of children housed in The Home Project shelters in Athens. It was a joyous expression of a uniquely Greek ideal—*philanthropia*—and one which lent dignity to the young boys in the facility and human expression for CYA students. It was a remarkable day of learning for all involved.”

## CYA AT THE 83RD THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL FAIR

CYA participated with pride in the 83rd Thessaloniki International Fair “Star-Spangled Exhibition” (September 8-16, 2018). As the name suggests, this year’s honored country was the United States of America. With over 1,500 exhibitors and a broad range of fields represented, the exhibition is described as one of the most important annual events in Southeastern Europe.

CYA’s participation was hosted in the booth of AAECG (American Educational and Cultural Organizations in Greece), within the context of its collaboration with the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. Other participating members were the American College of Greece, American Community Schools, American Farm School and Perrotis College, American School of Classical Studies, Anatolia College and American College of Thessaloniki, Athens College/ Psychico College, Fulbright Foundation, Pine-wood-The American International School of Thessaloniki.



CYA was represented by Development Officer Vassilis Simopoulos (far right), who had the opportunity to communicate CYA’s continuing commitment to education and its long tradition of expanding horizons for American students in Greece.

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## SECOND CYA STUDENT CONFERENCE: A TRADITION IS BORN



Four CYA Students who presented at the conference (left to right) Jack Chase (Kenyon College), Allison Davis, Carolyn Dorey (College of Charleston), Rebecca Bowles (Emory University)

The Annual CYA Student Conference is a long inspired dream of our academic community and reflects CYA's dedication to building strong academic foundations for our students. CYA's second Annual Student Conference, **Concepts of Urban Design and Public Space in Greece Throughout the Ages**, was held in May. The success of the Conference indicates that the annual event will become a tradition for our institution. This year's conference stimulated a broad-based and multidisciplinary discussion on varying aspects of both urban planning and the utilization of public space in major urban centers in Greece from antiquity down to the modern age.

CYA students, **Allison Davis, Carolyn Dorey** (College of Charleston), **Rebecca Bowles** (Emory University), **Jack Chase** (Kenyon College), **Sophia Cunningham** (Mount Holyoke College) and **Elsa Mann** (University of Southern California) presented their papers at the Conference. In addition, we were pleased to welcome five students from the National Technical University of Athens-Metsovio, The School of Architecture. **Georgios Drakontaeidis, Christina Milopoulou, Georgia Malapani, Katerina Ninou, Melina Tzagareli** and one student in the Erasmus program, **Sonia Dupouy** (University of Bordeaux), who under the leadership of their professor, **Thanos Pagonis**, joined our students in this event.

For our students, this was their first opportunity to prepare abstracts, presentation speeches and finally papers following publishers' specifications, to be part of an annual edition. The published edition of last year's Student Conference papers will be available soon, and this year's volume will follow shortly.

Another strong point of the Conference is the encouragement of academic dialogue between students from U.S. and Greek



Vassilis Sgourtas giving his lecture on *The Urban Realities of Athens*

The reception on CYA's rooftop overlooking the Acropolis



institutions. We consider all of the above a valuable learning experience for all students involved.

Keynote speaker **Vassilis Sgourtas**, Architect, former President of the International Union of Architects (UIA) and Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects closed the first day of the Conference with his lecture: ***The Urban Realities of Athens***, which was followed by a reception on CYA's rooftop. Guests enjoyed a glass of wine under the stars, and the spectacular view of the Acropolis lit up at night.

The guidance of our fantastic faculty and the hard work of the Conference Committee, **Theoni Scourta** (VP for Academic Affairs), **Maria Vidali** (Contemporary Urbanism professor) and Chair, **John Karavas** (Ancient History and Archaeology professor) ensured this two-day meeting was a great success. We would like to thank the students for dedicating time—beyond their coursework—to prepare for the Conference and wish them all the best in their future academic and professional careers.

The third conference will take place in Athens on May 2 and 3, 2019. The subject will be **The Iconography of Power: Art, Politics, Propaganda and Religion in the Mediterranean across Time**.

## THE PEOPLE OF CYA: AN INTERVIEW WITH POPI BALOGLU



Mr. Phyl presenting a plaque to Popi for her thirty years of service during last summer's luncheon with the Board of Trustees

**Popi Baloglu** is CYA's Director of Housing and Catering and the longest-serving member of the CYA staff. This year Popi completed thirty years working for CYA! During this time, she has been a key player in CYA's operations and the go-to person for all issues relating to housing and food.

During the CYA Board of Trustees luncheon this summer, CYA President **Alexis Phylactopoulos** presented Popi with an honorary gift. In the presence of the CYA trustees, faculty and staff, he gave a touching thank you speech, emphasizing her valuable contribution to the school.

Popi has lived, studied and worked in four different countries. She was born to a Greek family in Istanbul and went to school there until the age of fifteen. Then she moved with her parents to Johannesburg, South Africa, where she went to college and worked for eight years as a draftsman. In 1984, she moved to the United States with her son and worked in Boston for five years.

One day she received a phone call from Mrs. V., her predecessor at CYA: "I knew this lady from Istanbul—we were like mother and daughter. So every summer when I came from South Africa or from the States to Greece, I used to tell her I wanted to find a job like hers." Mrs. V. asked Popi to move to Greece and become her assistant. "We spoke on the phone on a Friday and by Monday I had accepted, and that is how I joined CYA! When she retired seven years later, I got her position."

A lot has changed since then. "In 1988, we only had 9 student apartments for around 50 students. Today, we have 51 apartments around Pangrati and more than 500

students and visiting groups per year." The CYA dining room was at 20 Patriarchou Ioakeim in Kolonaki, where it stayed until 2004. "The atmosphere was very homey. We had our own chef who would cook everything from scratch. All of the ingredients he used came fresh from the nearby open air market, always held on a Friday, as it continues to be even today."

Baloglu has also noticed another big change at CYA, the addition of summer sessions to the school's academic offerings. "May to July is a very challenging period because we follow a lot of different schedules. I have to keep track of the cleaning ladies, the housekeepers, the students, any problems, special diets, understand who is gluten-free, who has allergies... Many things. I never stop. It can be difficult but also very rewarding—I love my job!"



Popi Baloglu and Alexis Phylactopoulos and the crew of housekeepers in May 2003. The dedication note by Mr. Phylactopoulos says "Memories of an excellent partnership."

## SPRING LECTURES

On February 7, 2018, CYA hosted a lecture, **No photo please** by Jeff Vanderpool, photographer of the famous and well-traveled Combat Agate from the Grave of the Griffin Warrior at Pylos. Vanderpool discussed the 'etiquette' of taking photos of works of art and of sites of cultural heritage. He led us through some of the fundamental considerations for travel photography, photographing in public spaces, and photography itself, including questions of approach, practice and authorship. At the core of his presentation was the notion of photographing less and looking more.

*As a photographer working primarily with heritage subjects, Jeff has photographed for educational institutions, NGOs, excavations and individual researchers. In addition to his work as a photographer, Jeff is also involved in teaching, cultural heritage management projects, organizing and curating photography exhibitions, exhibiting and publishing. He has collaborated on various projects with organizations such as the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, University of California Los Angeles, University of Cincinnati, Bucknell University, Monumenta For the Protection of Greece's Architectural Heritage. Jeff's work has been published in books, academic journals, and print and online media, including The New York Times, National Geographic, and Greece's leading daily, Kathimerini.*

Vanderpool will be teaching **Photography and Archaeology: The Art of Documentation** at CYA this spring.

Professor Vassiliki Panoussi (William and Mary and Visiting Fellow at Clare Hall and the Faculty of Classics at the University of Cambridge) gave a lecture on April 11, 2018 titled, **Combat Trauma in Vergil's Aeneid**.

Panoussi examined Vergil's *Aeneid* through the prism of current theories on emotional trauma and its relation to the ancient concept of excellence in battle (*aristeia*). She argues that the controversial ending of the *Aeneid* points to the fragility of the hero's mental state and contemplates the problem of trauma and recovery for warrior, leader, and empire.

**George N. Hatsopoulos**  
**Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of CYA**

CYA would like to recognize and honor George N. Hatsopoulos, who passed away in September at the age of 91, for his years of support and dedication to CYA. George served loyally as a Trustee of CYA for 46 years and as Chairman of its Board of Trustees for 33 of those years (from 1970-2003). The Board paid tribute to his vital leadership and noted on his departure from the chairmanship that “he was the driving force during CYA’s formative years and the leading proponent in CYA’s acquiring ownership of its educational and administrative facilities.”

George was a professor of Thermodynamics at MIT and a man of a strong enterprising spirit. His creation, the Thermo Electron Corporation, which he founded in a garage in 1956, grew to become a Fortune 500 company. Thermo Electron grew into an international company, recognized as a global leader in environmental monitoring and analysis instruments, and a major producer of paper-recycling equipment, biomedical products, alternative-energy systems and other products and services related to environmental quality, health, and safety.

He was CEO and later Chairman of the Board of “Thermo” until his retirement. He was an author, a recipient of numerous awards, and a consultant to several US Presidents.



George with his son, Professor Nicholas Hatsopoulos (S '83), member of the Board of Trustees of CYA



At the Academic Center: George with CYA Trustee Anne Rothenberg ('66) in front row; back row, (left to right) CYA Trustee Chris Todd (current Chairman of the Board of CYA), former CYA Trustee Robert Leary ('82) and CYA President Alexis Phylactopoulos

George Hatsopoulos grew up in Nazi-occupied Greece. His training began in Greece at the National Polytechnic Institute in Athens. He came to the US after the war with a scholarship to study at MIT, where he was awarded the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in 1950, and the professional degree of Mechanical Engineer in 1954, gaining his Doctorate of Science in 1956. He continued at MIT as a member of the faculty and later as a lecturer. In 2000, the Hatsopoulos Laboratory for Micro-Fluid Dynamics was created at MIT, thanks to a generous gift from George and Daphne Hatsopoulos, who remained longtime friends and supporters of the department.

In 1959, George married Daphne Phylactopoulou, daughter of CYA’s founder, Ismene Phylactopoulou. Their families had known each other and they met in the United States, where she was studying at Wellesley College. George and Daphne have been CYA’s biggest benefactors and Daphne remains the longest serving member of CYA’s Board of Trustees. Last year the Auditorium at the CYA Academic Center was named for them.



George with Professor Catherine Koumarianou, former CYA Trustee

George Hatsopoulos served on the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and on the governing council of the National Academy of Engineering, among many appointments. He also was a commander of the Order of Honor in Greece and had been a fellow of the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He testified at numerous congressional hearings on national energy policy and capital formation, and has served on many national committees on energy conservation, environmental protection, and international exchange.

He has been awarded the John Fritz Medal, the third annual Heinz Award in Technology, the Economy and Employment, The International Center in New York's Award of Excellence, and the Pittcon Heritage Award from the Chemical Heritage Foundation. He was honored at the 2009 Boston History and Innovation Awards. He is also noted for his and Joseph Keenan's famous textbook, *Principles of General Thermodynamics*, which restates the second law of thermodynamics in terms of the existence of stable equilibrium states.

"And he wasn't really a scientist who later became a businessman," said his son Nicholas, a professor in the University of Chicago's department of organismal biology and anatomy. "Rather, he was a businessman at heart that thought like a scientist and philosopher" (*Boston Globe*).

His daughter Marina said in her eulogy: "My dad never missed an opportunity to point out all the great things that came from Greece, and he never forgot his Greek identity," ... "But, he was really in love with America, because it was in America where he found the opportunity to push hard, build, and create" (*Boston Globe*).

*Information for this article was taken from the following publications, all of which had obituaries:*

Immigrant Learning Center, Ellines.Com, *The Boston Globe*, *The National Herald*, *The Wall Street Journal*

## REMEMBRANCES

"It was College Year in Athens' great good fortune to have his confidence, his business experience, and his mastery of the ebb and flow of international economics. He guided us with a firm hand through difficult times—for example the Persian Gulf War of 1981 when enrollment at the school dropped like a rock. We survived and flourished in no small part thanks to George."

—Chris Todd, Chairman, Board of Trustees, College Year in Athens; Partner, Kellogg Hansen Todd Figel & Frederick, PLLC



"George's memory, his strong presence, his wisdom, his humor, his good feelings, will always remain close to our minds and hearts."

—Raphael Moissis, Member of the CYA Board of Trustees; Chair Emeritus, Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research (IOBE) Greece; Honorary Chairman, AB Vassilopoulos S.A.

"I have had numerous fascinating conversations with him over the years, in social gatherings and the like, and have learned lots of things from him. His death is a huge loss to our Greek American Community and indeed to the US society."

—Yannis Ioannides, Member of the CYA Board of Trustees; Max & Herta Neubauer Chair and Professor of Economics, Tufts University



"What an extremely brilliant and warm individual he was. I remember his clarity, brilliance and gentleness. CYA was so fortunate to have George."

—Kelly Cullins (CYA '69), former Member of the Board of Trustees

## FROM THE STUDENT BLOG: VOLUNTEERING AT FAROS

**Caroline Barnes** (S '18) and **Sandro Cocito** (S '18) volunteered teaching English all summer at FAROS, a non-profit organization that provides care and humanitarian support to unaccompanied refugee children and youth, in Athens. They prepared their own teaching program that is now being continued by fall '18 CYA students. Find out more about their experience, in the following deeply moving article they prepared for CYA.

“Φταίει η κρίση” was one of the very first phrases I learned in Greek. Roughly translating to “it’s the crisis’s fault,” it’s a beautifully sardonic catch-all that I often overheard used as an excuse for everything from arriving late to work thanks to yet another transit strike; to an explanation for the loss of a job in Greece’s slowly improving economic climate. Although on the surface it appears to be a deeply cynical statement about the current situation in the country, there is also something fundamentally hopeful about it that encapsulates the experience that Caroline and I had while living in Athens as part of the College Year in Athens program and then during our summer internship at the Greek NGO, FAROS.

The crisis, in the confines of the joke, suggests a political event that is by its very nature temporary. Over the course of our semester, we came to understand that the phrase also contains a self-aware acknowledgement of the part that Greece played in creating the current situation and its continued exacerbation caused by certain decisions of politicians and policymakers alike. The seemingly snail’s pace of the country’s economic recovery continues to make daily life tough for millions of ordinary Greek citizens. What took us longer to fully understand was that the joke also contains a signpost for charting a way out of the toil of everyday life under the effects of EU-imposed austerity measures. These measures have effected change mainly from the top down, often at the expense of ordinary people. By acknowledging that there are larger geopolitical factors at work that are out of their control, the joke helps ordinary Greek citizens develop a sense of distance from the crisis in order to develop an effective plan of action to ameliorate its effects.

Both Caroline and I came to Greece with an academic interest in migration and the ways that it interacts with the current economic and social realities of Athens and Greece. CYA provided us with engaging classes and a balanced approach to studying these topics abroad. From Professor Karpozilos’s **Modern Greek History: From Revolutionary Ideas to the Crisis**

to Professor Gandolfo’s **Immigration and Nationalism in Europe**, we were offered an opportunity to engage these issues at a rigorous academic level. Outside of the classroom, CYA provided an opportunity for us to attend the 2018 Delphi Economic Forum, a trip which offered us an invaluable real world lens into policy making at its highest level.

“It’s the crisis’s fault” took on an even deeper shade of meaning during our work this summer with the Greek NGO, FAROS. FAROS provides social and legal services to unaccompanied boys, ages eleven to sixteen, who are separated from their families by the current global migration crisis, and is part of a large wave of social service networks in Greece that have sprung up to fill a void that governmental and humanitarian organizations have either been unwilling or unable to step into.

Located in the shadow of the Acropolis and on the fringes of *Exarcheia*—the old anarchist neighborhood now dominated by the scores of new immigrants awaiting resettlement assistance from the European Commission and UNHCR—FAROS is helping redefine what hope looks like for these children. For us, our work at FAROS put a human face on the global migration debate, one that is too often couched only in the security language of terrorism or in the economic language of costs and benefits. Although the aftermath of what’s undoubtedly been one of the largest humanitarian crises in world history has cast a deep shadow over the situation of these children, there’s also something about working with them that’s fundamentally hopeful.

One of our primary responsibilities has been to teach English to the boys. Tasked also with writing a curriculum for future volunteers, we wanted to know why the boys at FAROS wanted to learn English in the first place. “I want to go to Norway to see my mother and sister again, and English is very important for that,” was fourteen year old Reza’s answer. Each and every child had a similar response. While on the surface, this may seem like a deeply sad acknowledgement of family separation

at the hands of forces beyond their control, it was also a staggering example of the power of hope. Whether it’s by learning English or wanting to become an engineer to be able to rebuild his home country as one boy put it, FAROS’s work with these children is the very embodiment of Vaclav Havel’s statement from another tumultuous political time: “Hope is not a feeling of certainty that everything ends well. Hope is just a feeling that life and work have a meaning.”

From Reza’s petition to join his family in Norway to the community the boys have formed in the NGO, the children at FAROS are forging a way forward. These children are confronting the reality of their situations and working with tenacity and courage far beyond their years to come up with effective plans of action for tackling the challenges they face. FAROS’s recent partnership with MIT to provide technical workshops in things like 3D printing and woodworking to the boys at the center has been a huge boost to their technical skills—and to their sense of purpose and ultimately, hope. Learning English as a way to communicate with a wider audience—to tell their stories and to give them meaning—has been another.

For our part, one of our main summer projects has been to establish a community partnership between CYA and FAROS to provide a steady source of English teachers for the newly revamped English program. With the help of Nadia Meliniotis and the entire organizational team at CYA, we were able to write an English course (complete with daily lesson plans, worksheets, and activities) that four or five CYA students will follow to ensure that the kids will continue to have access to native English speaking volunteers dedicated to learning about a different side of Athens and a crisis that will continue to impact both Greece and Europe for generations. We thank the staff of CYA and FAROS for the incredible experience we have had. It has been a privilege and honor to work with them and their generosity with time and advice is something we will never forget. Above all, we thank FAROS for the profound and ultimately immeasurable ways they helped us understand the true meaning of “Φταίει η κρίση.” To learn more about Faros, visit [www.faros.org.gr](http://www.faros.org.gr).

*Sandro Cocito-Monoc is a Political Science major from Bowdoin College and Carley Barnes is an Anthropology and Classics Major from Bates College.*

## BACK TO THE BRONZE AGE! SUMMER FRESCO & METALS WORKSHOPS AT CYA

*Learning about Bronze Age Art doesn't get any more hands-on than this!*

See how **Professor Papadopoulos'** class, **MS347 When Egypt meets the Aegean: Interconnections in the Bronze Age Eastern Mediterranean** got in touch with their creative side during these exciting summer session II workshops.

### Fresco Workshop

Students had the extremely rare opportunity to go behind the scenes and get hands-on in the Fresco Workshop led by expert conservator **Panos Angelidis** and artist **Nikos Sepetzoglou**. Channeling the spirit of the Minoans, students got out their spatulas and plaster and started by making their own fresco-ready "wall."

Next, students put their fresco-design skills to the test, armed with paint, brushes and their imagination resulting in their very own original fresco.

Take a look at these snapshots from the workshop!



### Metallurgy Workshop

Traditional Craftsman and Artist, **Akis Goumas** armed with his impressive spread of traditional tools and devices, including leather, wax, metal, and fire, transported students back in time to learn the age-old techniques and methods of crafting metal art as the Myceneans did. Students eagerly rolled up their sleeves and let their creativity pour out of them producing their own Mycenean inspired metal designs. Overflowing with inspiration, students also used their left-over wax to create a quirky set of wax figurines which now adorn our display shelf at the Academic Centre.

## SYRIAN DINNER

Every semester, Political Science professor **Romolo Gandolfo**, who teaches a course on ***Immigrants, Citizenship and Nationalism in Europe***, invites his students over for dinner at his home. This time the dinner was Syrian food cooked by two chefs, Feras and Jihad. After a wonderful meal, the chefs spoke to the students about their lives and their experiences as refugees.

**We asked some students about their experience, here's what they had to say...**

It was a great experience having dinner at Professor Gandolfo's home. He and his family were extremely welcoming. It was fun to see him in a different setting and get book recommendations from his personal bookshelves. It was also very nice meeting Feras and Jihad, they made an amazing meal. I don't remember ever having a Syrian meal before, but this one was amazing. I definitely went back for seconds.

**Abby Ferguson** (S '18), *University of Notre Dame*

Having dinner at Professor Gandolfo's home was a wonderful opportunity to gain a little insight into his family, personal experiences, and cultural background. We



Feras and Jihad (on right) explain the food they prepared.

celebrated the recent birth of his grandson, heard anecdotes about his travels, and discussed our favorite literary icons. I feel fortunate to have had the chance to meet his lovely Greek wife and experience the beautiful views of the sunset from the Gandolfo's Athenian balcony. Though Feras and Jihad weren't able to stay long, it was great to meet refugees who have found opportunities to rebuild their lives in Greece. I had tried Syrian food before but Feras and Jihad's meal was a culinary masterpiece!

**Natalia Sanchez-Nigolian** (S '18), *University of Pennsylvania*

Everyone had a really good time at professor Gandolfo's house. It was really cool to see his house and meet his wife. I had only had Syrian food once before and this meal by far surpassed the last meal I had. For sure one of the best dinners I've had in Greece!

**Jayne Hughes** (S '18), *University of Southern California*

*Professor Gandolfo's course explores the challenges of integrating a growing and increasingly diverse immigrant population into relatively homogeneous European politics and societies.*

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## WINNER OF THE CYA SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST

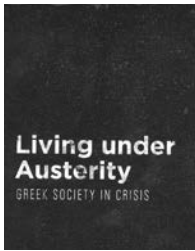
**Sarah Ruckle**, University of Virginia, won the contest with her photo of students at the visit to Apivita Natural Cosmetics. She was there for her class, ***Political Economy in Historical Context: From Ancient Greece to Modern Greek Crises***.



A beehive expert from Apivita with CYA summer '18 students Mohammed Hammoud (University of Michigan) and Danielle Kim (University of Michigan)



## WHEN CYA FACULTY MEET



*Living Under Austerity*, edited by Aimee Placas and Doxis Doxiadis, is now available through Berghahn Books.

**Aimee Placas** writes about this publication:

This volume's true origins begin nearly a decade ago, in the faculty office on the third floor of the CYA academic building, where my colleague **Doxis Doxiadis** and I would get into friendly arguments over Greek politics. Later when Doxis approached me about co-editing a volume around the Greek "crisis," we realized that our divergent viewpoints were a great place to start. If we collected other scholars who also had differing approaches and opinions, any common themes and agreements that arose among them would be all the more compelling. What better way to approach such a complex, multi-faceted topic?

Much of the writing on Greece's sovereign debt crisis—and its aftermath—has discussed either its causes or its effects. Both of these approaches create the "crisis" as an era, one with a discrete beginning and end. This approach limits the kinds of stories we tell about Greece during these years, a period of time when much journalistic and popular attention has been focused on this country. In this volume, we specifically sought out contributors who have long term research projects in Greece that predate the "crisis era," to resist this kind of periodization. We were lucky to locate one of these contributors under the CYA roof, in **Kostis Karpozilos**, whose chapter on Golden Dawn exemplifies the value of this diachronic approach. Additionally, the semester-long teaching release I received through CYA's sabbatical program was crucial for my own writing and editing towards this project. This volume couldn't have been completed without the academic community and faculty support that CYA fosters.

**Aimee Placas** is our Anthropology professor.

**Doxis Doxiadis** has taught History at CYA in 2008 and 2009 and is currently teaching at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada.

**Kostis Karpozilos** teaches History at CYA and is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Remarque Institute, NYU.

## SPRING 2018 ALUMNI AMBASSADOR AWARD

Each semester CYA awards a travel voucher to the most active Student Ambassador to further support his/her travel and cross-cultural experiences. We are excited to announce the winner of the spring 2018 semester's travel voucher prize: **Mary Ashley Stough** (fall '17) of Tulane University! Mary truly went above and beyond her volunteer role, writing about her CYA experience in various publications, discussing traveling abroad with fellow students and sorority members, representing CYA at Study Abroad fairs, meeting with University staff and faculty members, and hanging up posters and handing out flyers.

CYA would also like to thank **Jayla Stevenson** (Wellesley College) and **Arianna Chen** (Pomona College), runner-ups for spring 2018 semester, who are also very active Ambassadors! All of our Ambassadors did an amazing job representing CYA at their home campuses. This semester's team was very dynamic and their authentic voice really had an impact.

Passionate CYA alumni can find out more information about our ambassador program and how they can be part of it by contacting our North American Office or online (under Alumni & Friends, click on "Get Involved").



Mary Ashley Stough (right) with CYA Fall 2016 ambassador Hannah Hoover (Tulane University)

## MEET OUR NEW MEDIA LAB INTERNS



We were excited to welcome three new media lab interns for fall '18: **Rachel Klein** (Wesleyan University), **Kalei Oliver** (Wellesley College) and **Alexandra Strong** (Tufts University). The interns have spent the semester working closely with the CYA media lab team, under the guidance of Communications Professor **Demetris Kamaras**, to create stories for the CYA social media and blog.

## CYA APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

CYA alumni and friends planning to visit Athens, please keep in mind that CYA may have apartments available for rent. CYA student apartments are conveniently located in the Pangrati neighborhood of Athens and provide a less expensive option than hotel accommodations. For availability and rates please send a request to [programs@dikemes.edu.gr](mailto:programs@dikemes.edu.gr).

## ALUMNI VISITS

As every summer, a number of alumni who found themselves in Athens came by the Academic Center to say hello, share their news, and write a few words in Nadia's Visitors Book.



Maria Malliou, Jennifer Holland, Laura Doody (F '17), Sofia Stavropoulou, Brittney Decimus (F '17), and Popi Baloglu

**Laura Doody** (F '17) wrote: "Nadia, Thank you so much for all the memories and life lessons we learned while here. My time here meant so much to me. I am so thankful for my time here and the opportunity to come back... CYA feels like home to me and you and everyone else played a huge role in that! Please say hi to everyone for me... With love, Laura Doody"

**Brittney Decimus** (F'17): "Nadia, Thank you for the amazing experience. My heart is so full because of the memories I made here and the people that I have gotten to know here. Greece, especially CYA, will always have a part of my heart. I feel at home here because of the experiences that I've had and I can only say "*Efxaristo Poli*" because of the role you played in that! See you next time, because I know I will be back!"

**Krista Shirley** (S '03) wrote: "Nadia, It was truly delightful to have the opportunity to stop by and see you and CYA today. My semester here in 2003 was a life changing experience for me in every possible way. It was my first trip abroad and instilled a yearning and hunger for travel that continues today. I wish everyone would take advantage of study abroad, especially here at CYA. The memories I created I cherish to this day. I shall see you next year!"

At right: Jennifer Holland, Krista Shirley ('03) and her son are joined by two friends at left.



Paul Sutton ('81) enjoyed catching up with Nadia.

**Paul Sutton** ('81), visited CYA in June as a Professor of the Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Denver. Besides touring the facilities and getting updated on CYA's current offerings, he had a chance to compare today's CYA with that of the 80's.

**Kirsten Day** ('93), Associate Professor of Classics at Augustana College, wrote: "Dear CYA, I had a wonderful experience at CYA as a full year student back in '93-'94. Since then, I earned my PhD in Comp Lit at the University of Arkansas and have been working at Augustana College for the past ten years. I have been bringing my own students to Greece in the summers since 2012 (Athens, Argolid, Olympia, Delphi, Crete, Santorini) and I am back here for a visit to discuss partnering with CYA. Thanks to Nadia for the warm welcome (and for catching me up a bit on my former teachers). To all current and future students — relish your time here! I made lifelong friends and got Greece in my soul. Love to all, Dr. Kirsten Day"



Kirsten Day ('93) with Nadia Meliniotis





Jennifer Holland, Michael Goodwin (F '08), Georgia Katsarou, and Nadia Meliniotis



Brian Epstein ('87) visiting his daughter, Mallory, who was a student this fall



Katie Hauge (S '14) with Nadia Meliniotis



Marissa Linzi ('10) who served as a Campus Relations Rep after finishing with CYA, and Nadia Meliniotis

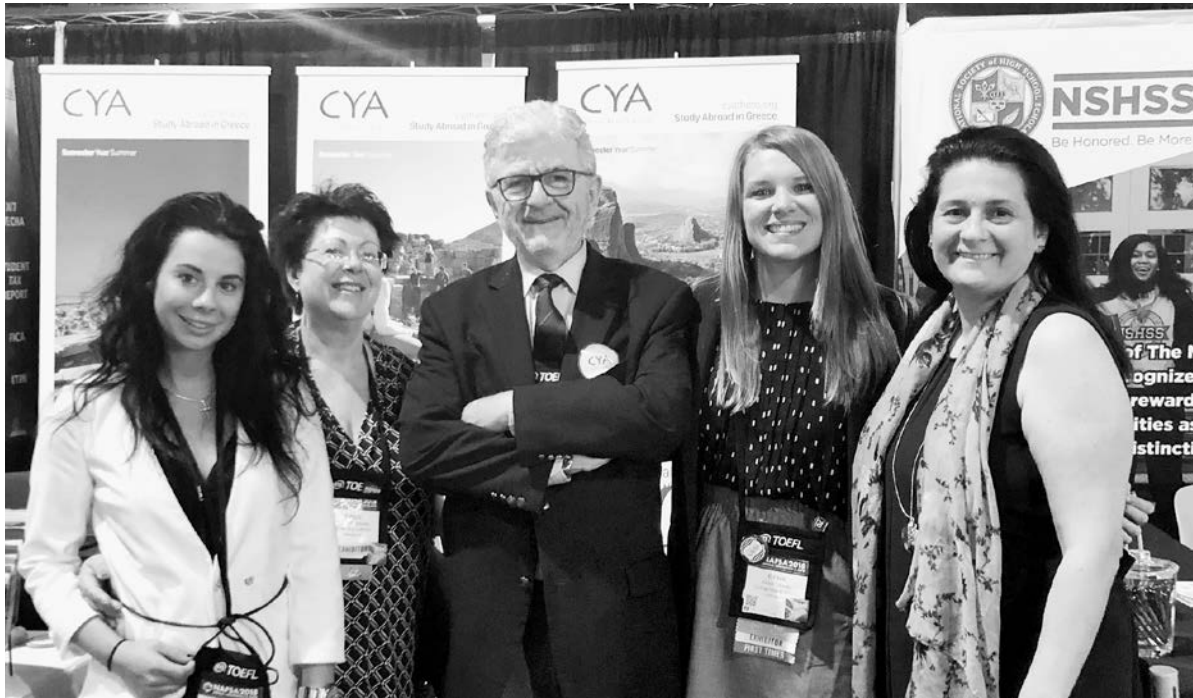


**Victoria Reuter** (Summer '06), center, with Georgia Katsarou and Jennifer Holland. Victoria is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of English at Gettysburg College, teaching first-year Writing and the first-year seminar Sex, Psychology, & War: How Greeks Myths Changed the World. She was in Athens leading a group of students and alumni from Gettysburg as well as working on research.

**Katie Hauge** came to visit; she wrote: "Nadia (my Greek mama), I was at CYA in 2014 and that semester changed my life. You are incredible and I have missed you so much. I am beyond thankful for CYA and my time in Athens, but most of all for you. This city is incredible and every time I go to the Acropolis I am amazed by how incredible it is. There is so much here that I love and miss. One day my goal is to come back, run the Athens Marathon and work in one of the NGO's for human trafficking and/or refugees. Now I work and live in Grand Rapids Michigan as a recreational therapist in a boys home. Please let me know if you are ever in America or Michigan and you will have a place to stay

Much love, Katie"

CYA Administrators from both the Athens and the North American Offices representing CYA at the largest gathering of study abroad professionals, the Annual Conference of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, in Philadelphia, PA.



CYA Administrators from both the Athens and the North American Offices (left to right) Alexia Lingaas, Peggy Myresiotou, Alexis Phylactopoulos, Grace Twardy, and Popi Triantafyllidou



Shannon Fleming ('10), who works with AMIDEAST, stopped by our booth at NAFSA to say hello! Pictured here with Peggy Myresiotou



Marissa Linzi ('10) alongside Alexia Lingaas

The weekend of June 15 and 16 the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation held its annual Awards Ceremony and Gala at the Hilton Chicago. The PanHellenic broke a new record this year by awarding 45 talented Greek American undergraduates with a total of \$260,000 in scholarship awards.

Celebrations began on Friday June 15 with an Alumni Weekend Welcome Reception at Holland and Knight courtesy of the Foundation's pro bono counsel, Elias Matsakis and co-sponsored by College Year in Athens. 2018 Recipients, PanHellenic Alumni, and other Greek American young professionals enjoyed food and drinks while admiring the beautiful Chicago skyline. CYA Campus Relations Manager, **Alexia Lingaas**, attended the event to meet guests and represent CYA. Alexia spoke about CYA's history, academic offerings and its role as a cultural and educational bridge between the U.S. and Greece for over half a century. As a Greek-American herself, she also spoke about how important and beneficial it is for Greek-Americans to connect with their roots.

**Marissa Linzi** (CYA '10) joined Alexia at the reception, to share her story and explain how studying abroad at CYA for a full academic year changed her life. She mentioned how her first trip to Greece as a teenager heavily impacted her decision to return and spend a full year at CYA. Marissa emphasized how CYA utilizes the landscape of Athens to facilitate meaningful learning opportunities.

On Saturday June 16, the 2018 Awards Ceremony and Gala took place at the Hilton Chicago. The spectacular event was attended by over 500 guests. The Foundation was overjoyed to award an impressive group of young Greek Americans this year, encouraging them to continue their good work and give back to the community. In his opening speech, Robert Buhler, Chairman of the Board of Directors of PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, expressed his excitement for the new partnership between the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation and College Year in Athens. The partnership offers a 10K scholarship awarded by George and Daphne Hatsopoulos, in the name of CYA. The award offers a Greek-American college student support to advance his/her undergraduate education, as CYA actively supports the mission of the Foundation to build a better America through Education and Hellenism.

## COOKING CORNER

### VEGAN AND LACTOSE-FREE COOKIES WITH BEER

*A delicious, easy to make cookie for the holidays*

½ cup olive oil	Zest from 1 orange (unwaxed)
½ cup vegetable oil	½ tsp baking soda
½ cup sugar	3 ½ cups all-purpose flour
½ cup beer	Sesame seeds for sprinkling (optional)
1 tsp ground cinnamon	
1 tsp ground cloves	

#### Preparation:

In a bowl mix the oil, sugar, beer, cinnamon, cloves, orange rind and baking soda. Whisk until the sugar has dissolved. Add the flour and knead lightly to get a soft dough. Do not knead the dough too much, or the cookies will come out hard.

Line a pan with baking paper. Shape dough into twists and place in pan. Sprinkle with sesame seeds (optional). Bake in pre-heated oven at 320 degrees until golden. Enjoy them with a nice hot beverage.

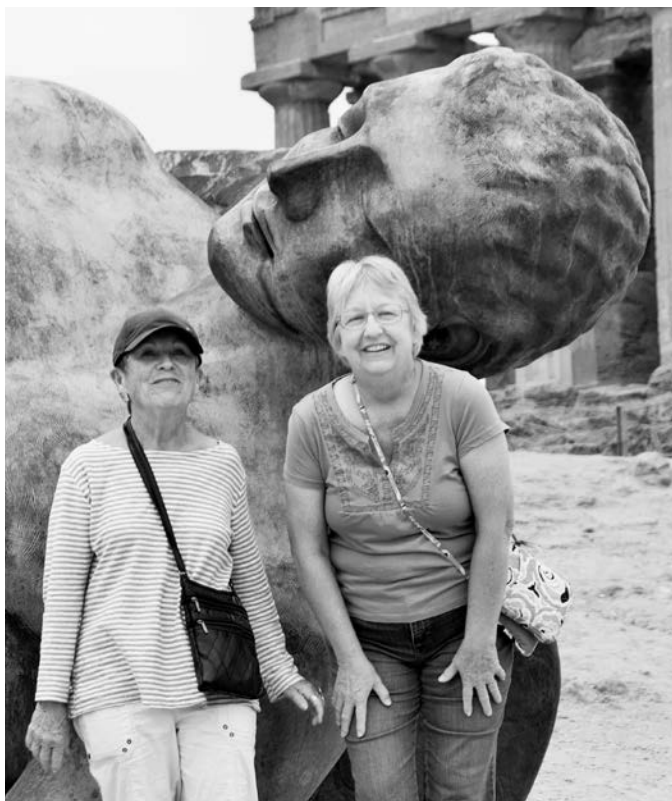
## AMAZON SMILE

Thank you to our alumni and friends who used AMAZON SMILE for CYA donations. For those of you who want to know more, please visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

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beyond. And the food! Definitely just as tasty as what I remember, and always good to catch up over a meal with many familiar friends from the past, as well as some news ones. Talking with the current students is a great way to reconnect and hear about the program from their perspective. Of course some things about the city have changed: CYA is now in a very comfortable and more modern space and campus right next to the Panathenaic stadium, in Pangrati. Although Kolonaki had much to enjoy back in the day, the new neighborhood and area seems more interesting, diverse, and Greek. Lots of great cafes, bars and tavernas to check out.

But it's the friendships and connections made while studying here that mean the most to me. Returning definitely confirmed this for me, and it's great to feel the ongoing connection to this day. I hope each of us gets a chance to keep up with the program, and each other. If you can make it back to Athens to continue your CYA experience that's fabulous, but also great to keep in touch back in the states, or online. The CYA community is alive and well and here for you."



**Maureen Carpenter** ('71) and **Joan Marxmiller** ('71), who were neighbors on Xenocratous St. as students and have become good friends, visited the amazing ancient Greek site of Akragas in today's Agrigento, Sicily.

## VOLUNTEER

Class Agent Volunteers are one of our greatest assets and they are a critical link between alumni and CYA. If you are interested in keeping up with the latest at CYA and in serving as the connecting hub between your classmates, let us know. Class agents spend a few hours each month connecting with classmates and touching base with the Director of Alumni Relations. To learn more or to sign up, please email [alumni@cyathens.org](mailto:alumni@cyathens.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### February 11, 2019

Founder's Day Celebration for CYA present and former Faculty, Alumni, and Friends  
ISMENE HALL  
CYA Academic Center  
Athens, Greece

### May 17-19, 2019

50 Year Reunion for classes of '69 and '70  
New York City, NY

### May 30, 2019

Reception for Alumni, Friends, and Partners of CYA at the NAFSA Conference  
National Postal Museum  
2 Massachusetts Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20013-7012

### September 2020

50 Year Reunion for the class of '71  
Athens, Greece

To express interest in attending or to receive updates, or for more information, please visit the Alumni section of the CYA website or email Erica Huffman at [alumni@cyathens.org](mailto:alumni@cyathens.org).

Alumni Class notes will return in the next issue; be sure you submit your notes by email or via the CYA website to be included! [alumni@cyathens.org](mailto:alumni@cyathens.org)

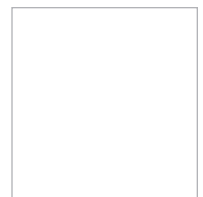
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\*Our system is to list fall semester and spring semester students as belonging to the class of the full academic year (e.g., people who attended in fall 1990 and spring 1991 both belong to the class of '91). Summer students are listed by the year they attended.

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