



The Kerykeion

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ANNIVERSARY!

This year marks HSA's 20th Anniversary. HSA was established with Eleni Eleftheriou as the organization's President. Since then, many changes have taken place. In the Fall of 2001 HSA held its first Hellenic Cultural Month; in the winter of 2002 HSA held its first trip to Montreal; in the winter of 2007 HSA organized its first Mythica Glendi Night; and in the winter of 2009 HSA was named Most Outstanding Student Organization by the University of Michigan.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am truly honored to have been elected as the Hellenic Student Association (HSA) President for 2010-2011 and I look forward to an exciting year ahead. I have been a member of the club for 3 years and served on the board for the last two as Secretary and Vice President. During this time, the most important lesson I've learned is to appreciate how those before me surrounded the HSA with people that make this organization so great. Immediate past President Amalia Tolios was an outstanding mentor in my year as vice president and continues to advise our board. Professor Lambropoulos, our adviser, provides unwavering support and guidance on my journey as President.

The HSA provides its members with a sense of Greek community while away at school. It helps us maintain our rich Greek heritage through networking, dance, language, travel, etc. It also helps bring our culture to life on campus and in the community through the many social, cultural and educational events that we sponsor.

In the wake of an economic downturn, I am happy to be able to share positive news. HSA's capacity to raise awareness about our culture is growing, being pushed forward by a dynamic board and its members. It is largely because of the infusion of skill and enthusiasm that we expect to have an outstanding year. Our board, a dedicated group of individuals who possess a great deal of pride and passion for our culture, make a remarkable commitment. We are well represented at multi-cultural events as well as those specific to the Greek community.

My vision for this year is to develop a more robust HSA organization by increasing our membership and financial resources and raising awareness of our club on campus and in the community through the sponsorship of many exciting and relevant events. One such feature is co-sponsored with the Modern Greek Department "Alas! We went bankrupt...again: The Greek Economy in Turmoil". Stefanos Delikouras, a PhD candidate at the University of Michigan, will enlighten us on the state of the Greek economy. Read more about this and all of our fall happenings in this newsletter.

This club is largely successful because of you and your involvement and support, the dedication of our board and activity chairs, and all of our members. Thank you for all that you do.

I look forward to seeing you at our events!

Ana Kotsogiannis

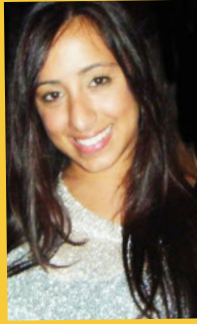
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Our Board

President

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Ana is a fourth year undergraduate at the University of Michigan. She is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and minoring in Modern Greek Studies. In addition to her HSA role, Ana is the Vice President of Professional Development for the Student Nurses Association and an active member of the Maids of Athena. Her summers are spent volunteering as a camp counselor at the MDSC camp and most recently as arts and crafts director at Camp Michitanki, a camp for children who have undergone organ transplants. She takes great pride in her Greek heritage and loves traveling to Greece annually with her family.

Vice President, Professional Development

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Dimitra is an incoming senior this year, with a major in Economics and Modern Greek. She is also the adviser for the local Maids of Athena as well as a marshal at the district level. Dimitra is an active member of the Michigan Economics Society, a researcher of the Department of Economics and tutors in modern Greek. Both of her parents are from Dorio, Messinia where she visits every summer to stay connected to her family and heritage. This year Dimitra is most excited about bringing back the Professional Panel.

Vice President, Finance

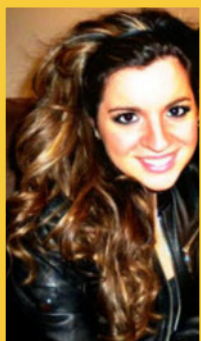
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Alecos is a rising senior at the University of Michigan. He is pursuing a BBA degree from the Ross School of Business with a concentration in Finance and Strategy. He is also pursuing a double minor of International Business and Modern Greek Studies. This year will be Alecos' second on the executive board managing HSA's finances. Growing up, Alecos made frequent trips to visit his family in Khios and Cyprus and has always greatly enjoyed his Greek culture. HSA has played a big role throughout his college career and he looks forward to continuing to serve on its board and give back to the students that make up the U of M Greek and Greek-American community.

Vice President, Communications

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Nina is a fourth-year undergraduate at the University of Michigan. This is her second year on the HSA board. Nina is concentrating in both Political Science and Modern Greek Studies. Upon graduation she plans to attend law school. She is also a member of the Maids of Athena, Michigan Pre-Law Society and the Undergraduate Political Science Association. She enjoys spending her summers in Nafpaktos, Greece and is eager to work with the new executive board in order to bring the traditions of her Greek heritage to the community of Hellenic students on campus.

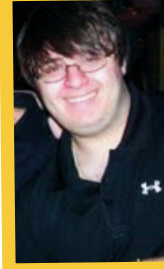
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Penelope is a fourth-year undergraduate at the University of Michigan pursuing degrees in Communications and Modern Greek Studies. In addition to the Hellenic Student Association, she is the Entertainment Director for WOLV-TV, and active in the Maids of Athena, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the Michigan Association of Communications Studies. She takes great pride in her Greek heritage and immensely enjoys Greek music. As VP of Social Affairs Penelope looks forward to planning amazing social events including Mythica!

Constantinos is a sophomore at the University of Michigan and will be pursuing a degree in political science with aspirations to attend law school. He is very excited to have been elected as Director of Networking for the upcoming year and is looking forward to working with his fellow board members in representing the Hellenic Culture on campus.



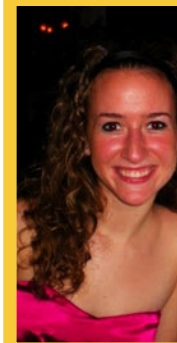
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Costa is a sophomore at the University of Michigan studying towards a Bachelor of Business Administration degree at the Ross School of Business. In his free time, he enjoys learning foreign languages, playing cello and leaves the U.S. every chance he gets to go to countries all over the world. His favorite countries are Greece, Argentina and Guatemala. At the university, he is also involved in the Ross Preferred Admissions Mentorship Program. He is thrilled to be a part of the board and hopes that HSA has a fun and productive year.



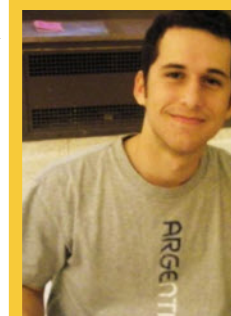
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Helen is a senior with two areas of concentration: Modern Greek and Political Science. She hopes to attend law school upon graduation. Helen enjoys dancing, traveling to Europe, and will be attempting to advance her level in Taekwondo this year. As the Director of Cultural Events for the HSA, she is excited to plan events that everyone will find interest in attending! She has a good feeling about this year and knows the board will work well together to promote the Greek culture throughout our community and incorporate ideas from both board members and HSA members and friends!



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Takis is a sophomore majoring in Neuroscience and minoring in Modern Greek Studies, who plans to pursue a career in medicine. He is excited to be joining HSA's board as the Director of Athletics and is looking forward to another great year! In addition to being an active member of HSA, he is also a Peer Advisor and member of the Executive Board for the Health Sciences Scholars Program. Get ready to compete and hopefully win a championship for HSA!



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HSA Board 2009-2010



To those who have graduated and moved on, our heartfelt congratulations and much success in your future endeavors!

Back Row: Mary Alexa Divver, Nina Pappas, Andreas Karatsinides, Elitsa Nicolaou, Amalia Tolios.

Front Row: Dimitra Boutsikakis, Ana Kotsogiannis, Christina Vallianatos

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the history of the HSA?

A: The Hellenic Student Association at the University of Michigan was founded in the year 1989. With increasing participation, HSA is able to continually inaugurate many new events in its annual programming, including lectures, musical performances, film screenings, dances, athletic tournaments, group field trips, and more. Currently the HSA organizes over ten annual events. Some of HSA's most notable traditions are the Hellenic Cultural Month (a series of events that showcase Modern Greek cultural achievements), the Encompass Show (multi-cultural talent show), and the Galazio & Lefko Greek Independence Weekend.

Q: How many members does the HSA have?

A: The Hellenic Student Association has two different types of membership: associate and full. Associate members are defined as anyone who requests to be added to the HSA mailing list. Full members are defined as associate members who pay the \$10 membership fee. The HSA at the University of Michigan has over 300 associate members and approximately 50 full members every year.

Q: Who can join the HSA?

A: In accordance with the Anti Harassment and Discrimination Policy of the University, HSA does not restrict membership based on race, ethnicity, religion, language, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or otherwise. Anyone who identifies with the HSA mission statement is welcome to join. Current members include, but are not limited to undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and staff, native-born Greeks, various generations of Greek-Americans, students who have studied abroad in Greece, students who are enrolled in Modern Greek classes at the University, and so on.

Mission Statement

The Hellenic Student Association aims to represent and showcase Hellenism on the University of Michigan campus, to encourage a diverse student membership, and to give members the opportunity to be immersed in Hellenic culture. Hellenism is defined as the cultural heritage of Hellenes both in Homeland and Diaspora.

What is Kerykeion?

"A Caduceus (Kerykeion in Greek) is a winged staff with two snakes wrapped around it, It was an ancient astrological symbol of commerce and is associated with the Greek god Hermes, the messenger for the gods, conductor of the dead and protector of merchants and thieves."

"Caduceus." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. 2 Jan 2008, 21:32 UTC. Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 10 Jan 2008

<<http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?>>

HSA T-shirt



\$ 15.00

Reflecting on Our Past Year

With each New Year comes a time to look back on the past with pride. During the 2009-2010 academic year our Hellenic Student Association hosted several events including dances, the student-faculty mixer, an annual welcome picnic, musical performances, a number of cultural events, weekly gatherings and more. However, there were three first-time events that deserve special mention: the professional panel discussion, our participation in Relay for Life, and our hosting of the National Hellenic Student Association convention.

Professional Panel

For the first time, the HSA brought together six professionals (Eric Cholack, Nikos Chronis, Helen Gikas, Mike Goulas, Peter Toliias, and Sophia Roumanis) from six different genres to present their field of work, explain what motivated them to enter their profession, and describe how their cultural background may have influenced their career path.

It was a time for students to ask questions and gain insight and advice from individuals in the same field of study. Our members found the discussion very inspiring and helpful in identifying their own motivations and dreams. We are looking forward to a new group of professionals to present this year. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in our Professional Panel contact: Dimitra Boutsikakis at dboutsi@umich.edu



Professionals at a glance From the left, Eric Cholack, Nikos Chronis, Sophia Roumanis, and Helen Gikas.

Relay for Life

Our Director of Athletics, Takis Bletsis, led a number of our HSA members in organizing a Relay for Life team. The University of Michigan had 180 teams and 3,139 participants raising a total of \$283,150. Relay gave everyone an opportunity to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember the loved ones lost, and help fight back by raising money for cancer research. Teams brought lawn chairs, blankets, food, games, etc. and took turns walking for 24 hours straight in support of the American Cancer Society.

Sometimes even the smallest acts of kindness have the biggest impact on the lives of others. It was truly an honor for our organization to participate in this life-changing event and we vow to continue to support worthwhile causes throughout our community.



National Hellenic Student Association Convention

The NHSA Fall 2009 Convention marked the first assembly of the member HSAs since the reestablishment of the organization during March 2009. The goal was to increase and strengthen the bonds between the members and to enhance the promotion and preservation of our culture.

Thirty Greek, Greek-American and Cypriot students representing fifteen different universities from all around the U.S. came together under the common interest of promoting Hellenism. During the convention, the topics discussed were the evaluation and effects of Hellenic Institutions of the USA in our generation, diversity of our generation and importance of preserving our identity, and relationships and views of Greece among the current Hellenic youth. Students were able to learn about each other's perspectives and concerns and shared what is effective for each of their organizations.

The gathering concluded with our very own HSA semi-annual glendi night, Mythica. This social event provided entertainment and an opportunity for networking.

For more information about the NHSA:
<http://www.nhsaofamerica.org>

Planning for our Future

With each New Year comes a time to look forward to a period of endless possibilities. As we prepare for our new academic year, we look forward to new challenges confident that we have a purpose. The fall events are already planned and open to everyone. We hope to see you there!

Fall Calendar of Events

- Sept 8:
Festifall, Central Campus Diag,
11 am - 4 pm
- Sept 14:
Northfest- North Campus Diag
11 am-4 pm
- Sept 16:
Mass Meeting- Michigan League
6:30-7:30 pm
- Sept 19:
Welcome Picnic- Island Park, 2-4 pm
- Sept 20:
Diag Day- Central Campus Diag
11 am - 2 pm
- Sept 30:
Student Faculty Mixer-
The Original Cottage Inn, Ann Arbor
7:30 pm
- Oct 7:
Alas! We went bankrupt...again: The Greek
Economy in Turmoil
Michigan Room of Michigan League
7pm
- Oct 24:
Plato's Academy- Location TBA, 5 pm
- Nov 13:
Mythica, Fall Edition- Location TBA
10 pm-2 am
- Dec 5:
Basile, The Comedian- Joey's Comedy Club,
Livonia, Doors open at 5 pm
Show starts at 6 pm

Weekly gatherings every Thursday, 7:30 pm
The Original Cottage Inn
20% off entire meal when you eat with HSA!



Festifall & Northfest

These events permit student organizations to showcase what they offer the greater student community. This is an opportunity to publicize our organization and recruit new members.

Mass Meeting

Open to any interested student, this is an occasion for students to ask questions and obtain more information about our organization as well as learn about upcoming events. Each board member and his/her role within HSA is introduced. T-shirts and membership cards will be available for purchase.

Welcome Picnic

Informal outdoor social event where new students can connect with other members, play soccer, basketball, and Frisbee, and enjoy Greek music! Food and beverages will be provided.

Diag Day

The Michigan Student Assembly has organized a multicultural potluck dedicated to culture through performances, display tables and foods from around the world. HSA will participate with a table of souvlakia, baklava, music, and a display board with tons of pictures of past events. Come join in the fun!

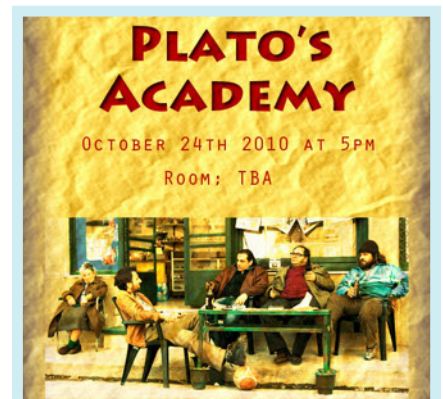


Student/Faculty Mixer

This is a professional social-networking event held to give HSA members an opportunity to interact with Hellenic faculty at the University of Michigan. Whether you are interested in discussing academic plans, potential career avenues, and/or research this is not an event to be missed.

Plato's Academy

Film directed by Fillipos Tsitos, is about a Greek shopkeeper, Stavros, who spends his days at his mini market, drinking coffee with his friends, and trying to get his ex-wife back. Stavros and his friends generally live a worry free life with few surprises. Their only problem is the Albanians. The tables turn when Stavros discovers something about his family's past as his mother associates herself with an Alabamian worker. Tsitos does an exquisite job unfolding the plot into a drama that faces many multi-ethnic countries today. This is truly a must-see film!



Planning for our Future cont.

Alas! We went bankrupt...again: The Greek Economy in Turmoil

Co-sponsored by HSA and the Modern Greek Program; Presented by Stefanos Delikouras, PhD candidate, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan.

The Greek State, ever since its birth in 1831, has declared bankruptcy twice: in 1893 and in 1932. In 2010, the Greek Government announced that unless it received financial help from the European Union or the International Monetary Fund, it would be unable to meet debt payments to its creditors. Why was Greece almost led to bankruptcy for a third time? What are the effects of the recent fiscal measures employed by the Greek government? How supportive has the European Union been towards Greece? These are but a few of the questions we will try to answer in this presentation. The current Greek crisis is not only economic; it is a predominantly institutional and moral crisis that also has huge financial implications

Mythica-Fall Edition

This semi-annual Greek glendi night is hosted by our HSA and open to all Hellenic students. Its a time for good networking and fun!

Basile, The Comedian

A live show featuring Basile, the well-known Greek comedian

Tickets are now available. Contact Penelope Filyo at (pfilyo@umich.edu) or (734) 308-9419 for more information.



Winter Calendar of Events

Vasilopita Mass Meeting

Encompass Show

Professional Panel

Mythica- Winter Edition

Paint the Rock

Galazio & Leuko Party

Independence Parade

For future dates & times for all winter events please go to our website:

www.umich.edu/~hellas



Vasilopita Mass Meeting

Following Greek cultural and religious tradition, HSA invites all members in early January to the annual Vasilopita cutting. This event is intended to serve as the winter semester mass meeting as well as bring members together after the New Year.

Encompass Show

The mission of Encompass is to unite a variety of multi-ethnic performances into one show. It is the only annual multi-ethnic show on campus traditionally held at a major University performance venue. HSA has participated since 2003.



Professional Panel

This is an opportunity for students to meet with the successful professionals in the Greek American community. Our aim is to invite professionals from a variety of fields each year.

Paint the Rock

Members of HSA gather at the corner of Hill and Washtenaw at midnight on March 25 to paint the rock and commemorate Greek Independence Day.

Galazio & Lefko Party

A collaborative event, usually hosted by the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University at a central location Greektown.

Independence Parade

Each year, the Greek and Greek-American community in Detroit organize a parade in Greektown to commemorate Greek Independence Day, March 25. The date of the event will be determined by a committee in November or December. The HSA will march in the parade with our own float.



HSA Membership Card Includes:

Blue Leprechaun: 20% Discount
Sun-Thurs (excludes alcohol)

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