

2017

Student Awards

*Ceremony*

Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 20:30  
Irene Bailey Theater



# PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies Maria Laiou  
*Senior Manager, Student Affairs*

Opening Remarks Matilda Chatzipanagiotou, PhD  
*Dean of Students*

## Presentation of Awards

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### Outstanding Graduating Student Award

*Thimios Zaharopoulos, PhD, Provost*  
*Elena Maragou, PhD, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences*  
*Katerina Thomas, PhD, Dean, Frances Rich School of Fine and Performing Arts*  
*Ralph Aldous, Professor of Management and Department Head, School of Business*

This award is presented to graduating students from each major in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Frances Rich School of Fine and Performing Arts, and the School of Business who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance and departmental engagement. Consideration is also given to the students' contribution to the wider College community.

### Graduate Student Leadership Award

*Thimios Zaharopoulos, PhD, Provost*  
*Areti Krepapa, PhD, Dean, School of Graduate and Professional Education*

The Graduate Student Leadership Award is given annually to encourage and recognize a graduate student who has demonstrated exceptional service and involvement on campus or in the wider community.

### Society of the Year Award

*Elena Maragou, PhD, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences*  
*Katerina Thomas, PhD, Dean, Frances Rich School of Fine and Performing Arts*  
*Ralph Aldous, Professor of Management and Department Head, School of Business*

This award is presented to outstanding academic societies from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Frances Rich School of Fine and Performing Arts, and the School of Business in recognition of exceptional contribution to co-curricular life.

### Artistic Achievement Award

*Katerina Thomas, PhD, Dean, Frances Rich School of Fine and Performing Arts*

This award recognizes a senior with outstanding artistic achievement in Dance, Graphic Design, Music Composition or Performance, Theater Arts and Visual Arts, honoring the student's artistic accomplishments on and off campus.

### International Honors Award

*Elena Maragou, PhD, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

The International Honors Award is given to a senior student who has completed his/her Honors education having demonstrated exceptional academic performance, as well as engagement in co-curricular activities that serve the mission of the International Honors Program on and off campus.

### Parallel Studies Award

*Lucy Kanatsoulis, Dean of Enrollment and International Students*

The Parallel Studies Award recognizes a graduating parallel studies student who has pursued a bachelor's degree or a certificate minor at Deree, has demonstrated exceptional academic performance in both Deree and a Greek public higher educational institution, has been an active participant in Deree student life, and an ambassador of Deree to his/her peers.

### Stavros Niarchos Foundation Scholar Award

*Dimitrios Andreou, PhD, Vice President of Enrollment and Administration*  
*Stavros Niarchos Foundation Representative*

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Scholar Award recognizes a graduating SNF Scholar who has pursued a certificate minor at Deree, has demonstrated exceptional academic performance in both Deree and a Greek public higher educational institution, has been an ambassador of Deree to his/her peers, has demonstrated leadership in co-curricular activities, and has actively engaged in training sessions and networking events aimed at enhancing employability and professional excellence.

### ACG Work Study Award

*Iliana Lazana, Vice President for Human Resources and Campus Services*

The ACG Work Study Award recognizes a Deree student employed in a division of The American College of Greece through the work study program, who has demonstrated dependability, exceptional work ethic, professional behavior, and commitment to his or her assigned duties, all while maintaining high academic standards.

### Internship Achievement Award

*Mary Irene Triantafillou, Executive Director of Development*  
*Maria Laina, Executive Director of Development & Alumni Relations*  
*Marina Perantonaki, Senior Manager, Office of Career Services*

The Internship Achievement Award recognizes undergraduate students who have successfully completed internships and have demonstrated diligence, commitment and hard work. These students, who have embraced the core values of Deree and have been actively engaged in obtaining career-related experience, were selected through a very competitive process.

### Athletics Award

*Theodore Priskomatis, Director of Athletics*

The Athletics Award recognizes a male and a female senior (and from time to time an athletic team) who have shown a strong commitment to the athletic program through participation, good sportsmanship, dedication, and team play. These athletes have set an example for teammates and other students by upholding the finest athletic values, high academic standards, and the tradition of excellence in sports at Deree; they have been a unifying force because of their work ethic, team play, and spirit of good will.

### Sportsmanship Award

*Dimitrios Andreou, PhD, Vice President of Enrollment and Administration*  
*Office of Athletics Representatives*

The Sportsmanship Award is given to two senior students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, enthusiasm, and consistent participation in athletic, intramural and intercollegiate sports programs, outdoor recreation, and/or fitness classes throughout their years at Deree. These athletes have performed well on the field and have been active in the planning and implementation of activities. They have enriched life at Deree with their friendliness and spirit of camaraderie.

### Global Citizenship Award

*Mara Nisdeo, Dean of North American Enrollment and Study Abroad*  
*Matilda Chatzipanagiotou, PhD, Dean of Students*

This award is presented to two students, an incoming study abroad student and a Deree student who has participated in the Outbound Study Abroad program. They have served as agents of change, advocating the shared civic responsibility for promoting diversity and mutual understanding of cultures and peoples, have pursued international internships, educational programs and volunteer opportunities locally and abroad.

### Health and Wellness Award

*Panagiotis Behrakis, MD, PhD, FCCP, Director, Institute of Public Health*  
*Christina Drakonakis, Associate Dean of Students*

This award recognizes a student or group of students who best exemplify the spirit of caring for the health and wellness of the ACG Community. They have been leaders of a significant initiative that has raised awareness and aims to improve health and wellness on campus.

### Community Service Award

*Claudia Carydis, Vice President of Public Affairs*

This award recognizes a student or group of students who have been generous in volunteering to serve and contribute to the College and the broader community.

### Student Organization Service Award

*Harilaos Daskalothanasis, Executive Director of Student Success, Retention & International Student Services*  
*Organization Advisors*

This award recognizes the contribution of the graduating members of Deree organizations. These graduating seniors have displayed dedication to, and respect for, their alma mater and its high ideals.

### Organizational Leadership Award

*Matilda Chatzipanagiotou, PhD, Dean of Students*  
*Deree Student Association Representative*  
*Club/Organization Advisor*

This award recognizes a Deree student who has been nominated by his/her peers as the outstanding member of a club or organization and has been selected as first among equals from all the outstanding members for inspiring fellow students with his/her vision and guidance. This student has worked to establish or strengthen the sense of community within the student group through relationship building, shared goals, purpose and vision for the sustainable continuation and development of this group. The student has made a significant contribution to the Deree community through leadership and service.

## **Organizational Innovation Award**

*Niki Boutari, Vice President of Marketing and Communication  
Club/Organization Advisor*

This award recognizes a Deree student who has been nominated by his/her peers as the outstanding member of a club or organization and has been distinguished as first among equals from all the outstanding members for mobilizing change, introducing and following through with the implementation of novel ideas. This student's accomplishments have had a sustainable and transformative impact and have inspired the members of the ACG community.

## **Student Club Award**

*Student Affairs Administrators*

This award recognizes the College club that has demonstrated excellence in the following areas: College and community spirit, leadership in developing initiatives and programs, individual member learning, and professionalism in overcoming challenges.

## **Emmanouela Vernikou Award for Inspirational Spirit**

*Vassia Comis, Executive Director of College Events*

This award recognizes a Deree student who has distinguished him/herself academically, shown strength in the face of adversity, a strong affirmation for life and determination to overcome challenges in order to fulfill his or her aspirations. This student's journey demonstrates resilience, self-motivation, and courage. His/her story serves as an inspiration to others to turn hardships into opportunities, transcending obstacles to achieve results that motivate us all.

## **Diversity Advocacy Award**

*S. Sue Horner, PhD, Scholar in Residence, Gender Studies and Religion*

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated leadership in raising awareness and advocating for non-discrimination, human rights, and equality on campus.

## **Emerging Leader Award**

*Dimitrios Andreou, PhD, Vice President of Enrollment and Administration*

This award recognizes a first, second, or third-year student who has been consistently involved in College life since their first year at Deree. He/she has exemplified promising leadership qualities and has actively participated in College life, while upholding good academic standards and cultivating a community of ethos and mutual respect among his/her peers, setting the ground-work for a life of leadership.

## **College Life Leadership Award**

*David G. Horner, PhD, President of The American College of Greece*

This award recognizes a senior who has excelled in leading his/her fellow students while upholding the core values of Deree, including respect for others, responsible action, and high achievement. This leader has motivated his/her fellow students with his/her vision. The student has demonstrated problem-solving skills and professionalism when working with the College administration and fellow students. He/she has encouraged fellow students to work as a team in completing projects and executing initiatives, and has contributed to major College events, working with other student organizations, clubs or societies to create a cohesive community at Deree.

## **Deree Spirit Award**

*David G. Horner, PhD, President of The American College of Greece*

This award recognizes a senior who has exemplified the spirit of Deree as a dedicated member of the ACG community. This student has actively participated in College life while maintaining high ethical standards, good academic achievement, and has given of him/herself without expecting recognition or reward.

## **Special Thanks to:**

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Choreographer of the 12th Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony, Athens 2004, and of Drops of Breath, the 1st underwater dance performance in the world.

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Original musical finale score, 'Starlight'

ACG Community Choir  
Effi Minakoulis, Associate Lecturer II, Music/Music Performance | Choir Director  
Nefeli-Vasiliki Beri, Deree Student, Music Performance | Piano

Deree Music Society and Deree Music Club

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