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BUSINESS EXPO

Masterclass Series & Business Conference

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INTERNATIONAL

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LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Members of our Community,

Thirty-five years ago, Hermes Expo began with a clear purpose: to create a space where our community could come together in a meaningful and productive way. At the time, there was no platform that fully connected Greek-American professionals and businesses while also maintaining a strong and active link with Greece. That need became our responsibility and our mission.

What followed was not built overnight. It developed through relationships, trust, and a shared commitment to progress. Over time, Hermes Expo grew into a platform that people return to because of its value, bringing together thousands of businesses and tens of thousands of individuals, including entrepreneurs, executives, public officials, and organizations from across the United States and Greece.

Its impact is reflected not only in participation, but in what it has helped create. Hermes Expo has supported business growth, encouraged collaboration across industries, and strengthened economic and professional ties between the United States and Greece. At the same time, it has reinforced something equally important: the role of our heritage, our language, and our identity as part of that progress.

What continues to define Hermes Expo is its foundation. It is built on consistency, trust, and a clear understanding of the importance of connection. The principles that guide it, *filotimo*, integrity, and commitment to community, are not simply referenced, but practiced. This is what gives the platform its strength and allows it to continue evolving with purpose.

Today, Hermes Expo stands as a dynamic environment where business and culture come together naturally, creating real opportunities and meaningful relationships. It reflects not only what we do, but who we are.

As I reflect on this journey, I do so with gratitude for those who believed in this vision, supported it along the way, and continue to carry it forward.

As we look ahead, our focus remains clear: to advance Greek-American enterprise, to carry forward the values and identity of Hellenism in America, and to sustain a meaningful and enduring bridge with Greece, one built on connection, shared purpose, and continued progress. Thank you for being part of this.

Warmest Wishes,

Paul Kotrotsios

Paul Kotrotsios, MBA
Founder & President
Hermes Expo International



"At Hermes Expo, we believe success isn't just about who you know—it's about how well they know and trust you. As a vital asset to our strategic partners, Hermes Expo serves as a dynamic forum connecting businesses and professional communities across the USA and Europe. The Greek-American community plays an instrumental role in driving our achievements. Through unparalleled networking opportunities, Hermes Expo is dedicated to advancing, promoting, and empowering businesses to thrive, innovate, and build lasting connections."

Paul Kotrotsios

A NIGHT OF DISTINCTION:
PLEASE JOIN US
35TH HERMES EXPO AWARDS DINNER & DANCE
LAVISH COCKTAIL HOUR - OPEN BAR - FORMAL SIT DOWN DINNER

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 29, 2026
5:00 PM
GRAND MARQUIS, OLD BRIDGE, NJ

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FR. PAUL PAPPAS



HON. MARIYANA SPYROPOULOS



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PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



Message on the Occasion of the 35th Hermes Expo International

from H.E. Ambassador Aglaia Balta
Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations

On the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of Hermes Expo International, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to the organizers and participants of this important milestone.

For over three decades, Hermes Expo has served as a dynamic platform fostering entrepreneurship, innovation, and meaningful connections within the Greek-American community and beyond. Its continued success stands as a testament to the vision and dedication of its founders and to the enduring strength of Hellenic enterprise in the United States.

At a time of evolving global challenges and opportunities, initiatives such as Hermes Expo play a vital role in promoting dialogue, economic cooperation, and community engagement across sectors and generations.

During my tenure as Consul General of Greece in New York, I had the opportunity to witness first-hand the dedicated efforts of Hermes Expo International in supporting Greece, particularly during times of significant adversity.

While I regret that official commitments do not allow me to be present at this year's event, I convey my best wishes for a successful and inspiring Expo.

Please accept my sincere congratulations on this remarkable anniversary and my wishes for continued growth and success in the years to come.

Aglaia Balta
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



*Consulate General of Greece
New York,
The Consul General*

New York, April 2026

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings on the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the Hermes Expo International, a milestone that reflects decades of vision, perseverance, and meaningful contribution to the Greek-American community.

Since its founding in 1992, Hermes Expo has strengthened, through its unique combination of business networking, cultural engagement, and professional exchange, the ties between Greece and the United States and has helped showcase the dynamism of Hellenic entrepreneurship across sectors.

The celebration of this 35-year journey is, above all, a tribute to the individuals and institutions who have shaped and sustained this remarkable initiative. I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to all of this year's distinguished honorees, whose achievements in business, education, public service, and community leadership reflect the very best of our shared values. Their example inspires not only excellence, but also a deep sense of responsibility toward the communities we serve.

Allow me also to express my appreciation for the recognition extended to me on this occasion. I accept it with humility, as a reflection of the collective efforts of the Consulate General of Greece in New York and of our broader commitment to serving the Greek-American community and strengthen the ties between our nations.

Hermes Expo stands today as more than an event; it is a living testament to a tradition of enterprise shaped by resilience, creativity, and a profound sense of duty to both heritage and progress. As we look ahead, I am confident that it will continue to serve as a vital bridge which connects ideas, people, and opportunities, while inspiring the next generation of leaders.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations once again on this significant anniversary, and my best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

With highest regards,


Iphigenia Kanara

Mayor's Office of Economic Development



TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

February 1th, 2026

Paul Kotrotsios, MBA
Founder & CEO, Hellenic News of America
Founder, President & CEO | Hermes Expo International

Dear Paul,

I would like to take this opportunity to first congratulate you on the milestone Anniversary the 35th year of the Hermes Expo, as well as making Old Bridge Township the Expo's new home. I would also like to express my appreciation for your efforts to assist the Old Bridge Mayor's Office of Economic Development in fostering economic growth between your organization and the Old Bridge Township business community and other communities. My office works closely with our local businesses, stakeholders, developers, and investors seeking opportunities both within Old Bridge Township and the international business community.

Old Bridge Township is the perfect location to bridge the Greek, American, and Township cultures together through your platform. Through working together, there is no doubt we will drive commerce and forge strong relationships with our diverse businesses across our town with your domestic and international partners. This annual event will be a great opportunity to continue to explore the over 600 + businesses that make up the Old Bridge Township business community. Furthermore, the Expo will provide us with an opportunity to show that Old Bridge Township is an unbeatable location with its well-educated workforce, demographics and strong retail and wholesale marketplace profile.

I am looking forward to working with you and networking with the Greek American community, companies, representatives, business leaders and entrepreneurs. Also, I am eager to interact with prospective partners from both sides of the international marketplace at the event and in the future. I wish you another successful Expo here in Old Bridge Township.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

Steve Mamakas

Executive Officer, Mayor's Office of Economic Development
NJBIZ – NJLM Public Private - Partnership Award Winner

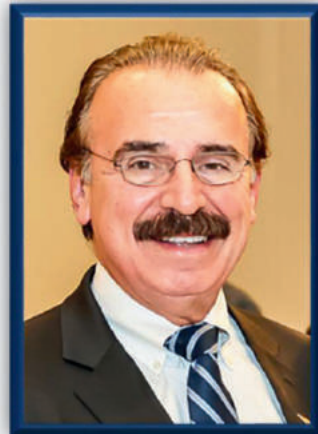


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SUPREME LODGE HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Office of the Supreme President

Dear Friends,

It is my distinct honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to Hermes Expo International on the celebration of its 35th anniversary. For three and a half decades, Hermes Expo under the visionary leadership of its founder and President, Paul Kotrotsios has been an indispensable forum for fostering commercial, economic, and cultural ties among the United States, Greece, Cyprus, and Europe. Paul's leadership, and his work as publisher and manager of the bilingual Hellenic News of America, have helped to amplify the voice and presence of our community across continents.



As Supreme President of AHEPA, and through my professional experience as U.S. General Counsel for Enbridge Energy and service on numerous boards in Houston and beyond. I have witnessed the profound and lasting impact that institutions like Hermes Expo bring to our people. These gatherings do more than facilitate trade and investment; they strengthen bonds of heritage, encourage the exchange of ideas, and cultivate opportunities for the next generation of Hellenic leaders and entrepreneurs. Hermes Expo's sustained commitment to excellence has created priceless platforms for connection, collaboration, and mutual advancement.

Our work is rooted in enduring Hellenic values of faith, perseverance, and civic responsibility. I have long been inspired by the timeless wisdom of Plato: "Apply yourself both now and in the next life. Without effort, you cannot be prosperous. Though the land is good, you cannot have an abundant crop without cultivation". It is this spirit of disciplined effort and reverence for our shared heritage that continues to guide our community's progress and our individual pursuits of service and leadership.

On behalf of AHEPA and all who cherish our Hellenic legacy, I offer my warmest congratulations to Paul Kotrotsios, the Hermes Expo team, and all participants who have contributed to this remarkable milestone. May Hermes Expo continue to thrive, fostering ever stronger cultural and economic ties and inspiring future generations to build upon this proud legacy.

Sincerely,

E. Chris Kaitson
Supreme President

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Mr. Paul Kotrotsios,
Founder and President,
Hermes Expo

Dear Mr. Kotrotsios,

Over the past 33 years, the Hermes Expo has grown into an esteemed event, showcasing Greek-American business, culture, and innovation. It serves as a vital platform for entrepreneurs, business owners, and professionals to connect, showcase their talents, and explore opportunities. I am very proud to annually support this wonderful association and wish it continued success.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to you, Mr. Kotrotsios, and your family for your exceptional leadership in organizing the Hermes Expo. Your vision and passion have made a profound impact on the Greek-American community. Your unwavering support has nurtured the growth and success of this event.

To all the exhibitors, attendees, and participants, I appreciate your invaluable contributions. Your dedication and hard work inspire others and exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit.

As we celebrate this milestone, I am confident the 35th Hermes Expo will be an extraordinary event filled with meaningful connections and exciting opportunities.

Congratulations, Mr. Kotrotsios, and your entire family on this remarkable achievement. The Hermes Expo has become integral to our community, and I am excited for its continued growth and success.

Wishing you and the entire Hermes Expo team a resounding success and a memorable event.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Parthenis Jr.', is positioned above the typed name.

Peter Parthenis Jr.
President & CEO
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April 21, 2026

Paul Kotrotsios, MBA
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Founder & President, Hermes Expo
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Immediate Past President of HANC
Aphrodite Kotrotsios, MS
CEO & Publisher, Hellenic News of America
Executive Director, Hermes Expo International
Founder & President, Businessy

Dear Paul and Aphrodite,

It is a pleasure and an honor to have the opportunity to inform on beta-Thalassemia at Hermes Expo International.

Beta-Thalassemia, which encompasses Cooley's Anemia is a complex genetic disease highly prevalent in individuals of Greek and Mediterranean ancestry, caused by mutations in the beta-hemoglobin gene. Beta-Thalassemia is a heterogeneous disease that affects individuals across the life span. An unmet need to understand the prevalence, disease burden, and morbidity of beta-Thalassemia in Greek American communities and in the general population following decades of immigration and integration.

The Hermes Expo International offers a unique non-traditional venue to reach out to the wider community crucial to our efforts on public health awareness, education, and research to help improve health outcomes in affected individuals and communities.

Sincerely,

Zissis ChronEOS, Ph.D.,
Professor of Pediatrics, and Cell and Biological systems
Director of Research, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
Director, Pulmonary Immunology and Physiology Laboratory

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April 21, 2026

Paul Kotrotsios

Founder & CEO, Hellenic News of America
Founder, President & CEO, Hermes Expo International
New Jersey

Dear Paul,

On behalf of the entire team at New Horizon Abstract Inc., it is with great pride and heartfelt appreciation that we extend our warmest congratulations to Hermes Expo International on the remarkable milestone of 35 years of the Expo. Three and a half decades of dedication, vision, and service to the business community is a testament to your organization's extraordinary commitment to fostering growth, opportunity, and connection across the region.

The Hermes Expo has long stood as a cornerstone event for businesses throughout New Jersey and beyond. Year after year, it provides an invaluable platform for professionals to connect, collaborate, and build the relationships that drive real economic impact. Reaching 35 years is no small achievement; it speaks to the integrity and passion that your team brings to everything you do.

We are equally proud to celebrate your ongoing collaboration with the Central New Jersey Regional Chamber of Commerce. This partnership reflects our shared belief that thriving local businesses are the backbone of a thriving community. Together, we remain committed to supporting the entrepreneurs, professionals, and organizations that make Central New Jersey such a dynamic and vibrant place to do business.

We also wish to extend our sincerest congratulations to you and the Hermes Expo team on receiving the Community Engagement Award at this year's Gala. This recognition is incredibly well-deserved. It reflects the genuine impact your organization has made not just as an event organizer, but as a true steward of the community. The work you do to bring people together, uplift local businesses, and invest in the fabric of this region does not go unnoticed, and it is deeply gratifying to see it honored in such a meaningful way.

As you celebrate this incredible milestone, please know that New Horizon Abstract Inc. stands proudly alongside you. We look forward to many more years of collaboration, community, and continued success together. Here's to the next 35 years and beyond.

With sincere congratulations and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christiene Marie Gonce".

Christiene Gonce
Business Development Manager, New Horizon Abstract Inc.
President, Central New Jersey Regional Chamber of Commerce

Proclamation

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

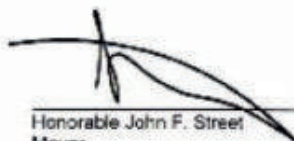
THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, USA and THE MUNICIPALITY OF THESSALONIKI, GREECE

The City of Philadelphia and the Municipality of Thessaloniki, Greece hereinafter referred to as "the Parties" wishing to strengthen cultural, education, economic and trade ties between the United States and Greece have agreed to sign the following Friendship and Cooperation Agreement:

1. The parties shall promote, strengthen and expand education, cultural, trade, and economic ties between both municipal governments.
2. The parties will exchange information to enhance cultural and economical ties (provided such information does not constitute the disclosure of restricted financial or business affairs that cannot be shared).
3. The parties will establish and strengthen business contacts through the organization of events such as conferences, seminars, exchange of trade groups and participation in trade fairs, with the objective of promoting the growth of trade between American and Greek businesses in Philadelphia and the Municipality of Thessaloniki. The parties agree to organize trade missions in Philadelphia and Thessaloniki, in accordance with a mutually agreed schedule.
4. Invite, as appropriate and when possible, each other's representatives to participate in seminars and other business, educational, and cultural activities.
5. The parties shall work out concrete programs in executing this Agreement and inform each other of their fulfillment.
6. The parties shall undertake the necessary steps as needed to further the interest of both sides for the realization of this Agreement.

It is acknowledged that this Memorandum only establishes an "intention to work together" and is not intended to be legally binding on either municipal government and that nothing herein constitutes an obligation, financial or otherwise. All activities contemplated under this Memorandum are subject to the availability of funds and personnel, as well as the laws and regulations applicable in each Party's respective country.

The Agreement was made and executed in two copies by both parties in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA and Thessaloniki, Greece on this 6th day of April of two thousand and two.


Honorable John F. Street
Mayor
City of Philadelphia



Thessaloniki Mayor, Vasilis Papaioannopoulos (right) brings to Philadelphia's Mayor, John Street, the signed business agreement between the two cities, naming Hermes Expo's Paul Kobotzias as the "godfather of this profound relationship." Mr. Papaioannopoulos is accompanied by Mr. Themis Kartziotis, CEO of HELEXPO and a Business Delegation.

PROCLAMATION

Greece has long been a major contributor to the American culture. Our government systems, businesses and even the English language are all based upon Greek foundations. The City of Philadelphia, specifically, is one of the largest Greek communities in the United States. Greek influence is evident through our city's restaurants, educational institutions and charitable organizations.

Since 2002, Philadelphia and the Municipality of Thessaloniki, Greece established a memorandum of understanding. Like Philadelphia, Thessaloniki is one of its nation's largest regions of commercial, educational and economic development and exchange and it is rich with culture and history. In agreement to support the free exchange of information and ideas between cities, a memorandum formalized the great relationship that these two cities have shared for many years.

The Greek community of Philadelphia is a thriving business environment. Through the United States-Greece Business Advisory Council of Greater Philadelphia and the Greek-American Chamber of Commerce, businesses have grown and flourished, friendships have been forged and goodwill has been established among Greece, the City of Philadelphia and its Greek community.

Since 1992, the Hermes Expo has promoted Greek-American business and economic cooperation. This annual event consistently brings participation from Greek and American companies by recognizing the achievements of the Greek business community.

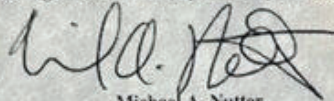
The Hermes Expo is a place where large corporations and small family-owned businesses work together to achieve a stronger Greek business community within the City of Philadelphia.

THEREFORE...

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim the April 4, 2009 as

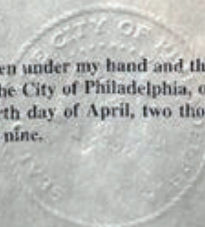
Hermes Expo Day

and encourage fellow citizens to participate in this important event and congratulate the organizers of this expo for 18 years of success.



Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Philadelphia, on this fourth day of April, two thousand and nine.



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Our name

The name Ambrose (/ˈæm.brouz/) finds its roots in the ancient Greek term ambrosios (/amˈbrɒ.sɪ.ɒs/), meaning "immortal" or, more precisely, "belonging to the immortals", imperishable in nature. In classical Greek mythology, ambrosia (/æmˈbrɒʊ.ʒə/ or /æmˈbrɒʊ.zi.ə/) was the fabled sustenance of the gods, a divine essence said to grant eternal life. While our products bear not the name ambrosia, for they claim no promise of immortality, they are aptly named Ambrose, a name that evokes immortality, endurance, and the grandeur of the divine.

To hold such a product is neither to partake in myth, nor to claim the mantle of the immortal. Rather, it is to be entrusted with something rare, an offering born of mortal hands, yet bearing the unmistakable imprint of the celestial. We are privileged to possess these creations, these offerings not of ambrosia, but of Ambrose, not the food of gods, but a gift worthy of their splendour. And now, we extend that gift outward, dispersing not eternity itself, but elegance, refinement, and a touch of the sublime.

About us

Flavors of Mother Earth from the heart of the Peloponnese.

At the lush foothills of majestic Mount Erymanthos, in the heart of the Peloponnese, AMBROSE FRUIT was born. A Greek family-owned company dedicated to crafting pure, authentic, and high-quality local products.

With deep love for nature and genuine respect for the consumer, we create with care and devotion traditional goods that celebrate Greece's rich heritage:

- Pure honey
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Seasonal fruit jams

And other local delicacies, all infused with the soul of the land that nurtures them.

AMBROSE FRUIT is more than just a food brand. It is a return to authenticity. Every jar, every bottle, every taste tells a story of people, tradition, and earth.

By choosing AMBROSE FRUIT, you are choosing:

- Genuine Greek products of premium quality
- Earth-friendly, small-batch production
- Honest flavors, just like the old days

*AMBROSE FRUIT – From the Peloponnese, with love.
Authentic Greek products, crafted with passion.*



Mariyana T. Spyropoulos
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

Congratulations to Paul Kotrotsios
on the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the Hermes Expo
& to all the Honorees



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@Mariyana Spyropoulos

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Intl. Coordinating Committee Justice for Cyprus
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Salutes Hermes Expo

and
reminds all exhibitors that we
are also commemorating
the
52nd Anniversary
of the illegal invasion and
continued occupation of Cyprus.

The occupation must end.



*Philip Christopher
President*



INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE JUSTICE FOR CYPRUS

*Turkey is not a difficult ally, but rather, an enemy undermining the efforts of America, NATO and the Western Alliance. **TURKEY: THE NEW IRAN***

- Turkey's transfer of **F-16s to Cyprus** begins Erdogan's announced plan to enter Israel, "just as we entered Karabakh and just as we entered Libya" (with drones, F-16s, Syrian mercenaries) -- as former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett warned is a **deliberate plan to "surround Israel"**.
- Turkey's funding and granting citizenship to leaders of a designated terrorist organization--**Hamas**

Turkey's Other Actions Contrary to American and Western Allies' Interests

- **52-year occupation of 36% of the Republic of Cyprus**, an EU nation, member of strategic "Three Plus One" American alliance—stabilizing against Turkish expansion, Russian influence and Iranian destabilization.
- Refusing to cooperate with **NATO**
- Conflict with another American ally, the **Kurds**
- Creating a **significant international military presence (tens of thousands of troops)** in Syria, Qatar and Horn of Africa.
- Escalating challenges of the **sovereign maritime borders** of U.S. allies, Cyprus and Greece.
- **Blackmailing** European countries with refugees

Turkey's Relationship with Russia

- Purchase of **Russia's S400 missiles** threatens the stealth capability of NATO planes.
- Serves as **Russia's back channel**, ignoring Western sanctions and moving money laundering funds in Turkey and the occupied area in Cyprus.

Congratulations
TO
Paul Kotrotsios

Events like the Hermes Expo hold deep significance for the Greek-American community, serving as a powerful catalyst for unity, entrepreneurship, and cultural preservation.

Hermes Expo empowers Greek-American professionals and business owners to connect, collaborate, and grow, strengthening both their enterprises and their shared heritage.



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Vasilios Mataragas
President



**Congratulations and
Best of Luck for
Continued Success to
Paul Kotrotsios**



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Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce
CONGRATULATES

Hermes Expo International
on its 35th Anniversary

For thirty-five years, Hermes Expo has served as a leading platform bringing together business leaders, entrepreneurs, and professionals, fostering innovation, collaboration, and growth within the Greek-American community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

All the Honorees
with special recognition to

Honorable Iphigenia Kanara
Consul General of Greece in New York

Recipient of the Diplomatic Service Award

In honor of her exceptional leadership, distinguished service, and steadfast commitment to strengthening the relationship between Greece and the United States, while supporting and uplifting the Hellenic-American community.



We are always so proud of you Evellyn!!

**Η Παναγία πάντα μαζί σου,
αδελφούλα μας!**

**Love you FOREVER,
Georgia and Patti**



To our parents
John and Helen Psaras,

We are incredibly proud to celebrate this well deserved recognition and the impact you have made.

Your dedication, determination, and unwavering commitment have not only shaped your success, but have inspired everyone around you.

This honor is a reflection of the values you've lived by, and instilled in us, every day: hard work, integrity, and philanthropy.

Thank you for being our role models and for showing us what it truly means to lead with kindness and intention.

We love you and couldn't be prouder!
Συγχαρητήρια!

With all our love,
George & Georgia,
James, Tayla & Eleni,
and John Jr Psaras



Congratulations on receiving yet another award!
This truly highlights yet again your hard work!

Your passion to achieve success
has truly not been missed.

You continue to help all that crosses your path.
We hope that we can follow in your footsteps with
the same dedication and success!!!

Love always
Leonidas, Athina,
Panagiotis and Despina Giakoumis



Congratulations to Paul Kotrotsios on 35 remarkable years of the Hermes Expo, and to this year's outstanding honorees.

Hermes Expo stands as a powerful platform for connection, opportunity, and shared purpose, bringing our community together while strengthening its future.

To the honorees, your achievements reflect the values and leadership that continue to move us forward. Wishing you all continued success and impact.

George Drogaris & Family
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Staten Island, NY



We join the 35th Hermes Expo Awards Dinner & Dance
on April 29, 2026

in honoring distinguished members of Leadership 100
who have made outstanding contributions to the Greek American community

John and Helen Psaras

We congratulate all the honorees and commend them for their support of
Orthodoxy and Hellenism

Michael N. Bapis, Chairman
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Justin K. Bozonelis, Treasurer
Maria Allwin, Secretary

Paulette Poulos, Executive Director

Advancing Orthodoxy and Hellenism in America

Congratulations to our Spiritual Leader

Father Paul Pappas

We offer our heartfelt congratulations on this well-deserved honor. Your steadfast leadership, tireless dedication, and compassionate service have been a beacon of Christ's light for our Saint Barbara Parish and beyond. Through your ministry, you have inspired and uplifted countless lives, guiding us with faith, humility, and love.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the spiritual and cultural life of our community. Your example continues to strengthen our faith and unite us in Christ's Vineyard.

May God bless you with many more years of health, strength, and fruitful service in His holy work.

AXIOS!



*Saint Barbara Ladies Philoptochos Society
Toms River, NJ
Chapter 1039*



SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Parish Family of Saint Barbara
Congratulates our Priest, Protopresbyter Paul
Pappas on receiving the Spiritual Leadership
Award. Your faithful priesthood and loving
guidance have blessed our Parish in
countless ways. We thank God for your
devoted service, your wisdom and your
steadfast witness to Christ. AXIOS!



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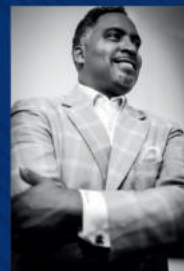
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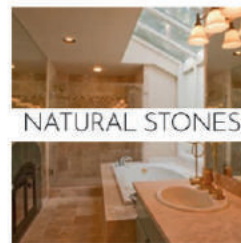
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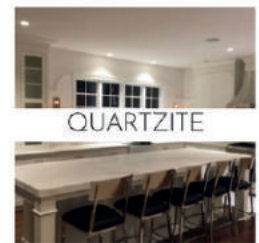
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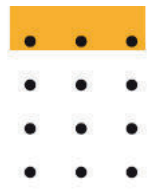


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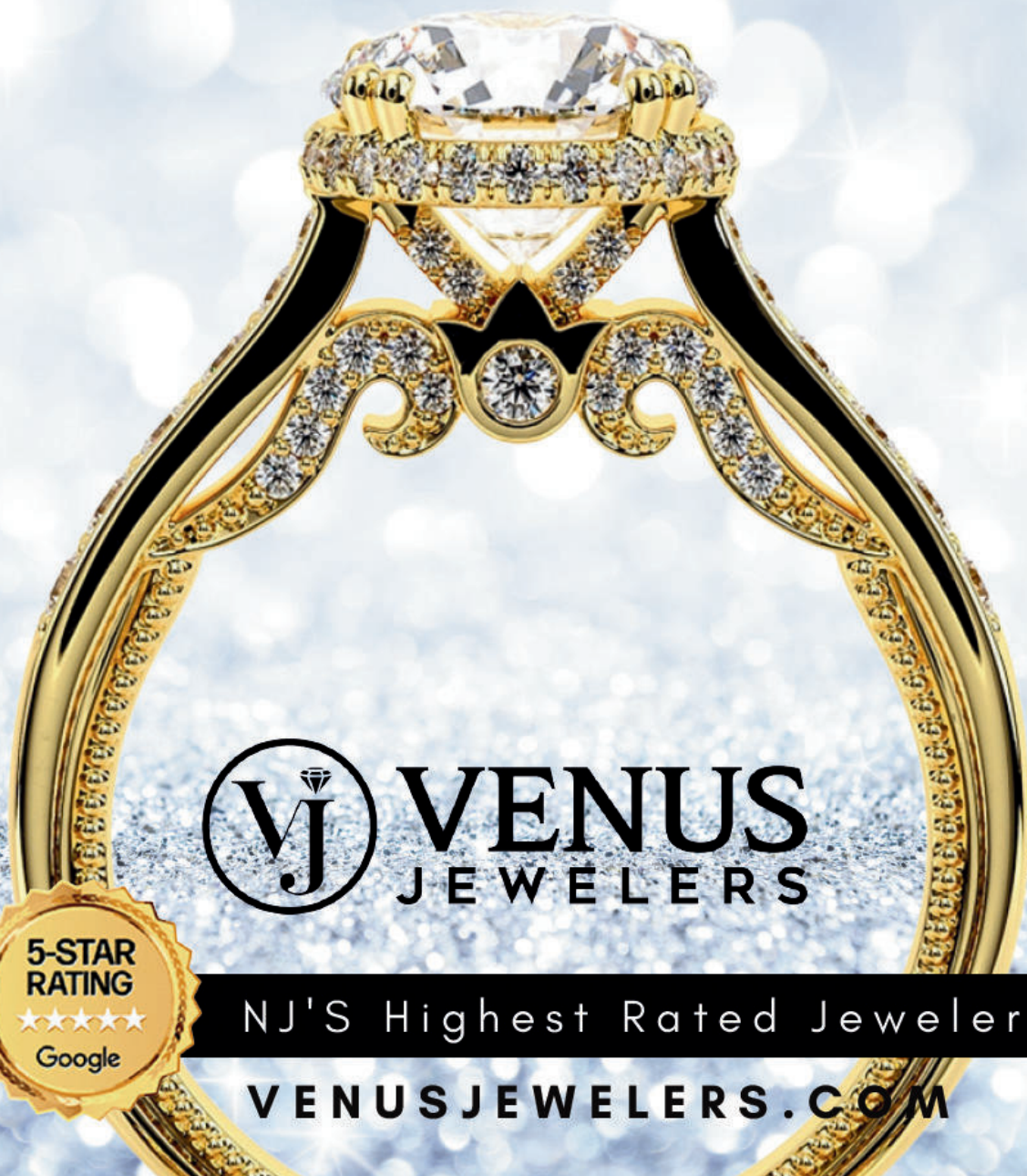
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Iphigenia Kanara **Diplomatic Service Award**

Iphigenia Kanara serves as Consul General of Greece in New York, representing the Hellenic Republic in one of the most influential diplomatic posts in the United States. With a distinguished career in diplomacy, she has played a pivotal role in strengthening relations between Greece and the United States, advancing economic cooperation, cultural exchange, and strategic partnerships.

Throughout her tenure, she has worked closely with government leaders, business communities, and Greek-American organizations to promote Greece's presence across key sectors including trade, investment, tourism, and innovation. Her leadership has helped elevate bilateral engagement while reinforcing the importance of the Greek diaspora as a bridge between the two nations.

Known for her professionalism, accessibility, and commitment to Hellenism, Ms. Kanara has been instrumental in supporting initiatives that highlight Greek heritage, language, and culture, while also fostering new opportunities for collaboration. She has actively engaged with chambers of commerce, academic institutions, and civic organizations, strengthening networks that benefit both Greece and the United States.

Her work reflects a deep understanding of diplomacy not only as representation, but as connection—bringing people, ideas, and opportunities together. Through her efforts, she continues to advance Greece's global presence while empowering the Greek-American community to play an active role in that mission.



Hon. Mariyana Spyropoulos **Public Service Award**

The Honorable Mariyana Spyropoulos serves as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, one of the largest unified court systems in the United States. Since taking office, she has led with a clear mission to make the justice system more accessible, transparent, and responsive to the public.

Her leadership has focused on modernization and inclusion. She has introduced expanded digital services, improved public access to court information, and implemented multilingual tools to better serve diverse communities. Through initiatives such as Amnesty Week and the Second Chance Summit, her office has helped thousands of individuals resolve legal matters and reconnect with opportunities for employment and stability.

As the daughter of Greek immigrants, she brings a strong sense of responsibility and purpose to public service. Her work reflects the values of integrity, accountability, and commitment to community—principles deeply rooted in her heritage.

Her connection to Hermes Expo is also personal. Her late father, Theodore Spyropoulos, was a devoted supporter of the Expo from its earliest years, believing deeply in its mission to unite and elevate the Greek-American community. Today, she continues that legacy through her own leadership and service.

Through her work, Clerk Spyropoulos exemplifies the impact of principled leadership, ensuring that institutions serve people with fairness, dignity, and opportunity.

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Rev. Protopresbyter Paul G. Pappas **Spiritual Leadership Award**

Rev. Protopresbyter Paul G. Pappas has dedicated his life to faith, leadership, and service within the Greek Orthodox Church and the broader community. As a respected spiritual leader, he has guided generations of faithful with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering commitment.

Throughout his ministry, Father Pappas has strengthened parish life, supported families, and fostered a deeper connection to Orthodox faith and Hellenic traditions. His leadership extends beyond the church, as he has played an active role in community engagement, mentorship, and philanthropic initiatives that uplift those in need.

Known for his ability to connect with people from all walks of life, he has served as both a spiritual guide and a unifying presence. His work reflects the enduring values of faith, service, humility, and love for community.

Father Pappas has also supported initiatives that promote Hellenism, recognizing the importance of preserving language, culture, and identity within the Greek-American experience. His influence has helped strengthen the spiritual and cultural foundation of the community.

His lifelong dedication serves as a reminder that true leadership is rooted in service to others. Through his words and actions, he continues to inspire faith, unity, and purpose.



John & Helen Psaras **Aristotelian Award**

John and Helen Psaras represent a remarkable story of vision, perseverance, and generosity. Together, they have built a life defined by entrepreneurial success, deep faith, and unwavering commitment to community.

John Psaras, born in Cyprus and raised on the island of Chios, immigrated to the United States at the age of 19. By the age of 22, he had already purchased his first building, launching a career that would grow into a highly successful real estate enterprise. As founder of John Psaras Realty Inc. and John Psaras Realty Management Co., he has built and managed an extensive portfolio across Brooklyn and Long Island over more than four decades.

Helen Psaras, born in Lemnos, has been an integral partner in both business and philanthropy. A respected community leader, she has played a central role in supporting charitable, educational, and cultural initiatives that strengthen the Greek-American community.

Together, they have made lasting contributions through scholarships, major donations to educational institutions, and the creation of philanthropic projects in Greece, including an elder care center and museum in Helen's hometown. They have supported the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese through their involvement in Leadership 100 and remain deeply committed to the advancement of faith and Hellenism.

John is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, one of the highest honors of the Orthodox Christian community, while Helen is a board member of the National Philoptochos Society. Both have received numerous awards, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and have been recognized by civic, religious, and cultural organizations for their contributions.

Their lives reflect the essence of the Aristotelian ideal, excellence in action, guided by purpose, generosity, and a deep sense of responsibility to others.

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Evellyn Leontarakis Tsiadis
Athena Award

Evellyn Leontarakis Tsiadis is a dynamic leader whose work reflects strength, vision, and dedication to both professional excellence and community impact. With a strong presence in business and civic engagement, she has built a reputation for leadership grounded in integrity and purpose.

Throughout her career, she has demonstrated the ability to lead with clarity while fostering meaningful relationships across industries. Her work extends beyond business, as she has actively supported initiatives that empower individuals, promote education, and strengthen the Greek-American community.

Known for her passion and drive, Evellyn embodies the qualities of leadership, resilience, and commitment. She brings people together, creates opportunities, and contributes to initiatives that reflect the values of Hellenism.

Her influence continues to grow through her involvement in organizations and efforts that promote professional development and community connection. She represents a modern expression of leadership rooted in heritage, guided by purpose, and focused on impact.



Dr. Evelyn Biliadis Lolis
Athena Award

Dr. Evelyn Biliadis Lolis serves as Dean of the School of Education and Human Development at Fairfield University and has dedicated over 25 years to the field of mental health, education, and wellness. Her work focuses on promoting resilience, connection, and well-being across individuals, families, and organizations.

She has developed therapeutic programs, consulted with schools and corporations, and contributed to national research, including her work with the American Psychological Association on mind-body health and gratitude practices. Her ability to translate research into practical application has made her a leading voice in wellness and mental health.

Dr. Lolis has taught graduate-level courses across multiple disciplines and was recognized as Graduate Professor of the Year. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she provided guidance and support through numerous seminars and public engagements focused on managing stress and uncertainty.

Deeply connected to her faith and heritage, she integrates Hellenic values into her work and serves the community through education and service. She is also President of the Hellenic Professional Women organization, where she has launched initiatives supporting women's development and well-being.

Her work reflects a commitment to empowering individuals and strengthening communities through knowledge, compassion, and purpose.

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Leonidas Papoulias **Paideia Award**

Leonidas Papoulias is a dedicated educator and advocate for the preservation of Greek language and culture. Through his work, he has played a vital role in strengthening Hellenic education and ensuring that future generations remain connected to their heritage.

As a leader in Greek education, he has contributed to the development of programs that promote language learning, cultural understanding, and community engagement. His efforts have helped create meaningful educational experiences that extend beyond the classroom.

His commitment to paideia, the holistic development of knowledge, character, and identity—is reflected in his work with students and families. He has supported initiatives that reinforce the importance of Greek heritage while preparing individuals to succeed in a modern world.

Through his leadership, he continues to inspire a deeper appreciation for language, culture, and tradition.



Despina Apostolidou **Paideia Award**

Despina Apostolidou is a passionate educator committed to advancing Greek language and cultural education. Her work reflects a deep dedication to preserving Hellenic identity through teaching, mentorship, and community engagement.

She has played a key role in developing educational programs that support language learning and cultural awareness, helping students build a meaningful connection to their heritage. Her approach emphasizes both academic excellence and cultural pride.

Through her involvement in Greek schools and community initiatives, she has contributed to the growth and sustainability of Hellenic education. Her work ensures that traditions, language, and values continue to be passed down with care and purpose.

Her commitment to education reflects the enduring importance of paideia in shaping future generations.



Manny Niotis **Business Excellence Award**

Manny Niotis is a successful entrepreneur whose leadership in the hospitality industry has made a lasting impact. Through his work, he has built a respected brand known for quality, consistency, and innovation.

His approach to business is rooted in discipline, vision, and a deep understanding of the customer experience. Over the years, he has expanded his operations while maintaining a strong commitment to excellence and growth.

Beyond business, Manny has remained connected to the Greek-American community, supporting initiatives and contributing to efforts that promote entrepreneurship and cultural identity. His work reflects the values of hard work, resilience, and dedication.

His success serves as an example of how strong leadership and clear vision can create lasting impact in both business and community.



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