

2011 AXION *Award Recipients*

The AXION AWARD is an honor bestowed upon outstanding persons of Hellenic ancestry from the San Francisco Bay Area. Recipients must be nominated by a member of the Hellenic American Professional Society. Selection is based on the following criteria:

1. The recipient must be of Hellenic ancestry.
2. Resident of the Greater Bay Area, which includes Monterey, and the area up to the border of Sacramento.
3. Has reached high goals in his/her field of endeavor.
4. Has made a significant achievement in a professional, academic, or scientific field or in the humanities.
5. Has made a contribution to the Hellenic community or to society in general.

As you will find in their brief biographies, both of these recipients meet and exceed these criteria. We congratulate them all, and thank them for their many years of service and dedication to their community.

MARIA MAVROUDI, PH.D.

Adopted from nomination by Drs. Leonidas Petrakis & Thanasis Maskaleris



Maria Mavroudi is a distinguished scholar and innovative leader studying Byzantium and its interplay with the Arab world. She was born in Thessaloniki, Greece, and earned a B. A. in Philology from the University of Thessaloniki in 1990. She went on to receive her M.A. and Ph.D. in Byzantine Studies from Harvard University in 1998. She is professor of history and classics at the University of California Berkeley. She has written numerous books, scholarly articles, and reviews on topics ranging from the occult sciences in Byzantium, bilingualism in Greek and Arabic, dream

interpretation in Byzantium, translations of classical texts, and the transformation of Byzantine culture after 1453. Dr. Mavroudi has received numerous fellowships funding her studies, including the prestigious MacArthur Foundation “Genius” award in 2004. She is making substantive contributions to the preservation and presentation of Hellenic Culture, literature, and Orthodoxy.

SHE IS AXIA!

MARINA VELLIUOUSTAKAS

Adopted from the nomination by Hon. Theodore Laliotis



Marina Moustakas is a pioneering leader of the Greek community working for the preservation and dissemination of Greek culture. She was born in Kozani, Greece, and grew up in Athens. She received a degree in Social Work from Greece, as a recipient of a Greek National Scholarship (IKY), and a B.A. and graduate studies in sociology from the University of Oregon with a Fulbright Scholarship. She founded and directed the St. Nicholas Hellenic School for 15 years and has taught Greek language since 1962. Marina co-founded the Greek Festival of San Jose and served as a case worker

for the UN High Commissioner and the US Welfare Department. She served as Director of Human Resources at Montessori School, produced a Greek TV show, and founded and directed the youth dance groups of St. Nicholas. Marina writes poetry and is working on an autobiography. Marina is the Founder and President of the Hellenic Heritage Institute in San Jose, a beacon of Hellenism to the West. Marina is a leader who works tirelessly for the preservation of Hellenism.

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2011 HAPS

Scholarship Award Recipient



Anthoula S. Vlachos is currently a senior at the University of California, Santa Cruz, with a major of Biology. Her dedication to pursue her education and her contributions to her community have prepared her for an active, involved life. She plans to join the dynamic and multifaceted field of dentistry and is already heading the UC Santa Cruz dental club. She has shown excellence both in her demanding academic studies in addition to the areas of public speaking and event planning. She has held many leadership positions ranging from community participation to campus employment. For example, she is the head student coordinator for commencement at UC Santa Cruz and also volunteers her time with the Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations of Santa Cruz county. She has been an active member of her community and has a strong desire to continue contributing to the Hellenic community.

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