



The Journey of Greek- and Cypriot-American Immigrants Competition

Supported by AHEPA Port Jefferson Chapter 319, District #6

The Center for Hellenic Studies is pleased to announce the establishment of an essay competition which will focus on documenting the experiences and history of people of Greek and Cypriot descent who immigrated to the US in the first half of 1900s, and who settled on Long Island, NY. The competition will be open to all students. Students enrolled in the Hellenic Studies minor, or in Modern Greek classes are encouraged to participate.

The participants are expected to interview five elderly Greek and Cypriot residents of Long Island and document how they were received and blended into the American culture, learned the language, and became established in the community as citizens of the United States. Correlations could be drawn to the current immigration environment. Access to elderly Greek and Cypriot residents of Long Island will be facilitated by the AHEPA Chapter.

The essays will be submitted to the Center of Hellenic Studies. A committee of faculty will review the submissions and select the winner of the competition, who will receive a scholarship – award of \$1,000 sponsored by the **AHEPA Port Jefferson Chapter 319, District #6**.

Timeline (specific dates will be determined):

September 2020 – Announcement of the competition

March 2021 – Deadline to submit the essays

April 2021 – Announcement of the winner of the competition

May 2021 – Award ceremony

The faculty associated with the Center for Hellenic Studies (Professors Stella Tsirka, Nikos Panou and Maria Athanasopoulou) will be available to the students to advise, help and support them as they conduct their research and prepare their essays. Students may register for EUR487 Independent Project in European Studies upon consultation with the faculty.