

## Honorable George Keverian Public Service Scholarship



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Awarded to Rachael A. Minassian of Cranston, RI, a senior at Providence College pursuing a political science with a minor in Spanish. Rachael was selected to receive the \$5,000 award by the **Armenian Students' Association of America, Inc., Scholarship Committee**. Rachael is a member of the Armenian Students' Association of America and is involved in the Armenian community. She plans to go to law school and aspires to be the first female US Senator from Rhode Island. Rachael is the daughter of David and Karen Minassian.

The late Speaker Keverian started the annual commemoration of the Armenian Genocide at the Massachusetts State House 33 years ago. The fund was established by his brother, Dr. Jack Keverian, "to preserve the memory of Speaker George Keverian by supporting the work of individuals who strive to create positive change."

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## 2018 Scholarship Recipients

This year the ASA awarded **\$114,925** in scholarships to **14** deserving students of Armenian descent enrolled in colleges and universities in the United States of America.

The members of the Board of Trustees thank their many generous benefactors who have made it possible for the ASA to assist our young men and women in their educational pursuits. During the past five years, from 2014 to 2018, the Association through its Scholarship Committee has been able to award some **\$500,000** in outright scholarship grants.

The Scholarship Grant Program is the hallmark of the Association's mission. Please consider supporting this vital program, especially as tuition continues to increase. Your gift will have an immediate impact and give a lifetime of returns. Checks should be made payable to: **Armenian Students' Association of America, Inc.**



The Armenian Students' Association of America, Inc. encourages educational pursuits by Armenians in America and the raising of their intellectual standards, provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships to deserving Armenian students, develops fellowship among them, cultivates in them the spirit of serve in the public interest, and acquaints them and the entire American community with Armenian culture.



### ASA Scholarship Recipients 2018

Aren K. Antreasyan	Long Island University	Film Production/Business Administration
Varteni Aroyan	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Health & Science	Doctorate of Pharmacy
Mesrop Bejanian	Duke	MBA
Karnee Berejiklian	Northeastern University	Health Science
Matthew D'Antuono	Georgetown Medical School	Medicine
Maxwell Fathy	The Fletcher School at Tufts University	Masters of Art in Law and Diplomacy
Sona Grigorian	Texas A&M University	Agricultural Science

Carine Henderson	Brigham Young University	MBA
Jivan Hovespyan	Southern California College of Optometry Science	Masters in Vision
David Mampre	Johns Hopkins School of Medicine	Medicine
Artak Meloyan	University of Wisconsin Applied Economics	PhD Agricultural &
Rachael A. Minassian	Providence College	Political Science & Spanish
James Robbins	Brown University	Alpert Medical School
Christina Voskanian	University of Southern California	Pharmacy

**ASA Scholarship Applications for 2019-2020 academic year are available on our website: [www.asainc.org](http://www.asainc.org). Completed application with all documentation must be submitted to the ASA National Headquarters, 333 Atlantic Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888 by March 15, 2019.**

## ***ASA Silver Medal Awards***

The Armenian Students' Association (ASA) Silver Medal Award Committee selected four (4) high school seniors to receive the Silver Medal Award.

The following students were selected for this award: **Nareg Stepan Balian**, Chevy Chase, MD, a graduate of St. Albans School enrolled at Columbia University; **Richard Joseph Adam**, Jericho, NY, a graduate of Jericho Senior High school enrolled at Stony Brook University; **Armen E. Eghian**, Seekonk, MA, a graduate of Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School enrolled at Bryant University and **Carrie Anahid Minassian**, Cranston, RI, a graduate of Cranston West High School enrolled at the University of Connecticut.

The Silver Medal Awards are given annually to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic ability.

## ***The ASA Gold Medal Award***

The ASA Gold Medal Award is recognized as the highest scholastic award within the ASA. Any member of the ASA who is an undergraduate student and is at least a sophomore in an accredited college or university within the United States is eligible for consideration for this award. Selected to receive the award: **Aren Kegham Antreasyan** of Hopewell Junction, NY, a student at Long Island University-C.W. Post; **Nicholas Hatfield Hanoian** of North Smithfield, RI, a student at the University of Vermont and **Justin J. Tramonti** of Beverly, MA, a student at Fordham University.

Applications for the Gold and Silver Medal Awards can be obtained at: [www.asainc.org](http://www.asainc.org). Deadline for submitting applications and documentation is May 1, 2019.

## ***ASA Announces 8th Annual "Arthur Halvajian Memorial" Armenian Poetry Competition***

The Armenian Students' Association, Inc. is delighted to announce the start of its 8th annual poetry competition. As in the past years, the ASA, Inc. is partnering with the Armenian Poetry Project for the writing competition named in memory of Arthur Halvajian, a trustee who led its Board in sponsoring the first competition.

"In the past, we have enjoyed reading about the winning entries and look forward to reaching out to even more communities in North America" said Alice Movsesian, a member of the ASA, Inc. Board of Trustees as well as its liaison to the competition's organizing committee.

ASA Board of Trustees Vice President M. Manoog Kaprielian, a staunch supporter of poetry, believes in its power to heal communities and individuals who have settled throughout the United States and Canada.

The Armenian Poetry Project, led by poet Lola Koundakjian, is a research and documentation site for 19th to 21st century Armenian poems and related topics. Currently containing over 3000 poems, it celebrated its 12th anniversary in April. APP has a worldwide following and releases poems through RSS feeds, Twitter and podcasting.

### **Rules:**

All individuals of Armenian descent, residing in the United States and Canada are invited to submit their work, in English or Armenian for the competition.

- \*Poems must be original, unpublished and not accepted for publication.
- \*They should be written in English or Armenian and not exceed 50 lines.
- \*Only one original unpublished poem per individual may be submitted.

The deadline for submissions is **November 1, 2018**; winners will be announced by the jury in December 2018.

**Entries should be e-mailed by November 1, 2018 to [ArmenianPoetryProject@gmail.com](mailto:ArmenianPoetryProject@gmail.com) with the subject heading "Halvajian ASA/APP Poetry competition".**

The competition groups submissions into three categories; students (ages 12-17), college age (ages 18-22), and adult (ages 23 and older).

A top prize will be awarded for each of the categories in the amounts of US \$75 (students), \$125 (college age), and \$300 (adult).