

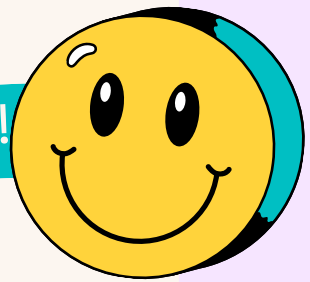
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THE TITAN CHRONICLES

Farewell Issue

Time to Say Goodbye
for the summer... and graduation!

2022

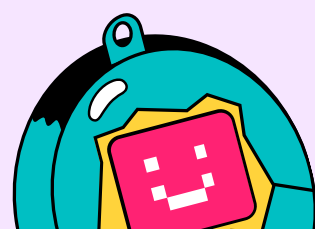
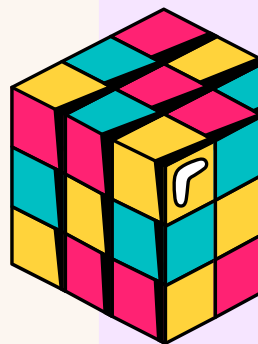


I can't believe it's been 2 years since The Titan Chronicles came into our lives. Summer issues are always the hardest to edit for, as they're filled with emotions and an implicit need for great promises. This time around is different, as we place promises with continuing students, who we know will continue to stick up for every student at Hellenic American University!

It is with bittersweetness that we announce that for two of our Editors, this is the last issue we contribute to as undergraduate students - Graduation 2022 is painted in TTC colours! As you welcome this summer, make sure to enjoy the little things, as everything reaches a conclusion.

Let's celebrate the achievements of 2022 graduates and make this summer unforgettable!

Eleni Plemmenou
Issue Editor



A New Season

BY ANNA ROMBOTIS, TTC EDITOR 2020-2022

Ironically, it is difficult to find words to describe how it feels to close this chapter of my life in *The Titan Chronicles*. Gratitude, joy, humility, stress, frustration, pride, satisfaction, passion ... are only a few of the whirlwind of emotions I experienced these past two years as editor.

The Titan Chronicles began from a seed. As literary gardeners, Abby, Eleni, and I fostered its growth through countless hours of dedication and love. We watched our seedling root itself into our school's community and slowly blossom into what you see today. We faced hardships and setbacks, as every creator does. What I have learned is that the backbone of overcoming any form of adversity is having a united vision. Abby and Eleni go beyond the definition of what it means to be both fantastic leaders and team players. "Leading Ladies" is the name we chose for our group chat back in November 2020 and I could not think of a more perfect title to give these dynamic women.

As we see nature take its organic course, so must we. Alas, it is time to depart and watch our seedling branch out. There is so much room for growth in *The Titan Chronicles* and I know that those who will come after myself, Eleni, and eventually Abby, will only give it more life, beauty, and colour. I cannot wait to see what future contributors have in store for this creative corner of our school. *The Titan Chronicles* was my safe place, an escape from the chaos of the world, and I hope it can become yours too.



LEAVE BY PAPER PLANE



BY ELENI PLEMMENOU, TTC EDITOR 2020-2022

Before picking up my laptop to edit this, I went through all the issues we edited paragraph by paragraph, restlessly, enthusiastically - with our hearts overflowed by virtual ink. This bittersweet feeling of completing one more chapter is adjacent to every summer issue, but this time it's here to stay.

Two years is a long time. Abby, Anna and I have been forged forever friends over this project that we watched grow month after month, and with the advent of our graduation, Anna and I leave it with our Dear Abby to take off. Regardless of where we go next, I know it in my heart that The Titan Chronicles will follow us every step of the way.

Graduating means more than receiving a hard-earned title. It is the very epilogue of our tour de force beyond academic, which would not have been possible without the hundreds of influential submissions by Titans, the trust of our advisors - Greg, Monica, Ms. Eri and Ms. Valentini - and the support we had from each other. In the years to come, we wish many of you the same contentment, and look forward to seeing where The Titan Chronicles will be long after we are gone.



Summer Tracks



SEALED WITH A KISS, JASON DONAVAN

TIME AFTER TIME, CYNDI LAUPER

RUNNING UP THAT HILL, KATE BUSH



Can't Resist A Last One

BY ARTHUR ANTONOPOULOS, GRADUATE '22

It's that time of year! You've put in the hours, you've overcome your struggles, and you're ready to graduate and "gown" your success with academic regalia! Congratulations!

But graduation is the beginning. Not the end.

It's not the time to hang up your pens and pencils just like a boxer would her gloves after a great career. Nor is it time to rest on your laurels like a war veteran.

The war is an internal one, and it is never won, but always fought.

No doubt, you've done an exceptional job! And I'll be the first to applaud your victories (and I will on the 30th), but an applause of encouragement to continue, not a time to bow out, nor the time to punch the air in victory.

Instead, punch your Ego.

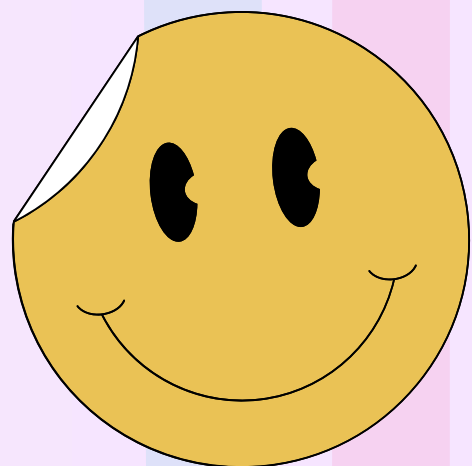
Challenge yourself to consider that your graduation day is a re-birth. That now you are a new person.

It's not a time to reflect only on what you've learnt, but also on what's still left to learn.

Challenge yourself for more rebirths. More learning. More Ego punching.

You've done great! Keep doing great!

Keep graduating.



A "SEE YOU LATER" TO MY LEADING LADIES

BY ABBY RENIERIS, TTC EDITOR

Anna and Eleni, I don't quite know how to put into words how much this experience and your friendship has meant to me! Starting a school paper was a common idea among three virtual strangers and we were lucky enough to be formally introduced to collaborate on this. The support both creatively and personally is something I could never have predicted. This is a forever friendship and I know it. We truly created something to be so proud of and as much as I'll miss working with you, I'm so excited to see the amazing things you two will accomplish going forward. I'm constantly in awe of your tenacity, your dedication, your strength, just everything you are. You are amazing individuals, and I can't wait to see you change the world... knowing you two, if anyone can, it's you! I know, I know, I'm rambling and there are so many things I could keep saying to convey how much you mean to me so I'll finish with this... Congratulations on your graduation, I'll miss working with you, and you'll always be Leading Ladies. I love you!



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The text "GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS" is written in a bold, bubbly, hand-drawn font. The word "GIRLS" is repeated three times, stacked vertically. The top and bottom "GIRLS" are in orange, while the middle one is in teal. The letters are decorated with various colorful flowers: yellow daisies, pink five-petaled flowers, and small pink hearts. The background of the page features soft, wavy pastel stripes in shades of pink, purple, and blue, with faint floral and lip prints scattered around.



BY EVGENIA SGKAMATO

DEAR ABBY...

Dear Abby,

What do you think the Fall semester will be like? Can we be more in person?

I wish I had some answers.. if we are going off the current trends, I would assume so! One of these days we will be back to "normal" and I really hope it's soon. Keep the faith!

Dear Abby,

Not a question but I wanted to congratulate those graduating! I am excited to be one of them in a couple of years!

Hi!!

Graduation is a very cool time! Thanks for sharing ☺

Congrats!
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GRADUATES

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