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# 2020 MENTORS



**DENISE ALEXOPOULOS, OD, FAAO**  
**Assistant Professor, Illinois College of Optometry / Attending Optometrist, Illinois Eye Institute**

Denise Alexopoulos is an assistant professor and clinical attending at the Illinois College of Optometry/Illinois Eye Institute (ICO/IEI). After earning a B.S. in Biology from Loyola University Chicago, she proceeded to earn her O.D. degree from the Illinois College of Optometry with summa cum laude honors. She completed a residency in Pediatric & Infant Vision at the State University of New York College of Optometry. At ICO, she supervises third and fourth year students in the Pediatric & Binocular Vision clinic, coordinates a clinical methods lab for first year students, and serves on several committees. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, has presented nationally and internationally on the topic of pediatric optometry, and participates in research with the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group.



**NICHOLAS W. ALEXOS**  
**Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Univar Solutions Inc.**

Nicholas W. Alexos has been an Executive Vice President of Univar Solutions Inc. and its Chief Financial Officer since January, 2020 and was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of DENTSPLY SIRONA Inc., both multi-national public companies. He previously was a Managing Director and founder of Madison Dearborn Partners, L.P. since 1988 and led transactions in the healthcare, consumer and industrial teams. He began his career in 1985 at The First National Bank of Chicago where he eventually became a Vice President in Corporate Finance. He has been a Director of VWR International LLC, Walgreens Infusion Service, Sirona Dental Systems, Team Health Inc., Performance Health and various other companies. He also has served on numerous charitable and non-profit organizations including the Children's Inner City Educational Fund, Lake Forest Country Day School, Metro Squash, University of Chicago Booth School of Business Council and Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago and has recently been appointed to the Harvard School of Dental Medicine Advisory Board and the board of The Hellenic Initiative. Mr. Alexos received an M.B.A. from University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a B.B.A. from Loyola University, is married and has three teenage children, and attends St. Peter and Paul church in Glenview, Illinois.



**STAMATIS ASTRA**  
**Morning Show Co Host, Grecian Echoes WNTN-1550 AM Boston**  
**Venture Partner, Innovation Ventures**

Stamatis N. Astra co-hosts Grecian Echoes, a talk show on WNTN-1550 AM for a Greek-American audience in Boston. An analysis of current news and events laced with provocative commentary on issues facing Greece and the U.S., giving listeners a unique perspective and practical point of view. Mr. Astra is also an investment manager at a Private Equity Fund specializing in investing in properties and development projects and products that improve and enrich people's lives. Stamatis holds a B.S. in Economics (magna cum laude), an MBA and MS in Communications Management (both with honors) all from Boston University.



**GEORGE BOVIS, MD**  
**Neurosurgeon, Center of Brain and Spine Surgery**  
**Vice Chairman of Neurosurgery, AMITA Health**  
**Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery, Rush University Medical School**

George Bovis, MD is a board certified neurosurgeon practicing in Chicago for the last 20 years. He completed his college and medical school education at Northwestern University, his neurosurgery training at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and his fellowship training in cerebrovascular and skull base at the Mayfield Clinic in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr Bovis presently serves as the Vice Chairman of Neurosurgery at AMITA Health, the Medical Director of the Illinois Gamma Knife Center and AMITA Neuroscience Institute, and Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery at Rush University Medical School. Dr. Bovis was recently elected to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis Council of Chicago, sits on the Board of the National Hellenic Museum and serves as a medical advisor at the Greek American Rehabilitation and Nursing Centre. He lives with his wife, Raffaella, in Northbrook.



**NICHOLAS GAGE**  
**World-renowned Author and Investigative Journalist**

In his long career as a journalist, author and film producer, Nicholas Gage has spent the first half as an investigative reporter and foreign correspondent for The New York Times, and the second writing seven books and producing several films. Born Nikos Gatzoyiannis in Lia, Greece in 1939, he emigrated to the United States ten years later and graduated from Boston and Columbia universities. As a reporter for The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal, he received wide recognition for his investigative articles on organized crime, drug trafficking and political corruption. (He obtained the first Nixon tapes in the Watergate scandal.) Abroad he covered numerous wars and revolutions including the Iranian uprising that toppled the Shah. He was nominated six times for a Pulitzer Prize and received numerous awards for his reporting. His books include Greek Fire, A Place for Us, and Eleni, his account of his mother's life and death during the Greek Civil War. Translated into 32 languages, it received the top literary prize in 1984 from the Royal Society of Literature of Great Britain and wide literary acclaim. "A devoted and brilliant achievement," wrote The New York Review of Books, "one of the rare books in which the power of art recreates the full historical truth." In addition to writing books, he has worked in films, serving as co-producer of the film version of Eleni and co-executive producer of The Godfather Part III, which was nominated for an Oscar for best picture in 1994. In recognition for his work he has received five honorary degrees including a doctorate from Boston University, where he delivered the commencement address. He is married to writer Joan Paulson and they have three children: Christos, a screenwriter; Eleni, a novelist, and Marina, a designer.



**STEVEN GALANIS**  
**Co-Founder & CEO, CAMEO**

Steven Galanis is the CEO of Cameo, the world's leading marketplace for personalized video shoutouts. He launched the company in 2017 with co-founders Martin Blencowe & Devon Townsend with the idea that the selfie was the new autograph. To date, the company has sold close to a million Cameos and seen over 35,000 athletes, actors, and influencers join the platform. In 2018, Cameo was named one of the "50 Genius Companies on Earth" by Time Magazine. Steven was named Chicago Inno's 2018 B2C Innovator of the Year and Crain's "40 under 40." He is a LinkedIn alum who previously worked as a trader on the floor of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, and founder of two film investment companies where he produced movies featuring stars such as Bruce Willis and Robert DeNiro. Outside of work he is an avid Chicago sports fan and serves on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity Chicago. Steven is a 2010 graduate of Duke University where he majored in History.



**GEORGIA GIAKOUMIS SPEAR, MD**  
**Chief of Breast Imaging, NorthShore University HealthSystem**  
**Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology, University of Chicago**

Georgia Giakoumis Spear, MD, is Chief of the Department of Breast Imaging at NorthShore University HealthSystem and previously Director of the Clinical Breast MRI Program. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Dr. Spear serves on the Breast Program Leadership Board at NorthShore and is fellowship trained in Breast Imaging. She has a special interest in breast imaging research and participates in multiple studies, serving as principal investigator. Dr. Spear is passionate about women's health and has been influential in creating and passing legislation in the State of Illinois to improve access to breast cancer screening to aid in early detection of breast cancer. She serves as a Radiology Advocacy Leader on the national level. Dr. Spear is a board-certified radiologist, residency and fellowship trained at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where she also served as Chief Resident. She earned her MD from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and was inducted in Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.



**ANGIE KOSTOPOULOS ANDREWS**  
**Composite Technical Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration**

Angie is the Composite Technical Specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration and works with the aviation industry, advising and supporting the certification of aircraft designs and subsequent modifications to small airplanes, rotorcraft and transport aircraft. An active member of the "FAA Strategic Composite plan" supported by the Aviation industry, educational institutions, and other government institutions to develop guidance, training, and standards for composite aircraft installations. Angie also works with the FAA Certification Procedures Branch, and Design Certification Section at FAA headquarters in Washington DC, authoring policy related to engineering certification procedures. In 1996, Angie certified the first composite aircraft designed and manufactured by Cirrus Design Corporation, which was equipped with a full airframe ballistic parachute system that can be deployed during emergency conditions for the survival of the crew and passengers. The design became the first of its kind to be certified by the FAA and remains the only aircraft ballistic parachute used as standard equipment by aviation. Angie, also advised and supported the certification of the first Honda jet. She continues to support subsequent model certifications for Honda and other Jet aviation companies. Prior to joining the FAA Angie worked at The Boeing Company in Seattle Washington as a structural engineer in the 737/757/777 wing group where she assisted in establishing design objectives and requirements, evaluating structural discrepancies on wing parts and issued corrective action where appropriate.



**JOHN KOUDOUNIS**  
**Chief Executive Officer, Calamos Investments**

John Koudounis joined Calamos Investments as Chief Executive Officer in 2016. His principal duties include overseeing the firm's day-to-day operations, fiscal function and overall performance. His responsibilities include managing operations, leading business and corporate development, and directing strategic growth initiatives. Mr. Koudounis has 31 years of financial services experience including executive leadership in the global securities business and a deep background in global capital markets. Most recently, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mizuho Securities USA, Inc. (MSUSA), a subsidiary of Mizuho Financial Group, one of the world's largest full-service financial institutions. Mr. Koudounis is a public speaker and appears frequently on financial news programs including CNN, Fox Business, CNBC, Bloomberg TV and others. He is a member of the Leadership Council at Concordia and the Bretton Woods Committee. He received his B.A. in International Diplomacy, Foreign Affairs and Economics from Brown University.



**DR. MARIA T. LYMBERIS**  
**Clinical and Forensic Psychiatrist / Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Geffen UCLA School of Medicine**

Dr. Maria Lymberis is a Clinical and Forensic Psychiatrist. She is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the Geffen UCLA School of Medicine, Honorary. She is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in both Psychiatry and Child/Adolescent psychiatry. Additionally, she is a graduate psychoanalyst of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Institute, where she taught for over 20 years as a senior faculty. Her practice includes clinical consultations with adults, families couples, children and adolescents. She practices individual psychotherapy as well as integrated psychotherapy with psychopharmacology. Since 1988 she has been active as a forensic psychiatrist and has extensive experience performing medico-legal consultations, evaluations and expert testimony in both civil and criminal cases. For over 25 years, she has been involved in psychiatric peer review including as Chair of the Psychiatry Peer Review Committee of the Cooperative of American Physicians, Mutual Protection Trust, a medical malpractice insurance company, and has extensive experience in medical malpractice evaluations and consultations.



**MIKE MANATOS**  
**President, Manatos & Manatos**

Mike Manatos has successfully achieved results in the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives and the Executive Branch on behalf of his clients for over 30 years. For 85 years and three generations, the Manatos family has been working in or with the US Government working with top U.S. policymakers, both Republicans and Democrats, formulating U.S. policy. Mike serves on the Board of a number of the top national Greek Orthodox and Greek-American organizations including: Executive Board of Trustees, Leadership 100; Executive Board of Directors, National Hellenic Society; Archdiocesan Council, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; Board of Directors, National Hellenic Student Association. Mike was appointed in 2006 by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (the spiritual leader of over 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide) to the position of "Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate," the oldest and highest honor in Christendom, given to a select few around the world. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic. Mr. Manatos graduated from Princeton University in 1990 from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy and International Affairs, with a minor in Hellenic Studies.



**ALEXANDRA MIHALAS, ESQ.**  
**Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Employee Benefits Practice**

Alexandra Mihalas is a partner in Kirkland & Ellis's employee benefits practice. Her practice focuses primarily on transactional ERISA matters for private and public companies, with a particular emphasis on acquisitions and sales by venture capital and other private equity funds, and the ERISA issues that arise in complex bankruptcy restructurings. Alexandra's transactional work has been featured in *The American Lawyer*, *The Daily Deal*, and *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* publications. She is a top-rated attorney noted in *Illinois Super Lawyers* and the *Legal 500*. For many years she has served as the Co-Chair of Kirkland & Ellis's Women's Leadership Initiative planning committee, and in that capacity has served as a mentor to first-year women at Northwestern Law School through WLI's mentorship program. She is also an ongoing mentor to diverse local law students through the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity. Alexandra received her BS in Chemistry from Haverford College and her JD from Harvard Law School.



**DORETTA MISTRAS**  
**Managing Director- Global Investment Banking, Healthcare, Citi**

Doretta Mistras is responsible for the Health Investment Banking Division of Citigroup's coverage of the Healthcare Technology and Outsourcing Practice. Prior to joining Citigroup in 2019, she spent 15 years at Goldman Sachs & Co. in their Healthcare group focused on M&A. While at Goldman Sachs, Mistras advised on over \$200 billion of M&A transactions for Healthcare companies. Mistras earned a dual degree from the University of Pennsylvania, receiving both a B.S. in Economics and a B.A. in Spanish and International Studies. Mistras serves on the Board of the National Hellenic Society and the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation.



**DR. EVANGELOS PAPPAS**  
**Founder & Chief Scientific Officer, RTsafe / Associate Professor of Medical Physics, University of West Attica**

Dr. Evangelos Pappas studied Physics in the University of Athens, Greece (BSc) and Medical Physics and BioMedical Engineering (MSc) at the University of Aberdeen, UK. He got his PhD from University of Athens, Medical School. During his PhD he presented the first alternative 3D polymer gel MRI dosimeter and its introduction in radiotherapy clinical practice. Dr. Pappas served as a clinical radiotherapy medical physicist for more than 12 years. During the last 8 years he is an Associate Professor of Medical Physics at the University of West Attica, Athens, Greece and a Research Associate at University of Texas-MD Anderson, San Antonio. Dr. Pappas has 79 scientific publications and 723 citations. In June 2014 he founded 'RTsafe' ([www.rt-safe.com](http://www.rt-safe.com)), the 1st prize winner at the 2015 MIT enterprise forum Greece Startup Competition. RTsafe has revolutionized Quality Assurance in Radiation Oncology. Has developed, patented, FDA cleared and commercialized the world's first Individualized Care solution in radiation oncology. Its core product, the PseudoPatient(TM), was recently awarded as one of the 100 most technologically significant products globally for the year 2019. Brain tumor patients can have a much safer and efficient radiotherapy treatment as an outcome. Some selected RTsafe customers and end-users include: Philips, Brainlab, UCLA, Thomas Jefferson University, Mayo clinic, University of Texas-MD Anderson, and The Royal Marsden.



**MARIA SPIROPULU, PhD**  
**Shang-Yi Ch'en Professor of Physics, California Institute of Technology**

Maria Spiropulu is the Shang-Yi Ch'en Professor of Physics at Caltech. She is a world-renowned experimental particle physics researcher and a notable mentor of many graduate and undergraduate students. She worked for 10 years at the Tevatron's collider experiments at Fermilab in Chicago and 13 years at the CERN's Large Hadron Collider with leading roles on detector R&D and operations and in the searches for new physics including the discovery of the Higgs boson. She is known for developing the "double blind" data analysis method for the first time in searches for supersymmetry at the Tevatron and inventing the novel "razor" framework for discovery and characterization of new physics. Spiropulu received her PhD from Harvard in 2000 and was an Enrico Fermi Fellow at the University of Chicago until 2003. She moved to CERN in 2004 as a research staff physicist at the Physics Division and was promoted to a senior physicist position at CERN in 2008. She was appointed a Professor of Physics at Caltech in 2009. She is the founder of the Physics of the Universe Summit (POTUS), a meeting held under Chatham House Rules that explores challenges in emerging and cross-cutting areas of science & technology. She is also the founder of the Alliance for Quantum Technologies (AQT), a novel consortium of academic and research institutions, including national laboratories, and industry targeting to accelerate areas in quantum information science and technology through the Intelligent Quantum Networks & Technologies (INQNET) program of work.



**KIKI VALE**  
**Founder, Kefi L!fe / Holistic Health Coach, Writer, Broadcaster**

Kiki Vale is a Greek American retail business woman, holistic health coach, writer, broadcaster & public speaker. As founder of the Kefi L!fe Brand™, Kiki has turned her passion for whole person well-being and the Greek lifestyle into a wellness brand. Kefi L!fe is rooted in the Greek ethos that the relationship between mind, body and soul must be in sync in order to have a life where all is well- Ola Kala! Kiki works to maintain whole person synergy as a wife, mother and professional by practicing the tenets of a Kefi Lifestyle. Kefilife.com will be launching E-commerce and on-line educational programs January 2021.