



## **ALF Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals Awards Scholarships to Local Students**

The Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals, known as CAP, has awarded four, \$1,000 scholarships to local high school graduates who are attending a two-year college or occupational program. CAP is an auxiliary of Assistance League of Flintridge (ALF). Two scholarship candidates and their families attended the September 18, 2019 CAP meeting, during which they were introduced to the organization's membership and the awards were presented.

The scholarship recipients include Clark Magnet High School graduate, Arsen Garabekyan. Arsen is a second year student at Glendale Community College, majoring in sociology. While in high school, Arsen participated in a program called, Jumpstart, which allowed him to be dually enrolled in college courses while still in high school. Arsen joined the Associated Students of GCC and served one semester as the Senator of Public Relations as well as the liaison between the students and the student body. Arsen also worked in the campus Welcome Center as a Student Ambassador. Arsen's career goal is to be a part of the local government in the city of Glendale.

Sophia James graduated from Crescenta Valley High School where she was Vice President of the Academy of Science and Medicine for 4 years. The Academy is an application-based, career pathway program for high-achieving students. Academy students take additional classes such as Biotechnology, Sports Medicine, EKG, etc. Sophia was also the president of the Pre-Med Society and was in the National Honor Society (NHS) for three years; the last year serving as its Vice President. During her senior year, Sophia was elected as the Glendale Unified School District Student Board Trustee, which is awarded to only one student in the entire Glendale Unified School District each year. Sophia volunteered at the Glendale Health Free Clinic and she volunteers at her church each Saturday in the Greek School program. In addition, Sophia has been a coach to an athlete who competed in the Special Olympics. Sophia is currently attending Glendale Community College; she plans to pursue a career as a physician.

Natalie Deravanessian is an alumna of Clark Magnet High School and a student at Glendale Community College. She is currently studying accounting, working towards an Associates Degree in Business Administration and a certificate in accounting. During her two-years at GCC, Natalie has taken part in multiple programs including Jumpstart, Dual Enrollment, Armenian Student Association (ASA), Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society (AGS), Scholars, and Student Outreach Services. She has completed 83.5 units while excelling in the

Scholars program, became the Secretary of ASA, and the Social-Media Coordinator for AGS. Natalie currently serves as the VP of ASA and the fundraising coordinator for AGS.

Talia Beginian graduated from high school in 2018. She attends Glendale Community College and aspires to be a pediatrician. She acted as Student Ambassador at GCC to help prospective students learn more about GCC and make informed decisions about their educational goals. Talia has also volunteered with Rose Bowl Parade float decorating, political campaigns, and Glendale Youth Alliance. Talia strives not only make a difference but to be the difference.

CAP members participate in six philanthropic programs. In addition to the Scholarship Program, CAP administers Cappy Bears, *SPROUTS*, and CAP Care PACs, and work with Assistance League of Flintridge in Operation School Bell and Retired Service Volunteers. CAP philanthropies are supported by sales in the Bargain Box, ALF's thrift shop, where they feature toy sales.

Scholarship applications are now available and may be completed and submitted until May 8, 2020. To learn more about scholarships and Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals, CAP philanthropic programs, social activities and membership, visit [ALFlintridge.org](http://ALFlintridge.org) or call (818) 790-1328.