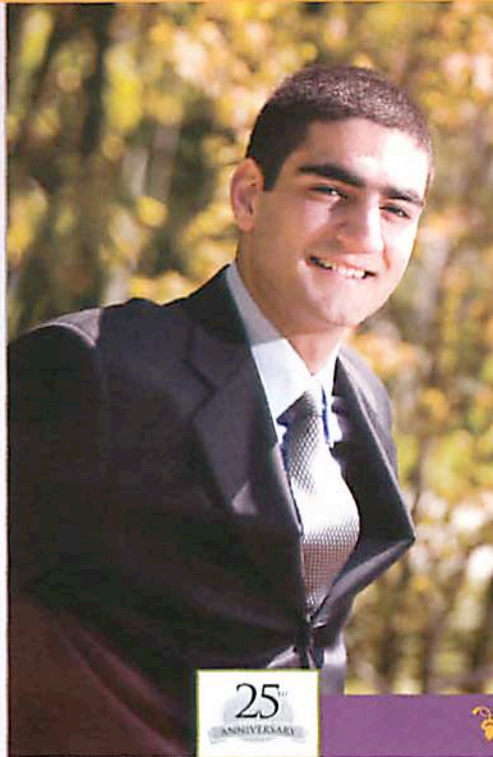


Ara Astourian

HUGH AND JUDY LA BOUNTY PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences

IN JUNE 2009, ARA WILL GRADUATE WITH A BACHELOR'S degree in philosophy and plans to pursue graduate studies in the field with the eventual goal of becoming a "professional philosopher." Since childhood, Ara has been involved with music and plans to remain actively engaged in activities that will allow him to continue his study of music. Most recently, he participated in both the National Ethics Bowl and California Regional Ethics Bowl competitions. Associate professor Michael Cholbi admires Ara's diligence and immense ability to negotiate difficult networks of ideas. "He is the sort of conscientious, high-achieving student that Cal Poly Pomona should point to as one of its signature success stories," he says.



Hugh O. La Bounty joined the faculty of Cal Poly Pomona in 1953 as an instructor in the English department. He served as the university's third president and was responsible for transforming a regional institution into a major comprehensive university. President La Bounty's legacy includes having established the President's Council in 1980 as well as the President's Council Scholars program in 1983. The Hugh and Judy La Bounty scholarship is awarded to students who have distinguished themselves as excellent scholars in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences.



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