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Greek Independence Day Celebration

Greek students attending NPS honored in annual reception

March 25 is celebrated among Greeks as Greek Independence Day. After 400 years of Ottoman oppression, the Greeks declared a War of Independence on this historic day in 1821. Eight years of fighting ensued, until 1829 when Greek independence was recognized and Greeks were permitted to freely attend the Greek Orthodox Church, and teach their children Greek culture, history and language.

This year the Hellenic Cultural Institute of the Central Coast will sponsor a Greek Independence Day reception. The event will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday March 25th at Gilberts on the Wharf, Fisherman's Wharf #1 in Monterey. Among the honored guests expected to attend are those students from Greece who are attending the Naval Postgraduate School along with their families and the Greek Consul General,

The Hellenic Cultural Institute is a nonprofit organization with its objective to explore the principles and ideals of Hellenism, and to promote and preserve Hellenistic culture and heritage. The HCI provides seminars, Greek language courses, and awards academic scholarships each year to students on the California Central Coast.

The Greek Independence Day reception is a time of celebration and community. The public is welcome. Food, wine and musical entertainment will all be provided. A donation of \$10 per adult is requested.

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