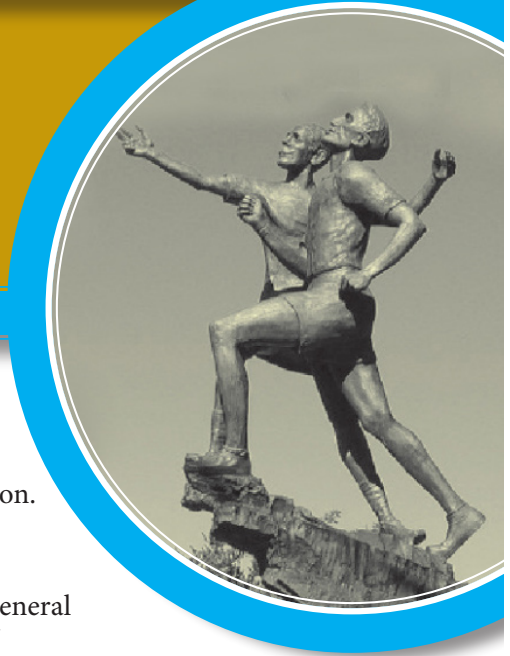


RUN THE 2021 BOSTON MARATHON!

*The Alpha Omega Council
In Collaboration With the 26.2 Foundation
Is Proud to Present an Opportunity to Run in the
2021 Boston Marathon on October 11th, 2021*



Alpha Omega Council is accepting runners who want to participate in the 2021 Boston Marathon. Be part of history running one of the first major marathons post-pandemic. Runners will be part of Team Inspire. Runners must pledge to raise at least \$8500.00. Funds raised will be shared equally between the Alpha Omega Council and the 26.2 Foundation.

The funds will be used to support:

- Alpha Omega Council's annual Boston Marathon Wreath Ceremony where the Consulate General of Greece in Boston presents gold plated olive wreaths from Greece to crown the winners of the Boston Marathon.
- Alpha Omega Council's educational efforts related to the Boston Marathon bringing speakers to schools along the Marathon route to talk about the Battle of Marathon which inspired the road race and served as a critical point in the development of Western civilization. Students are offered an opportunity to participate in an essay contest that addresses the role of citizenship in Ancient Greece compared to today in America.
- The 26.2 Foundation's work in developing an International Marathon Center in Hopkinton that will celebrate the Marathon race and its origins in Ancient Greece as compared to today in America.

This will be the first October Boston Marathon since its beginning in 1897. It is also the 125th running of the Boston Marathon; the 75th Anniversary of the Stylianos Kyriakides Boston Marathon victory when he ran for war-torn Greece and helped establish the tradition of running for a cause (Google him!), and the 200th anniversary of Greek independence, where marathoning and democracy began.

The Alpha Omega Council is a charitable tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code made up of Greek-Americans in the Boston area that patriotically support the United States of America, work to cultivate the ideals of Hellenism; recognize the achievements of individuals and groups who have excelled in their professions or fields of endeavor; help alleviate the wants of the poor and needy; and aid religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational activities.

The 26.2 Foundation is also a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Its mission is to promote and support the sport of marathoning, as well as health, wellness and economic development initiatives through strategic investments in innovative, multi-generational programs on local, regional, national and global levels.



As part of Team Inspire, runners will receive training and fundraising support, access to race weekend festivities, local weekly training runs, race day hosting in Hopkinton and recognition at the Boston Marathon Wreath Ceremony.



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