

## Maria Marinakis



Maria Marinakis is a pre-medical student completing her Bachelor's in Biological Sciences at Hunter College, hoping to apply to medical school in 2026. Her passion for patient care is shaped by personal loss and a deep-rooted love for her Greek culture.

After moving to New York in 2019, she balanced part-time work in a restaurant while pursuing her education and supporting patients during their most vulnerable moments as a proud Mount Sinai CARE volunteer.

Meaningful mentorships and shadowing experiences at the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center in Athens, and with Dr. George Dangas at Mount Sinai's Interventional Cardiac Cath Lab, inspired Maria's enthusiasm for cardiology.

A two-time recipient of the Hellenic Medical Society scholarship and a 2025 AGAPW scholar, Maria is deeply influenced by the triumphs and obstacles that have defined her journey. She aspires to become the type of physician she once needed for the people she loved most by serving her community and honoring those who helped her come so far.