

Nektarios Paisios



Prior to undertaking his Ph.D. in Computer Science at New York University, Nektarios Paisios was driven by his interest and fascination for computer technology and the great impact it can have on many lives. Having experienced first hand the liberating effects of technology offers blind people such as himself, Nektarios soon understood the barriers that computers and the Internet could erase between visually and non-visually

impaired persons by making access to digital information much more equitable.

Nektarios received a Master's degree in Advanced Computing Technologies from the University of Cyprus and a Bachelor's degree in Education and Computer Science as a minor; with the highest GPA for each degree. With his exposure to modern educational practices with his Bachelor's studies, he was further encouraged to explore the great potential for societal progress, while his Master's thesis on compilers gave him the technical background which would serve as the vehicle for implementing future societal change. Nektarios was also selected to carry the 2004 Olympic flame -- an event which deeply engraved in his memory the sense of unity and brotherhood required amongst all peoples. Having studied English since his high school studies at the Falcon private school in Cyprus, Nektarios saw an opportunity to study in the United States as a challenge for personal improvement, a challenge which provided an array of fresh opportunities; in particular, opportunities to live independently in a country that would provide all facilities for blind people to become and, above all, stay independent.