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FIRST LADY OF POLAND ANNA KOMOROWSKA VISITS THE KF

On September 23rd, 2014, Anna Komorowska, First Lady of Poland, visited the Kosciuszko Foundation. Dr. John Micgiel, President and Executive Director warmly welcomed the First Lady, accompanied by the Consul General of Poland, Ewa Junczyk-Ziomecka, and members of the office of the President of Poland. Among the guests were KF Trustees, former President and Executive Director, Alex Storozyński, and staff. The First Lady toured the KF gallery and expressed great enthusiasm when listening to the history and accomplishments of the KF. A small reception followed during which the First Lady signed the KF guestbook. 🇵🇱





MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DR. JOHN S. MICGIEL

SCHOLARSHIPS: SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR

As I reflect on the progress that the Kosciuszko Foundation has experienced over the last several decades, I cannot but express my appreciation and thanks. My appreciation goes to the many members who have supported the Foundation in good times and bad, and the staff members, Trustees, and volunteers who helped run and manage the Foundation's various programs over the years.

Mark Twain famously wrote that "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics." Yet, as we say today, "Money talks," and it seems entirely appropriate to look back at the last 90 years of the Foundation's activities in the area of scholarships. Like most young enterprises, the Kosciuszko Foundation arose from humble beginnings. Dr. Steven P. Mizwa wrote in *The Kosciuszko Foundation Reports, 1948-1952, A Review of the First Quarter Century*,

In the beginning, in 1925—there was nothing, no building, not even a typewriter or desk space, and no funds. There was only an idea and a few people who believed in it. At the end of the first quarter century (sic), in 1950, the Foundation was located in a magnificent little building of its own in midtown New York; had in its endowment fund, plant and equipment over quarter of a million dollars; had provided nearly half a million dollars' worth in scholarships and other services within the scope of its activities, and is generally held in high esteem in educational circles and among its sister organizations of similar purposes.

By 1970, the Foundation had raised \$1 million in endowment funds. Then-KF President Dr. Eugene Kusielewicz reported in the 1977 *Kosciuszko Foundation Newsletter* (No.309) that the Foundation had granted some \$277,000 in scholarships and aid during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, and secured an additional \$85,000 in the form of tuition waivers, transportation grants, housing, and so on. And the endowments kept growing.

KF President Dr. Albert Juszczak reported in January 1985 that the endowment had grown to \$4 million, and that for 1983-84, \$335,485 in grants and scholarships had been awarded. His successor Joseph E. Gore, Esq., led the Foundation from 1987 to 2008, and faced, as his predecessors had, economic ups and downs. In 2008, the Foundation awarded \$1,001,820 in scholarships and grants, and the Foundation's investments rose to over \$25 million. With the onset of the financial crisis of 2007-08, he and his successor President Mr. Alex Storozynski

had to deal with a much smaller income and the amount that could be devoted to scholarships and grants plummeted.

With a good deal of hard work, a positive change in the financial markets, and with the good advice of the KF Finance Committee, in 2013-2014, the Kosciuszko Foundation was able to provide scholarships and grants of \$946,181. According to the Annual Financial Report (available online), the endowment funds amounted to just over \$29 million.

That sounds like a lot of money, but the needs are just as great, perhaps greater, than they were in the past. More scholarship applications, a broader array of cultural events that are taking place throughout the United States thanks to our eight Chapters and a Center in Washington, D.C., a Warsaw office that handles Foundation affairs in Poland, all these evidence the need for more support, and more effort.

We cannot do it without you. The Foundation relies on its members to participate in our activities when and wherever possible. Case in point: the enormously successful campaign to stop the erroneous use by the press of the term "Polish concentration camps" when referring to Nazi German concentration camps in occupied Poland led to a change in the style books of major media outlets and the subsequent massive decrease in abusive terminology, all thanks to the leadership of Alex Storozynski, who was also responsible for merging the National Polish Center in Washington, D.C. with the Kosciuszko Foundation, and making it possible for Poles in Poland to support us through our Office in Warsaw. On November 2, 2014, we will honor Dr. Julian Kulski of Washington D.C. for his achievements and his leadership at a Gala in the Cosmos Club. If you know Dr. Kulski and would like to participate, please contact the Washington Center or our headquarters in New York.

The Foundation is in the process of renovating both its landmark building, and its Gallery of Masters. Some before and after photos are included here to show at least part of the ongoing work that is taking place outside and inside the building. Please support this effort by donating to our Capital Campaign.

Finally, we hope to be able to increase our scholarship and grants program by approximately ten percent this year, with your help. In this newsletter, we publish the results of some of our efforts during 2013-2014. We do have a lot to be thankful for, and I trust you will find the Foundation worthy of your continued interest and financial support. ☺

RESTORATION



First Lady of Poland Anna Komorowska and KF President John Micgiel observing art conservator Ivan Mitsyk restoring Wojciech Kossak's 1930 painting The Knight and the Maid

Gift of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Cetner in memory of Edward & Jeanette Witkowski



KF BUILDING AND ART RESTORATION FUND

We are now in the process of extensive renovations to the KF House in New York, as well as a general art restoration program.

Many of you are well aware of the Van Alen Mansion, the "KF House," home to Polonia over many generations. The building and street front are undergoing extensive renovation, and the KF is raising funds to help cover expenses.

The artwork of the Foundation includes the Gallery of Polish Masters, an awe-inspiring collection of premier significance – including pieces by Matejko, the Kossak family, the Styka family, and Malczewski. The pieces need to be maintained and restored, and it is high time to do so.

We are reaching out to all of our supporters: help to preserve the beauty of Polish-American culture.

The Kosciuszko Foundation depends upon public donations to continue its work. You can help!

To donate, visit www.thekf.org/support/building_and_art_funds or call the Development Office at 212-734-2130.



Restoration of the KF House



THE
2014

KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION
IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Gala

A HISTORY MAKER
OF POLAND

A TRIBUTE TO

DR. JULIAN KULSKI

The Kosciuszko Foundation in Washington D.C. will hold its annual Fundraising Reception on Sunday, November 2nd at 4:30 pm. The event will be held in the handsome and historic Cosmos Club located at 2121 Massachusetts Avenue on Embassy Row in the nation's capital. The Club was founded in 1878 and is one of the most prestigious private social clubs in the United States. Members have included three U.S. Presidents, two Vice-Presidents, a dozen Supreme Court Justices, 32 Nobel Prize winners, 56 Pulitzer Prize winners, and 45 recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

This year's reception honors the acclaimed writer and architect Julian Kulski, recipient of the 2014 Kosciuszko Foundation Pioneer Award and a trustee of The Kosciuszko Foundation.

Julian Kulski, whose father was mayor of Warsaw, was 10 years old when the Germans invaded Poland in 1939. He joined the Polish Underground Army when he was 12, where he learned military tactics and became a fighter for Poland's freedom. Though jailed twice by the Gestapo, he fought with the Polish Home Army during the Warsaw Uprising and escaped from a POW camp in Germany to freedom in England. After the war, military doctors worried about young Julian's mental

state "prescribed" that he write out his experiences in the form of a memoir. The newly edited and expanded version of this memoir, titled *The Color of*



Courage: A Boy at War will be released this October and will be available at our reception. Former Polish president and Nobel Prize laureate Lech

Walesa wrote this in the foreword: "This account, written from the heart and by the hand of an adolescent, gives us unique and moving insights into World War II."

After the war, Dr. Kulski studied architecture at Yale University and led architectural planning programs at Notre Dame, George Washington, and Howard Universities. He later worked for the World Bank, designing buildings for them worldwide. Dr. Kulski has received many notable awards from the Polish government for his service during World War II.

We hope that our Polish and American friends will join us on November 2nd for an afternoon honoring Dr. Kulski's achievements, which will also go toward supporting the activities of the Kosciuszko Foundation in Washington, D.C.

We will gather at 4.30 p.m. in the elegant Grand Ballroom of the Cosmos Club, where delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served throughout the evening. Entertainment will include a special performance by two Polish musicians, who perform under the name "Duo Klavitarre." Pianist Jolanta Ziemska and her husband, guitarist Maciej Ziemski, have been performing together for twelve years. Both artists



graduated with awards from the Music Academy in Łódź, where they found romance and discovered their love of playing music together.

They are active on the international music scene and currently reside in Germany.

And in fulfillment of the tradition of the Kosciuszko Foundation galas, we will, of course, lead you in a Polonaise.

Please come and upport us through your participation in this wonderful evening! I look forward to seeing many of you there! ♡

Barbara Bernhardt
Director, The Kosciuszko
Foundation in Washington D.C.

IN MEMORIAM

JACK RADGOWSKI

September 25th, 1930 - August 22nd, 2014



We are saddened to share the news that Honorary Trustee, recipient of The Kosciuszko Foundation's Medal of Recognition, and longtime supporter, Jack Radgowski, of Long Island, NY, has recently passed away.

Mr. Radgowski, a native of the New York metropolitan area, was husband to late wife Dorothy, who passed away in 1996. Mr. and Mrs. Radgowski were parents of three children, Steve (Lisa), Tom (Melissa), and Susan (Neal); and grandparents of five, Justin, Dietrich, Alison, Daniel, and Violet.

A U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, Mr. Radgowski was a graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. After several engineering management positions at various semiconductor companies including Litton Industries, Bendix Semiconductor, and General Instrument, he, together with his late wife, founded Central Semiconductor Corp. in 1974, where he served as CEO until his passing. For the majority of his professional life, Mr. Radgowski was driven to grow Central Semiconductor into a global brand with an outstanding reputation. Over the years under his leadership, Central grew from a three person start up forty years ago, to a company recognized around the world, not just for its innovative products, but also for its record on-time delivery and exemplary customer service. The entire Radgowski family has been active in the

business at one time or another, where Mr. Radgowski's daughter, Susan Ryan, and son, Tom Radgowski, currently serve as President and Executive Vice President, respectively.

In addition to being a successful entrepreneur, Mr. Radgowski was first and foremost a man of integrity. He was also an incredibly generous philanthropic leader who was a strong supporter of The Kosciuszko Foundation and several other Polish-American cultural organizations including The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences, The Polish Gift of Life, and AMPOLA. He was a major supporter of countless other non-profit organizations that serve the homeless, the impoverished, and otherwise disadvantaged in the world, including Anbu illam, an orphanage and school in southern India; The Little Sisters of the Poor; The Madagascar Ankizy Fund; Americares; Make-A-Wish Foundation; Food for the Poor; and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, to name just a few. For many years, Mr. Radgowski served as a lector in his parish church where he attended mass daily, and for almost nine years, he sponsored annual pilgrimages to Medjugorje, hoping to inspire priests and other young men and women contemplating a vocation to religious life.

Mr. Radgowski was a true gentleman, as well as a mentor and an inspiration to many. He certainly was one of the greats and he will be deeply missed.



TEIP Staff and students at Pińczów Camp

THE TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND PROGRAM UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

by Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D

Making connections between the United States and Poland and fostering mutual understanding and appreciation is at the heart of the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission. The Teaching English in Poland (TEIP) program effectively fosters these types of meaningful ties through its educational and cultural camps. For twenty-four years, the TEIP program has brought together American volunteers and Polish young people for a truly unique intercultural experience. This year, 64 American teachers and teaching assistants from 25 states volunteered for the program, which served over 300 students from throughout Poland. The Teaching English in Poland program was supported by the NIDA Foundation (*Nidzicka Fundacja Rozwoju*) with the honorary patronage of UNESCO and the financial assistance of local governments in Poland. For example, the camp at Nadwarciański Gród in Załęcze Wielkie received direct support from the marshal of Łódź.

From its inception, the Teaching English in Poland program has been conceptualized as a mutually educative experience for participants from both the United States and Poland. The Polish students benefit greatly from the instruction in conversational English and interaction with American culture provided by their American teachers and assistants. Similarly, the American volunteers learn a great deal about Poland from the students at their camps and from field trips and tours while in Poland. New this year, the American volunteers visited the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw and received educational materials from the Jan Karski Educational Foundation, which donated several copies of Karski's memoir, *Story of a Secret State*, to each camp. Both American and Polish participants learned about the history and work of the Kosciuszko Foundation through the traveling KF exhibit which was on display at the TEIP camps in Załęcze and Mińsk Mazowiecki.

Spreading the word about the Teaching English in Poland program is a key objective as the program prepares to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2015. Program Director Mary Kay Pieski, Ph.D., and Assistant Director, Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D. presented a history and overview of the TEIP program at the World Congress of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America (PIASA) conference which took place in Warsaw on June 20-23, 2014. Ms. Antonina Geras, a former student participant at one of the TEIP camps, served as a guest speaker during the presentation. She shared how her interactions at the camp had strengthened her confidence in using the English language. Ms. Geras is currently a doctoral student in engineering in Warsaw.

This summer's program prospered with the assistance of numerous individuals who volunteered their time and talent. Five individuals with broad leadership experience and expertise in the field of education and teacher preparation led the camps as American Staff leaders:

- Dr. Anita Levine, Assistant Professor of Education at SUNY Oneonta (Otwock camp)
- Dr. Joseph Polizzi, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Education Department at Marywood University (Mińsk Mazowiecki camp)
- Thomas Rusnak, retired drama teacher from Chicago, Illinois (Załęcze- Nadwarciański Gród)
- Dawn Woyak, veteran teacher in Albuquerque, New Mexico (Załęcze- Nadwarciański Gród)
- Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education at Villanova University (Pińczów camp)

This year, Marywood University provided extensive support for the Teaching English in Poland program through the efforts of Dr. Joe Polizzi, who recruited ten students to serve as teachers and teaching assistants. Dr. Polizzi's ten-year-old daughter, Lily, accompanied him to Poland and served as a peer tutor at the camp in Minsk Mazowiecki. Dr. Mary Kay Pieski, TEIP Program Director, traveled to each of the camps as a representative of the Kosciuszko Foundation to oversee implementation and support new participants. Mrs. Bonnie Snively of Homeworth, Ohio, and Mr. Kacper Madej of Warsaw, Poland accompanied Dr. Pieski, assisting her with administrative duties and camp photography as volunteers. Mr. Madej produced an informative and engaging 12-minute video on the 2014 TEIP program which will be available on the Kosciuszko Foundation website. During the staff recruitment and selection process, Amy Lennon, Betsy Pratt, and Monica Sincel from Ohio provided invaluable help with organizational tasks and paperwork. In Poland, Kosciuszko Foundation President Professor John Micgiel and Warsaw representative Dr. Piotr Wilczek extended warm Polish hospitality as they greeted the American volunteers at the airport and met with them in Otwock and Warsaw, respectively.

As planning begins for next year's program, its directors draw inspiration from the positive feedback shared by participants. One of the Polish student participants in the camp in Pińczów shared: "This camp is simply the best holiday activity ever. All the activities and classes were unforgettable. I will remember the whole camp for years." Mr. Tom Rusnak, who served as the American staff leader of the Arts Enriched English Language Camp in Załęcze Wielkie, shared the following reflection:

"The camp exceeded all expectations. We brought an American staff of 22 to a camp of almost 120 students for a three week foray into the use of the English language to describe and analyze work they produced artistically. The language was as much a tool as the pencil, musical instrument or paint brush. Students used both language and artistic skill in an enthusiastic and productive manner. We had a 20% increase in enrollment from 2013. In fact, there was a waiting list. We're doing something right. We had some very skilled teachers and motivated teaching assistants at the camp. Our staff included working professional musicians and Thespians who brought their life experience and training to the program. All were happy to share their talents to a group of students eager to learn new things. No success can be claimed without the inclusion of our devoted Polish host, Pani Krystyna Mikita and her dedicated Polish staff."



Having fun cooking with Mrs. Melissa Harris Blaine in Zalecze.

The Teaching English in Poland program is planning a celebration at the Kosciuszko Foundation headquarters in June to commemorate its quarter century of educational and cultural exchange and to honor Mrs. Christine Kuskowski, who passionately built and sustained the program for over a decade. Please contact Dr. Mary Kay Pieski if you would like to be a part of the celebration: marykay@thekf.org. If interested in participating in the TEIP program as a teacher or teaching assistant next summer, please visit the program's website for information: www.thekf.org/programs/teaching_english_in_poland/. 🍷

SPECIAL MISSION: PIŃCZÓW CAMP

by Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D



Closing Ceremony. (l-r) Sergeant Matthew Connelly, Ania Golik, Tomasz Dziurmak, and Teresa G. Wojcik



Sergeant Connelly running with the campers

From July 7 through the 18th, ten American volunteers served as teachers and teaching assistants for the Teaching English in Poland English Language and American Culture camp in Pińczów, Poland. For the first time in the history of the TEIP program, a current member of the United States Armed Forces participated in the program - Staff Sergeant Matthew Connelly of the United States Air Force. Born in Camden, New Jersey and currently stationed in Germany, Sergeant Connelly contributed in unique ways to our camp. During afternoon sports activities, he led "PT" (physical training) with the students, guiding them in running laps around the field. In addition to bringing his good humor and American flags for all of the campers, Sergeant Connelly also brought with him his professional DJ equipment. He provided hours of enjoyment for the children as the DJ for several fun "discos" in the school gym. Campers danced to all their favorite American and Polish tunes. As part of the camp's celebration of American

Independence Day, Sergeant Connelly gave a presentation on American patriotic symbols and discussed daily life in the U.S. military. He also sponsored the tremendous display of fireworks one evening after students enjoyed S'mores at a campfire. Sergeant Connelly shared that his greatest joy at the camp was teaching three small children who formed their own class. Since he speaks Polish, Sergeant Connelly was able to provide bilingual instruction to the students, who also had lessons with another teaching assistant, Ms. Laura Mateusiak.

Support for the Kosciuszko Foundation is a tradition in Sergeant Connelly's family. His parents, Dr. Malgorzata Piszcz-Connelly and Mr. Daniel Connelly, are members and faithful supporters of

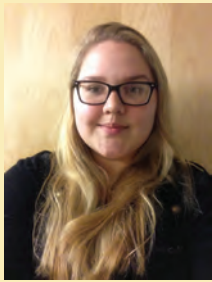
the Philadelphia Chapter. His brother, Ken, joined him as a teaching assistant at the Pińczów camp this past summer. In 2003, his sister, Elizabeth, was a debutante at the Kosciuszko Foundation Ball in New York City. Proud to be an American stationed abroad, Sergeant Connelly is likewise extremely proud of his Polish roots. The Teaching English in Poland program is pleased that he chose to spend two weeks of his summer enriching the camp experience for us all. 🇺🇸



Matthew with Class in front of I Liceum Ogólnokształcące in Pińczów

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUMMER 2014 INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS

MAGGIE GORECZNY



Maggie Goreczny is currently an undergraduate student at Bryant University. She is double majoring in Accounting and Spanish and is an active member in the Bryant University community. She is a chairperson on the Student Programming Board, the treasurer of the Bryant University Spanish

Cultural Organization, a DJ at the WJMF Radio Station, and a member of the Student Alumni Association and Accounting Society. This summer, she interned at the Kosciuszko Foundation and studied Polish at Jagiellonian University. In the future, she hopes to become a CPA.

GABRIELA KULPA



Gabriela Kulpa is in her junior year at Hunter College. She is pursuing a B.S. in Accounting. She said that interning at the Kosciuszko

Foundation helped broaden her perspective on the importance of financial stability. She believes that, thanks to the work put into the Kosciuszko Foundation's Scholarship Program, students are greatly assisted in pursuing their higher education. This is one of many ways she sees herself helping others through the KF, a cause which she is passionate about. Her future goal is to provide financial assistance to others as a CPA. Gabriela has been hired by the KF as a receptionist for the NY office.

MARIKA A. SOLTYS



Marika Soltys is a recent graduate of Wesleyan University. She finished with a double major in Behavioral Neuroscience and East

European Studies. While in college, she was captain of the competitive Wesleyan Ski Team and a member of *Slavei*, the campus Georgian and Balkan singing group. She was awarded honors for her thesis "Dehumanization and Re-Humanization in Gustav Herling's *A World Apart*." In the future, she hopes to further her education in International Relations.

KASIA WROBEL



Kasia Wrobel obtaining a BA in International Studies at the City College of New York. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree at the New School for Public Engagement's Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy. Her interests include

education policy and the role it plays in economic development. Kasia has been hired by the KF as a receptionist for the NY office.

GABRIELA PROROK



Gabriela Prorok is 17 years old. She attends Bard High School Early College Queens and is in her senior year. In addition to her regular schooling, she has attended Polish school every Saturday since kindergarten. She loves to play sports – she has been on St. Sebastian's Swim Team for 7 years and is currently the team captain of her school's varsity volleyball team. She is also interested in science,

specifically biology and psychology. In college, she plans to major in biology and potentially minor in psychology.

JULIA PROROK



Julia Prorok is 15 years old. She is currently in her sophomore year of high school at Bard High School Early College Queens. For the past 8 years, she has been on the St. Sebastian's swim team. She is also starting her second year on her school's volleyball team. Throughout her life, she has done cheerleading, acrobatics, ballroom dancing and contortion. She enjoys photography

and hair styling. She considers her volunteerism at the Kosciuszko Foundation as a great experience.

VICKY LIN



Vicky Lin is 15 years old and is currently in her sophomore year of high school at Bard High School Early College Queens. She enjoys the piano and has been playing for almost 8 years. She has also done ballet for about 5 years. Additionally, she enjoys playing volleyball and is on the school team. In her free time, she likes to bike and take pictures. She said that volunteering at the Kosciuszko

Foundation gave her the opportunity to learn more about Polish culture and history.

ALL ABOUT THE CULTURE

A large part of the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission involves the active promotion of Polish culture in the United States. In line with these goals, the KF often hosts artists, scholars, and trailblazers in different fields with one goal in mind: sharing Polish cultural heritage.

The 2013-14 cultural calendar saw some exciting events at the KF! Here are just a few highlights:



🔴 The kids were excited to meet Mikolaj/Santa Claus in December! A big thank you to the Polish American Teachers Association for annually leading the charge in organizing a wonderful get-together for the whole family.



🔴 On Columbus Day 2013, Manuel Rosa presented his theory on Christopher Columbus' potential Polish/Lithuanian origins.



🔴 Later, in December, the KF honored two Polish masters: Maestro Krzysztof Penderecki, and artist Rafal Olbinski.



🔴 In November 2013, past KF grantee Bozena Garus Hockuba presented her documentary on famed Polish orchestra conductor Artur Rodzinski, aptly titled *Maestro Rodzinski*.



🔴 In March, the KF featured both the Slavic Arts Ensemble and Magdalena Baczewska in a two-day celebration titled *Chopin Birthday Bash*.



✶ The 2014 Marcela Sembrich Voice Competition was won by Polish baritone Szymon Komasa and featured special Metropolitan Opera guests Edyta Kulczak and Mariusz Kwiecien. (Pictured l. to r. third prize winner Tatiana Poletskaya, second prize winner Julia Lima, Met Opera baritone Mariusz Kwiecien, first prize winner Szymon Komasa, and Met Opera mezzo-soprano Edyta Kulczak).



✶ In July, the KF, together with Polish Filmmakers NYC, presented a special screening of Polish spy thriller *Jack Strong* at Tribeca Film Center. Pictured are special guests Patrick Wilson and Dagmara Dominczyk with an attendee. Photo credit: Kamila Slawinska



✶ The 1st of August, 2014. The KF and the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in NYC co-presented an exhibit featuring the film short *City of Ruins* and an English language exhibition prepared by the Warsaw Uprising Museum – both in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.



✶ August 2014 also saw a KF and Polish Filmmakers NYC screening of Andrzej Wajda's *Kanal* at Tribeca Film Center, in honor of the Warsaw Uprising. Professor Don Fredericksen, a Polish film scholar from Cornell University, and Sheila Skaff of Columbia University were present for a post-screening Q&A.

THE 2014/15 SEASON

Those are just a few highlights of the 2013/14 cultural season at the KF. There were many more events that were just as deserving of mention, which simply highlights the richness of the Polish culture.

2014/15 looks just as promising. Those of Polish origin understand the importance and gifts of Polish culture. The KF also strives to provide a forum for others to learn about Polish culture.

We encourage you to attend as many events as possible:

The KF will be presenting Day 1 (10/10/14) and Day 4 (10/14/14) of the screenings. Days 2 and 3 will be held at Videology (308 Bedford Ave #1, New York, NY 11211).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014 - 7:00 PM

The Polish School of Animation at the KF, Day 1

Day 1 features Polish animation from 1958 to 1981

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014 - 7:00 PM

The Polish School of Animation at the KF, Day 4

Day 4 features Polish animation from 2008 to 2013

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014 - 12:00 PM

Pro Arte League Annual Fundraising Luncheon

Annual Fundraiser Luncheon at the Liberty House

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014 - 10:00 AM

Chopin Piano Competition 2014

The 65th Annual Chopin Piano Competition

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014 - 4:30 PM (see page 4 for details)

KF Washington D.C. 2014 Annual Fundraising Reception

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014 - 7:00 AM

NYC Marathon Fluid Station. The KF is recruiting volunteers for a Polish-American fluid station at the 2014 NYC Marathon!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014 - 7:00 PM

Pianist Carolyn Enger. Piano pieces ranging from Karol Szymanowski to contemporary American composer Ned Rorem performed by New York Times acclaimed pianist Carolyn Enger

For more event information, check our website www.thekf.org, email info@thekf.org or call (212) 734-2130.

2014/15 EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS: POLISH CITIZENS CONDUCTING ADVANCED STUDY, RESEARCH, AND/OR TEACHING IN THE U.S.

During its Semi-Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Kosciuszko Foundation approves funding for the Foundation's Exchange Program to the U.S. In April 2014, the Board allocated \$605,602 to 49 talented individuals from Poland as recipients of the Foundation's Fellowships and Grants for the 2014/15 academic year. The decision of the Board was based on the results of a thorough selection process that included personal interviews presided over by members of the Foundation's U.S. Academic Advisory Committee and a Polish Academic Commission in March 2014 at the University of Warsaw's Kollegium Artes Liberales in Warsaw, Poland.

The 2014 U.S. Academic Advisory Committee consisted of the following members:

1. Prof. M.B. Biskupski, Ph.D., Department of History, Central Connecticut University, New Britain, CT.
2. Ronald J. Hagadus, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, New York Medical College; Honorary Senior Attending Surgeon, New York Eye & Ear Infirmary, Glaucoma Service, New York, NY.
3. Marian A. Kornilowicz, Esq., Partner at Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, P.C. – Philadelphia, PA.
4. Prof. John S. Micgiel, Ph.D., Department of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University – New York, NY.
5. Ewa Radwanska, M.D. Ph.D., Professor, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL.

The members of the 2014 Polish Academic Commission (including a number of past Kosciuszko Foundation Fellows):

1. Robert Cieřła, Ph.D., Professor of Musical Art, Chopin University of Music, Warsaw.
2. Bořena Garus-Hockuba, Polish film director, London. Past Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

3. Ellina Lunarska, Professor, Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences. Past Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

4. Elřbieta Mikos-Skuza, Ph.D., Professor of International Law, Former Vice-Dean of Law at the University of Warsaw, Past Vice-President of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Mission.

5. Bogna Patelska-Wytryk, MD, Ph.D., Ophthalmologist – Poznań Medical University. Past Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

6. Izabela Wagner, Professor of Sociology, University of Warsaw. Past Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

7. Piotr Wilczek, Ph.D., Professor of the History of Literature and Culture, Head, Kollegium Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw. Past Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Dr. Ronald Hagadus, this year's Committee Chair and Mr. Krzysztof Haranczyk, Program Officer, Exchange Program to the U.S., supervised the personal interviews, which were conducted in the English language in order to evaluate the English proficiency of the candidates. Careful consideration was also given to the candidates' choice of U.S. educational institution for conducting their research projects. The Committee had an opportunity to review the files of all candidates beforehand in order to evaluate the merit of the candidates' research proposals, their clarity and seriousness of purpose, and the persuasiveness of their arguments for conducting research in the United States. Out of 61 applicants interviewed, 49 were matched with funds and recommended for consideration.

Krzysztof Haranczyk
Program Officer
Exchange Program to the U.S.

HUMANITIES



**ANDRZEJEWSKI,
LUKASZ TOMASZ**

Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty
of Social Sciences,
University of Wrocław:

Five month grant to research the social
context of medicine's discontents
commenced in initial book: "Polityka
Nowotworowa" (The Politics of Cancer)
and an investigation of Polish psychiatric
discourse informed by theoretical concepts
of narrative medicine and clinical
pragmatism at the New School for Social
Research with Professor Elzbieta Matynia.



**BIERSKA (KUTA),
BARBARA**

Director,
The State Archive in
Kraków: One month grant
to conduct research in

connection with the 100th anniversary of
the outbreak of the First World War; a
study on the contribution of Polish émigrés
in America to the process of Poland's
regaining its independence in 1918 at
The Polish Museum in Chicago and the
Pilsudski Institute in New York.



BIERNAT, AGATA

Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty
of Political Science and
International Affairs,
Nicolaus Copernicus

University: Three month grant to conduct
research examining Albanian political
activities in the Balkans at the turn of 20th
and 21st centuries and the influences on
their method of political participation at
the University of Pittsburgh with Professor
Robert M. Hayden.



**BOGDANOWSKA-
JAKUBOWSKA, EWA**

Assistant Professor,
University of Silesia:
Three month fellowship

to conduct research on a cross-cultural
analysis of linguistic rituals of ratification
(a type of interaction ritual) in Polish and
American cultures at the Department of
Educational Theory and Practice at the
School of Education, University at Albany,

State University of New York with Prof.
Istvan Kecskes.



BOGDANSKA, OLGA

Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty
of History and Philosophy,
University of Łódź: Five
month grant to conduct

research on literary reportage in the 21st
century through an investigation of how
war is portrayed in the hybrid genre
situated between journalism and literature
at the University of South Carolina with
Professor Carol J. Pardun.



DRAG, PIOTR

Assistant
Professor of History,
Jagiellonian University:
Three month fellowship
to conduct research on

the issue of the migration of Polish
intellectuals, especially sociologists and
cultural anthropologists, to universities in
the United States at Columbia University
with Professor Alan H. Timberlake.



FIJALKOWSKA, ALICJA

Assistant Professor, Faculty
of Social Sciences, Institute
of Philosophy, Sociology
and Journalism, University

of Gdańsk: Three month fellowship to
conduct research on "The Social Media Are
American. Social networks in American
political communication - a lesson for
Poland and Latin America" at the
University of California, Los Angeles with
Professor Tim Groeling.



GADOWSKI, ROBERT

Ph.D. Candidate,
Philological School of
Higher Education,
Wrocław: Three month

grant to conduct research on cultural
cogency of the freedom meme prevalent
in the selected dystopian novels at the
University of Florida with Professor
Kenneth B. Kidd.



HALAMBIEC, KAMIL

Ph.D. Candidate in
Theology, Cardinal Stefan
Wyszynski University,
Warsaw: Five month grant

to conduct research on a body of literature
toward answering a research question
regarding Jonathan Edwards' writing
on Religious experience and the
Fundamentalist-Modernist controversy in
the USA at Yale Divinity School with
Kenneth P. Minkema.



KALAN, DARIUSZ

Specialist-Analyst, Polish
Institute of International
Affairs: Three month grant
to conduct research on the

problem of the decreasing role of Central
Europe in U.S. foreign policy under Barack
Obama at Georgetown University with
Benjamin H. Loring.



**KAROLEWSKI,
IRENEUSZ**

Associate
Professor, Department of
German and European
Studies, University of

Wrocław: Three month fellowship to
conduct research on the contrast of the
politics of nationalism in the EU and in
the U.S. Against the backdrop of the
economic crisis, the project will explore
nationalist reactions in the EU and in the
U.S. at Harvard University with Professor
Grzegorz Ekiert.



KASIA, KATARZYNA

Adjunct Professor, Academy
of Fine Arts in Warsaw:
Five month fellowship to
conduct research on the

connection between the development of
new media and the boredom phenomenon
at Princeton University with Professor Jeff
Dolven.



**KUBICA-HELLER,
GRAZYNA**

Adjunct
Professor, Jagiellonian
University: Three month
fellowship to conduct

research on the literary works of
anthropologists (travel books, novels,
memoirs, autobiographies, diaries and
letters) with a special focus on Polish
authors (Bronisław Malinowski, Maria
Czaplicka, Alicja Iwanska, Feliks Gross, Jan
Czekanowski) at Columbia University with
Professor Alan H. Timberlake.



KULSKA, JOANNA
Adjunct Professor,
University of Opole:
Three month fellowship

to conduct research on the phenomenon of faith-based diplomacy in the wider context of the role of religion in international peacemaking and conflict resolution at the University of Chicago with Professor William Schweiker.



LAPINSKI, KRZYSZTOF Adjunct Professor, University of Warsaw: Five month fellowship to conduct

research on the development of Ancient Greek philosophy in relation to Greek rational medicine at Creighton University with Professor William O. Stephens.



MATLOKA, MAGDALENA
Ph.D. Candidate,
Institute of American
Studies and Polish

Diaspora, University of Warsaw: Five month grant to conduct research on the microhistorical perspective research on landsmanshaftn of Jews from Polish lands in New York between the 1880s and 1939 at New York University with Professor Hasia R. Diner.



MROZ, TOMASZ
Adjunct Professor,
University of Zielona
Gora: Five month fellowship to conduct

research on reconstructing the first Polish-American direct philosophical polemic (between Paul Shorey and Wincenty Lutoslawski), and to examine its background and the reasons for the rejection of both scholars by German academics at the University of Iowa with Professor John Finamore.



NAPIERALA, PAULINA Assistant in the Faculty of Sociology and Ethnic Relations, Jagiellonian University: Five month fellowship to conduct

research on the topic of the relationship between religion and politics in the US and in Poland, and to publish a book which would include such a comparative perspective at Boston College with Professor Alan Wolfe.



PRZEGALINSKA-SKIERKOWSKA, ALEKSANDRA
Assistant Teacher,
Kozminski University,

Warsaw: Four month fellowship to conduct research on the question of whether the delegation of various social functions leads to enhancement or loss in terms of people's skills and abilities that contribute to building work environment at Brown University with Professor Elzbieta Matynia.



RUDA, MARTA
Ph.D. Candidate in
Linguistics, Jagiellonian
University: Five month grant to conduct research

on developing the understanding of the implications of current investigations of the syntax of missing/null objects of transitive verbs for the theory of the natural language and the human cognitive capacities at the University of Maryland with Professor Howard Lasnik.



SIEKIERSKI, KONRAD
Ph.D. Candidate in
International Relations,
Adam Mickiewicz

University, Poznan: Three month grant to conduct research on the transmission of cultural memory and the processes of identity construction and negotiation among Armenia Catholics living in post-Soviet Armenia and Georgia at the University of Texas with Professor Mary Neuberger.



STEŁOWSKA, DIANA
Ph. D. Candidate in
Journalism and Political
Science, University of
Warsaw: Five month

grant to conduct research on "American cultural soft power efficiency in the

world and in Poland; Does it still have impact on America's image worldwide?" at the University of Southern California with Professor Nicholas J. Cull.



SZAROTA, MAGDALENA
Ph.D. Candidate in the
Graduate School for
Social Research, at the
Institute of Philosophy and Sociology,
Polish Academy of Sciences: Four month grant to conduct research on the processes of identity politics vs. leadership/activist strategies of American women with disabilities, and their attempts at coalition building with the feminist movement and larger disability movement while addressing problems stemming from double discrimination (intersection of gender and disability) at Yale University with Professor Karen Nakamura.



WISNIEWSKI, ROBERT Associate Professor, Institute of History, University of Warsaw: Two month

fellowship to conduct research on the shift in the attitude of late antique Christians toward dead saints' bodies, particularly the rise of the habit of touching relics at Princeton University with Professor Anne Marie Luijendijk.



WOLACEWICZ, DOMINIK Archivist, The State Archive in Krakow: Three month grant to continue work on the archive collection and conduct research on comparative cartographic materials at the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America with Prof. M.B. Biskupski.



ZAJAC, JUSTYNA
Adjunct Professor
(Habilitated), University
of Warsaw: Five month fellowship to conduct research on redefining the formula of cooperation between NATO and the European Union in the field of security and defense in the context of dynamic

changes in the global order, also taking into account Russia's role in the Euro-Atlantic security system at Indiana University with Professor Padraic Kenney.



ZYSIAK, AGATA

Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology of Culture, University of Lodz: Five month grant to conduct research on the trajectories of the rise and fall of two important industrial centers (Lodz and Detroit) in different political and economical contexts – not on the level of “objective” data, but by considering the subjective perception of change, self-identity building strategies, and language describing the trajectories of the two cities in biographical narrations at Wayne State University with Mike Smith.

SCIENCES



BARTKOWIAK, TOMASZ

Assistant Teacher at the Poznan University of Technology: Five month grant to conduct research on functional correlations between surface textures and behavior, and between processing and surface texture at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute with Professor Christopher A. Brown.



CZYZ, MARCIN

Research Associate, Department of Neurosurgery, Wroclaw Medical University: Three month fellowship to

conduct research on the usefulness of fractal analysis in determining the level of malignancy and the level of the response to therapy in patients suffering from a brain tumor of this type at North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine with Dr. Michael Schulder.



JAESCHKE, ALEKSANDRA

Ph.D. Candidate in Design, Harvard University Graduate School of Design:

Supplementary grant toward Ph.D. to develop strategies which can help to integrate social, economic and

environmental requirements leading to new forms of all-inclusive sustainability and triggering novel spatial conditions at Harvard University.



KRAJEWSKA, KATARZYNA

Assistant Professor, Institute of Theoretical Physics, University of Warsaw: Five month fellowship to conduct research on theoretical investigations in the area of relativistic quantum electrodynamics to be compared with experimental results from the Diocles Extreme Light Laboratory at UNL. Concurrently, investigations of bremsstrahlung process foreseeing a new generation of compact gamma-ray sources at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln with Professor Daniel R. Claes.



MAJKA, MARCIN

Associate Professor in Medicine, Jagiellonian University: Five month fellowship to conduct research regarding new details about the involvement of adhesion molecules like CEACAM1 as potential regulators of tumor and microenvironment interactions and therapeutic targets in breast carcinoma metastases at the Beckman Research Institute at City of Hope with Professor John E. Shively.



MALICKI, MACIEJ

Adjunct Professor, Warsaw School of Economics: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the Borel reducibility theory and dynamics of nonlocally compact groups at the California Institute of Technology with Professor Alexander Kechris.



MATEUSZUK, LUKASZ

Research Assistant, Jagiellonian University: Three month fellowship to conduct research to

investigate the role of thrombospondin 1 (TSP1) in vascular inflammation, endothelial dysfunction and thrombosis, using new mouse model of atherosclerosis (ApoE/CD47^{-/-}) at the Vascular Medicine

Institute, University of Pittsburgh with Professor Patrick Pagano.



PODBIELSKA, MARIA

Adjunct Professor in Microbiology, Hirsfeld Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy, Polish Academy of Sciences: Ten month fellowship to conduct research on whether alterations in calpain (intracellular neutral protease) activity during relapse and remission in multiple sclerosis (MS) patients are involved in T helper (Th1/Th2) cells dysregulation at the Medical University of South Carolina with Professor Naren L. Banik.



REMBEZA, MAGDALENA

Assistant Lecturer, Gdansk University of Technology: Three month fellowship to

conduct research and participate in the Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS), strictly connected with future scientific development and collecting material for a professor's book about re-directing the city landscape at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with Professor Bish Sanyal.



SKALSKA, KINGA

Assistant Professor of Environmental Systems Engineering, Lodz University of Technology:

Ten month fellowship to conduct research on the purification of drinking water from private wells by means of photocatalytic oxidation on immobilized titanium dioxide at the University of California, Berkeley with Professor Slawomir W. Hermanowicz.



WEGNER, MALGORZATA

Adjunct Professor in the Department of General Chemistry, Poznan

University of Medical Sciences: Five month fellowship to conduct research to identify significant epigenetic and miRNA changes in blood samples from type 1 and type 2 diabetic patients in comparison to healthy subjects at Texas A&M University with Professor Indra K. Reddy.



WIERZCHOWSKA, AGATA Ph.D. Candidate in Biotechnology, Poznan University of Life Sciences: Four month grant to conduct research to elucidate the in situ diet-microbe interactions in the digestive tract of the bovine in response to dietary modifications; to identify alterations in muscle protein and lipid metabolism in cancer and sepsis in humans and pigs that lead to poor disease prognosis at Texas A&M University with Professor Nicolas Deutz.



WITKOWSKI, BARTLOMIEJ Ph.D. Candidate in Chemistry, University of Warsaw: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the glyoxal and methylglyoxal liquid-phase processing in the atmosphere at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with Professor A.R. Ravishanka.



WLOCH-SALAMON, DOMINIKA Assistant Professor at the Institute of Environmental Sciences, Jagiellonian University: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the complete transcriptome of yeast quiescent cells, which serve as a model for human quiescent cells, thus allowing researchers to identify genes that may be influencing the stress survival not only of yeast but possibly also human quiescent cells at Stanford University with Professor Gavin Sherlock.

ARTS



BOROWSKI, DANIEL Artist Diploma candidate in Opera Studies, Juilliard: supplementary grant toward cost-of-living expenses during candidacy for an Artist Diploma at Juilliard with Ms. Edith Wiens.

LAW & ECONOMICS



SOBACZEWSKA, ANNA MARIA Associate Professor of Law, Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the category of constitutional rights operating in social practice and in individual apprehension in different social and cultural circumstances in (post) authoritarian and democratic states at the Chicago-Kent College of Law with Professor Bartram Brown.



SWIERCZEK, ARTUR KRZYSZTOF Associate Professor, University of Economic in Katowice: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the distinctive properties of resilient supply chains coupled with the factors of their relational (inter-organizational) competitive advantage at Arizona State University with Professor Thomas Choi.



ZAROWNA, AGNIESZKA ANNA Doctoral Candidate of Laws, University of Warsaw: Supplementary grant towards an LL.M. program on the scope of the protection afforded to foreign investors in host states as an evolving concept – the application of the Most Favoured Nation clause to the

procedural standards of protection as decisive for the future development or decrease of the law of international investment at Harvard Law School.

POLISH STUDIES/ TEACHING FELLOWSHIP



DERENGOWSKI, PIOTR Adjunct Professor in American Studies, University of Gdansk: Teaching fellowship to conduct ten-month program teaching Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at SUNY Buffalo with Prof. Janina Brutt-Griffler.



HARRISON, MAGDALENA Teaching fellowship extension to conduct ten-month program teaching Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at Brown University.



MARKIEWKA, TOMASZ Adjunct Professor, Department of Literature and Polish Culture, University of Bielsko Biala: Five month teaching fellowship to conduct a program with a series of lectures and classes on Polish culture, history, literature, and art as a part of the Polish Studies Initiative at Cleveland State University.



SZAFRANIEC, KAMIL Ph.D. Candidate in Linguistics, University of Lodz: Teaching fellowship to conduct ten-month program teaching Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at Indiana University, Bloomington with Prof. Justyna Beinek.

2014 PROFESSOR MICHAL SMIALOWSKI AWARD

The Kosciuszko Foundation selected Aleksander Ciski of the *Instytut Mechaniki Precyzyjnej*, for his doctoral dissertation in the field of Material Science. Mr. Ciski received the \$1,000 award for his dissertation titled: "Structure of cryogenically frozen steel X153CrMoV12 and HS6-5-2 and its influence select mechanical processes."



Dr. Ronald Hagadus, Chair of the KF's Scholarship Committee presented Mr. Ciski with 2014 Michal Smialowski Award.

The Foundation bestows the Smialowski award annually to a Polish citizen for a distinguished publication in the field of Materials Science. Professor Susan Smialowska established the award 18 years ago, in memory of her late husband, a highly recognized authority in the field of Materials Science. Professor Michal Smialowski founded the Institute of Physical Chemistry

of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, serving as its Director from 1960 to 1973. The Foundation selects the award recipient based on the recommendations of the award's Academic Advisory Committee, composed of several Polish academics, all experts in the field of Materials Science.

The Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship Committee presented the award to Mr. Aleksander Ciski at a

ceremony held in the University of Warsaw's Collegium Artes Liberales, during the annual Exchange Program interview sessions. Representatives of the Polish Academy of Sciences also attended the ceremony. 🇵🇱

THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION WELCOMES

TWO SOPHIE WOJCIECHOWSKI AWARD WINNERS

This summer, The Kosciuszko Foundation invited two promising Polish students to New York, both of whom hail from our founder's hometown of Rakszawa!

Thanks to the Sophie Wojciechowski Endowment Fund for Gifted Polish Youth, Karolina Kochman and Magdalena Sroczyk attended a six-week summer program at Pace University's English Language Institute.

The two budding scholars had an opportunity to do some sightseeing, including that of Dr. Mizwa's adopted hometown – New York City – and returned to Poland after the six-week program with an experience of expanded horizons that will hopefully shape and influence them for the rest of their lives.

The Foundation began awarding gifted students from Rakszawa as part of the Sophie Wojciechowski Endowment Fund. The town is the birthplace of Kosciuszko Foundation founder Stefan Mizwa and features a high school named in his honor.

Sophie Wojciechowski worked tirelessly during her life for the causes of immigrants and refugees. She held an undergraduate degree in Economics and a graduate degree in Social Work. In addition to her work with the Polish government in exile during World War II, she was involved with numerous programs to assist émigrés and their families after the war. Her years of dedication



Squeezing in some time for fun – the two young scholars pose with some familiar faces at Times Square

resulted in her receiving the Émigré Award for Distinguished Leadership from the Institute for Families and Children at Adelphi University in 1992. It was at this time that the Foundation announced the creation of the Sophie Wojciechowski Scholarship program. 🇵🇱

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR AMERICANS 2014-2015

The Kosciuszko Foundation Board of Trustees has allocated **\$324,600** in scholarships to Americans of Polish descent for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Of this amount \$294,000 was awarded as Tuition Scholarships to 81 Americans of Polish descent towards their graduate studies in the United States. In addition, \$11,100 was awarded for undergraduate studies such as the Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Scholarships and via scholarships which are awards on behalf of the Polish American Club of North Jersey and the Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA Inc.

This year, 11 students will be attending programs in Poland through the Kosciuszko Foundation's Exchange Program with the Polish Ministry of National Education. Five students will

receive funding to study Polish language and culture as part of the Foundation's Year Abroad program at the Jagiellonian University's Center of Polish Language and Culture in the World. Students receive a tuition waiver, dormitory housing and funding for living expenses from the Polish Ministry. In addition, each student receives \$900 per approved semester of additional funding from the Kosciuszko Foundation for living expenses. Funding allocated for the Year Abroad program amounts to \$6,300.

The Foundation's Exchange program to Poland is supporting 6 candidates for research in Poland. Funding is provided through the Foundation's Graduate Studies and Research in Poland program in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education. The Polish Ministry provides dormitory housing,

funding for living expenses, use of academic facilities and access to archives. In addition to the funding provided by the Ministry, the Kosciuszko Foundation allocated \$13,200 in additional support for living expenses during the approved research period.

The grants and scholarships for Americans were made possible through the generosity of donors who have bequeathed funds towards the Foundation's endowment. We are pleased to introduce the winners of Kosciuszko Foundation's Domestic Scholarship program for academic year September 2014 – June 2015.

Addy Tymczyszyn
*Scholarship and Grant Officer
for Americans*

DOMESTIC TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS 2014-2015

KAZIMIERA ADRIAN ADRIANOWSKA SCHOLARSHIP



MIHALYFY, DAVID of Chicago, IL – for ninth year of doctoral studies in the History of Christianity, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$1,000.

THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BRYSCH, EMILY of Hobson, TX – for fourth year of graduate studies in Pharmacy, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX. Scholarship: \$3,500



**DANILISZYN
KATARZYNA** of McHenry IL for first year of studies in Pre-Health, Loyola University, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$5,500.



HEYMAN, HELEN of San Antonio, TX – for second year of studies in Medicine, University of Texas, San Antonio, TX. Scholarship: \$2,500.



**KOCZWARA,
KONRAD** of Chicago, IL – second year of doctoral studies in Physical Therapy, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$3,500.

KOZANKO, ANDREW of Fall River, MA for first year of doctoral studies towards a Physician Assistant degree, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Worcester, MA. Scholarship: \$4,000.



KUFTA, SAMANTHA of West Chicago, IL – for fourth year of studies in Dentistry, Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL. Scholarship: \$6,000.



LEM, POLA of Bayville, NY – for first year of graduate studies in Journalism, Columbia University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$6,000.



MIKULSKI, LAURA of Chicago, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Arts, Entertainment and Media Management, Columbia College, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$2,500.



ZYMASZEK, JENNIFER of New York, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Social Work, New York University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$4,000.



VICKOWSKI, GRAHAM of Flagstaff, AZ – for first year of graduate studies in Political Psychology, The George Washington University, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$4,000.



WALLIN, NATALYA of Hyde Park, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Public Policy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$4,000.



WANDREI, KEVIN of Adams, MA – for second year of graduate studies in Public Administration, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Scholarship: \$6,000.



WENDERSKI, ROBERT of Livonia, MI – for first year of doctoral studies in Systematic Theology, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$4,000.



WILCZEK, MARGARET of Elmwood Park, IL – for third year of studies in Optometry, Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$4,500.



ZABLOCKI, TIMOTHY of Buffalo, NY – for fourth year of doctoral studies in Pharmacy, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. Scholarship: \$2,500.

DR. RAYMOND DZIEJMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



MASKA, BARTOSZ of Almont, MI – for third year of graduate studies in Dentistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Scholarship: \$3,000.

SOPHIA GRODZICKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



JANCZURA, KATARZYNA of Monroe, NY – for first year of studies in Finance and Management, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: \$7,000.



KOMAR, JOANNA of Rockledge, FL – for fourth year of graduate studies in Optometry, Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL. Scholarship: \$3,000.



KANTOROWSKA, AGATA of Glendale, NY – for second year of studies in Medicine, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY. Scholarship: \$4,500.



WROBEL, KATARZYNA of Ridgewood, NY – for first year of graduate studies in International Affairs, The New School, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$2,500.

EDWIN L. HARASIMOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND



KWOKA, PHILIP of West Palm Beach, FL – for second year of graduate studies in Piano Performance, Mannes College The New School for Music, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$5,000.

DR. CASIMIR V. KIERZKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ANTONIAK-KIJ, ELIZABETH of Cherry Hill, NJ – for second year of graduate studies in Central Eastern European Studies, LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: \$1,000.

JOHN C. KIERZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND



KOZIK, BRYAN of Maynard, MA – third year of graduate studies in Medieval/Early Modern European History,

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Scholarship: \$3,000.

VICTORIA KOKERNAK SCHOLARSHIP



KAPALCZYNSKI, ANNA of San Antonio, TX – for second year of graduate studies in Finance, University of Texas, San Antonio, TX. Scholarship: \$1,000.



MARSZALEK, MARCIN of Chicopee, MA – for second year of graduate studies in Archives Management/History, Simmons College, Boston, MA. Scholarship: \$2,000.



MICHALIK, DANIEL of Orland Park, IL – for first year of studies in Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI. Scholarship: \$5,000.



PAWELEK, KONRAD of Chicago, IL – for first year of graduate studies in Music Pedagogy, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$2,000.

STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



BADON, SYLVIA of Seattle, WA – for second year of graduate studies in Epidemiology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Scholarship: \$3,000.



BOCHENEK, MATTHEW of Chicago, IL – for fifth year of doctoral studies in Bio-engineering, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$1,500.



IWANICKI, MARTIN of Phoenixville, PA – for first year of studies in Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. \$4,000.



OKTAWIEC, JULIA
of Berkeley, CA – for
second year of graduate
studies in Chemistry,
University of California,
Berkeley, CA. Scholarship: \$5,000.

FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/ JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



ALICKA, RIMA
of Melbourne, FL – for
first year of graduate
studies Law, Florida
A&M University,
Orlando, FL. Scholarship: \$2,000.



GRAZI, REBECCA
of Brooklyn, NY – for
third year of graduate
studies in Theater Design
and Technical
Production, Brooklyn College,
Brooklyn, NY. Scholarship: \$1,000



KAPUSTA, JOHN
of Brooklyn, NY – for
fifth year of doctoral
studies in Music,
University of California,
Berkeley, CA. Scholarship: \$4,000.



**MEHLENBACHER,
KURT** of Corvallis,
OR – for third year of
graduate studies in Music
Composition, University
of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
Scholarship: \$1,000.



MIKULSKI, ANNA
of Addison, IL – for
second year of graduate
studies in International
Law, Northwestern
University, Chicago, IL.
Scholarship: \$7,000.



**NOWAKOWSKI,
ALEXANDRA**
of Palatine IL – for first
year of graduate studies
in Vocal Performance,
The Academy of Vocal Arts,
Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: \$2,500.



**WOJDAK,
CHRISTOPHER**
of Rochester, NY – for
second year of graduate
studies in Music Therapy,
Nazareth College, Rochester, NY.
Scholarship: \$2,500.

REV. PAUL J. MISKOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND



GOLA, IZABELA
of Brooklyn, NY – for
second year of graduate
studies in Fine Arts/
Combined Media,
Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY.
Scholarship: \$1,000.

MIZWA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



BUDZ, ALEXANDRA
of Lockport, IL – for first
year of studies in Library/
Information Science,
University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign, IL.
Scholarship: \$1,000.



DICHTER, THOMAS
of Philadelphia, PA – for
sixth year of doctoral
studies in English,
University of
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
Scholarship: \$1,000.



FALLON, ASHLEY
of Canton, MI – for
second year of graduate
studies in Historic
Preservation, Eastern
Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.
Scholarship: \$1,000.

JEANETTE K. NIECIECKA FUND



BRAZINSKI, PAUL
of Basking Ridge, NJ –
for third year of graduate
studies in Church
History, The Catholic
University of America, Washington, DC.
Scholarship: \$5,000.



**CIECIERSKI,
ANNETTE** of Edison,
NJ – for third year of
graduate studies in
Human Resources and
Immigration Law, Rutgers University,
New Brunswick, NJ.
Scholarship: \$3,000.



JANOWSKI, PAWEŁ
of Somerset, NJ for
fourth year of doctoral
studies in Chemistry and
Chemical Biology/
Computational Biology, Rutgers
University, New Brunswick, NJ.
Scholarship: \$2,000.



**NICEWICZ,
KAROLINA** of Bayonne,
NJ – for first year of
graduate studies in
School Psychology, St.
John's University, Queens, NY.
Scholarship: \$4,000.



NIEBYLSKA, IRMINA
of Hamilton, NJ – for
first year of doctoral
studies in Physical
Therapy, Arcadia
University, Glenside, PA.
Scholarship: \$4,000.



OSTRZYCKI, WESLEY
of Edison, NJ – for first
year of doctoral studies in
Physical Therapy,
University of Miami,
Miami, FL. Scholarship: \$5,000.



RAJ, ERIK
of Manalapan, NJ –
for fourth year of
graduate studies in
Communication Sciences
and Disorders, Wayne State University,
Detroit, MI. Scholarship: \$1,000.



SZYPULSKI, STEPHEN
of Burlington, NJ – for
first year of graduate studies
Russian, East European and
Eurasian Studies, Columbia
University, New York, NY.
Scholarship: \$5,000.



TROCHIMIUK, NATALIE of Mahwah,
NJ – for first year of
graduate studies in
Engineering Management,
The George Washington University,
Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$5,000.



URBANIAK, MALGORZATA
of Elmwood Park, NJ – for
second year of graduate
studies in Labor Studies and
Employment Relations, Rutgers University,
New Brunswick, NJ. Scholarship: \$2,000.

THE DR. EDWARD AND MARIA NOWICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



WIORTECHA, MATEUSZ
of Chicago, IL – for seventh
year of dual doctoral degree
studies, Doctor of Dental
Medicine (DMD) and
Ph.D. in Oral Sciences, University of
Illinois, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$7,000.



ZBOREK, ANNA of
Chicago, IL – for second
year of doctoral studies in
Dentistry, University of
Illinois, Chicago, IL.

Scholarship: \$4,000.

THE JOHN AND MOLLIE PIEKARSKI SCHOLARSHIP



HENNESSEY, CATHERINE of
Coatsville, PA – for second
year of graduate studies in
Creative Non-Fiction,

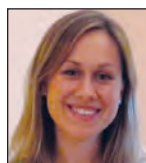
Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA.
Scholarship: \$1,500.

E. J. SCOTT FUND



MIENKO, JULITA
of Ridgewood, NY – for
first year of studies in
Medicine, Temple
University, Philadelphia,
PA. Scholarship: \$5,500.

EDWARD C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND



KOZLOWSKI, JESSICA
of Chicago, IL – for first
year of studies towards a
Physician Assistant degree,
Rosalind Franklin

University, North Chicago, IL.

Scholarship: \$3,000.



MARSHALL, JAMES
of Mamaroneck, NY – for
second year of graduate
studies in Security Studies,
Georgetown University,

Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$3,000.

RICHARD SOBIERAJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND



MAYE, MONICA of
Stamford, CT – for third
year of graduate studies in
Health Policy Management
and Research, New York

Medical College, Valhalla, NY.

Scholarship: \$1,500.



KURUSZKO, NICOLE
of Brooklyn, NY – for
second year of graduate
studies in International
Affairs, The New School,

New York, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000.

KINZEL, ADAM of Wauwatosa, WI –
for second year of studies in Medicine,
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee,
WI. Scholarship: \$5,000.

POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY FUND OF CONNECTICUT



KARLIN, SAMANTHA
of New Fairfield, CT – for
first year of studies in
International Affairs, Tufts
University Fletcher School

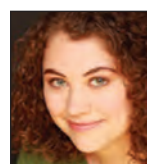
of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, MA.
Scholarship: \$4,000.



MCCAFFERTY, ELAINE
of Sandy Hook, CT – for
second year of studies in
Law, Washington and Lee
University, Lexington, VA.

Scholarship: \$6,000.

DR. IRENE S. PYSZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND



MISKOWICZ, ABIGAIL
of Charleston, WV – for
second year of graduate
studies in Theatre
Education, Emerson

College, Boston, MA. Scholarship: \$2,500.

THE ARTHUR AND GENEVIEVE ROTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND



FELDMAN, MARGARET
of Lyndonville, NY – for
second year of graduate
studies in Business

Administration, University
of Rochester, Rochester, NY.

Scholarship: \$5,000.

MONICA AND FRANK STANITSKI MUSIC FUND



ROBAK, TOMASZ
of Chicago, IL – for second
year of graduate studies in
Piano Performance,
Peabody Conservatory of

Music, Baltimore, MD.

Scholarship: \$4,000.

WALTER J. WAJCA SCHOLARSHIP

ORWAT, GREGORY of Chicopee,
MA – for second year of graduate studies
in Architecture, University of Virginia,
Charlottesville, VA. Scholarship: \$6,000.

IRENA AND DAMIAN WANDYCZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CZACKI, CATHERINE of San Diego,
CA – for third year of graduate studies
in Art History, Theory and Criticism,
University of California, San Diego, CA.
Scholarship: \$1,500.

THE JOSEPHINE WALL AND IGNATIUS WALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**EIBUSZYC-
LEDERMAN, ISABEL**
of Calabasa, CA – for
second year of graduate
studies in Book Art /
Printmaking, University of the Arts,
Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: \$3,500.

THE WASIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



KIELB, STEPHANIE
of Landisville, PA – for
third year of graduate
studies in Clinical
Psychology, Northwestern
University, Chicago, IL.
Scholarship: \$2,000.



CIUCHTA, JENNIFER
of Bellefonte, PA – for
first year of studies in
Osteopathic Medicine,
Edward Via College of
Osteopathic Medicine, Blacksburg, VA.
Scholarship: \$4,000.

ROSANO, KRISTEN of Rockville,
MD – for first year of studies in
Medicine, Washington University
in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.
Scholarship: \$5,500.

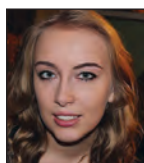
THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



DYM, WARREN
of Silver Spring, MD –
for second year of
graduate studies in
Security Studies, The
Georgetown University, Washington,
DC. Scholarship: \$5,000.



**PRZYBYLOWICZ,
RYLE** of Webster, NY –
for fourth year of studies
in Medicine, The Ohio
State University,
Columbus, OH. Scholarship: \$7,000.



WITKOWSKA, ANNA
of Brooklyn, NY – first
year of graduate studies
in Global Affairs, New
York University, New
York, NY. Scholarship: \$4,000.



ANTONIAK, PERLA of
Silver Spring, MD – for
second year of graduate
studies in Interior
Architecture and Design,
The George Washington University,
Washington, MD. Scholarship: \$5,000.

TYSKI, ANNA of Hatboro, PA – third
year of graduate studies in Business
Administration, Villanova University,
Villanova, PA. Scholarship: \$7,000.

THE JAN PAUL ZALESKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



KĘSY, BŁAŻEJ
of Alexandria, VA – for
second year of graduate
studies in Architecture at
Virginia Polytechnic
Institute and State University,
Blacksburg, VA. Scholarship: \$3,500.

THE MICHALINA AND HERMAN ZIMMER SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**DYMERSKA,
MALGORZATA** of
New Britain, CT – for
second year of studies in
Medicine, Johns Hopkins
School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
Scholarship: \$5,000.



MCAULIFFE, AGNES
of Manchester, CT – for
third year of studies in
Osteopathic Medicine,
University of New
England, Biddeford, ME.
Scholarship: \$5,000.

DR. MARIE E. ZAKRZEWSKA MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

OLENDEREK, MARTA of Winter
Springs, FL – for third year of studies
in Medicine, University of Florida,
Gainesville, FL. Scholarship: \$3,500.

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND

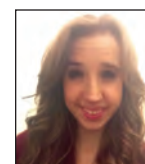
BAZEL, NICOLETTE of Wallington,
NJ – undergraduate sophomore
majoring in International Affairs,
The George Washington University,
Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$800.



CIESLAR, OLIVA
of Westwood, NJ – for
sophomore year of
Pre-Med studies,
Pennsylvania State
University, University Park, PA.
Scholarship: \$900.



**FILOCHOWSKI,
PIOTR** of Upper Saddle
River, NJ – undergraduate
junior majoring in Violin
Performance, Curtis
Institute of Music, University of
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
Scholarship: \$1,000.



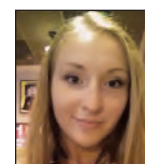
**MARCZAK,
GABRIELLE** of Colonia,
NJ – for sophomore year
of undergraduate studies
in Liberal Arts, New York
University, New York, NY.
Scholarship: \$200.



**MCCORMACK,
JOANNA** of Westfield,
NJ – for sophomore year
of undergraduate studies
in Liberal Arts, Rutgers
University, New Brunswick, NJ.
Scholarship: \$1,200.

RUSZALA, DOMINIQUE
of Fairfield, NJ – for sophomore
year of undergraduate studies in
Animal Behavior, Bucknell University,
Lewisburg, PA. Scholarship: \$1,500.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BROOKLYN, USA, INC. FUND



**WISZNIEWSKA,
IZABELLA** of Brooklyn,
NY – for freshman year
of undergraduate studies
in English, Hunter
College, CUNY, New York, NY.
Scholarship: \$2,000.

THE YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM

AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR POLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN THE WORLD 2014/2015



MUNN, CORINNA
of New York, NY –
undergraduate senior
majoring in History at
Columbia University,
New York, NY. Scholarship: \$1,800
full academic year



**PODOWSKI,
ALEKSANDRA**
of Chicago, IL
undergraduate junior
majoring in Biology,
Illinois Institute of Technology,
Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$900
one semester – second semester



**SKLODOWSKA-
JOHNSON, JOSHUA**
of Chicago, IL –
undergraduate senior
majoring in Political
Science, University of Chicago,
Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$900
one semester



WATSON, MICHAEL
of Fairfax, VA –
undergraduate
sophomore majoring in
Economics, George
Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Scholarship: \$900 *one semester –
2nd semester*

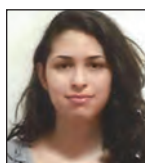


WIECZOREK, MARK
of Philadelphia,
PA – undergraduate
sophomore majoring in
English, Temple
University, Philadelphia, PA.
Scholarship: \$1,800 *full academic year*

GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND 2014/2015



BUTLER, MICHAEL
of Worcester MA –
Associate Professor of
Political Science, Clark
University, Worcester,
MA. A continuation of a recently
initiated book project on humanitarian
military intervention titled, “Shunning
Strangers: Responsibility to Protect and
humanitarian Intervention in Crisis.”
Research will be conducted at the
University of Wroclaw, Institute of
International Studies with Dr. Jaroslaw
Jarzabek and Dr. Marek Wroblewski.
Scholarship: \$1,500 – *5 months*



**DAZA LA CRUZ,
YEINNY** of Forest Hills,
NY – first year graduate
student majoring in
Architecture and Urban
Planning, Wroclaw University of
Technology. To conduct a series of design
studies, surveys and interviews to develop
an array of solutions that addresses the
urbanization of Wroclaw’s present and
future footbridges. Research will be
conducted at Wroclaw University,
Wroclaw with Prof. Alina Drapella-
Hermansdorfer. Scholarship: \$2,700 –
9 months



FAHEY, JOHN
of Lafayette, IN – fourth
year graduate student
majoring in Modern
European History at
Purdue University, Lafayette, IN. To
conduct a study of the interaction
between civil and military authorities in
the fortified city of Przemyśl, Galicia
during the late Habsburg Empire and
Polish Second Republic. Research will be
conducted at the Jagiellonian University
Institute of History with Dr. Hab. Piotr
Wrobel. Scholarship: \$2,700 – *9 months*



FIGUS, ELIZABETH
of Juneau, AK – third
year doctoral student
majoring in Fisheries at
the University of Alaska,
Fairbanks, AK – To study the social and
biological perspectives of the Atlantic
cod fishery in Poland. The project seeks
to determine how the catch share system
for cod in Poland addresses biological
shifts in the ecosystem. Research will be
conducted at the West Pomeranian
University of Technology in Szczecin
with Prof. Dr. Hab. Inz. Warzyniec
Wawrzyniak. Scholarship: \$900 –
3 months



MAZUR, LUCAS of
Worcester, MA – fourth
year of doctoral studies in
Social Psychology, Clark
University, Worcester,
MA – To research How Perceptions of
Difference in Polish and Ukrainian
Victimization under the Soviet Union
Impact Current Polish Ukrainian
Relations. Research will be conducted at
the Dept of Psychology, University of
Warsaw, with Michal Bilewicz, Ph.D.
Scholarship: \$2,700 – *9 months*



**MOORE PONSZEK,
CORDELIA** of
Springfield, IL – for first
year of graduate studies
in International
Economics, University of Warsaw,
Warsaw. To study the relationship
between study exchange programs
like Erasmus Mundus and the
implementation of normative EU goals
in an integration program. Research to
be conducted at Warsaw University,
Department of Economics with Prof.
Adam Szymanski. Scholarship: \$2,700 –
9 months

TOMASZKIEWICZ-FLORIO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER STUDIES AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, CRACOW SUMMER 2014

Scholarship for all candidates: \$1,865



ALLEN, LINDA
of Plainville, CT –
sophomore majoring in
Business Office
Technology at Tunxis
Community College, Farmington, CT.

Session C.



CHLUDZINSKI, MARYSIA of Longwood,
FL – freshman majoring
in Chinese at New
College of Florida,

Sarasota, FL. **Art Session.**



DZIEWA, MONIKA of
Brooklyn, NY – freshman
majoring in Finance at
Baruch College CUNY,
New York, NY.

Session C.



GORECZNY, MAGGIE
of Brooklyn, NY –
sophomore majoring in
Accounting at Bryant
University, Smithfield,

RI. **Session C.**



GROGAN, KAITLYN
of New Rochelle, NY –
sophomore majoring in
Economics at Boston
College, Chestnut Hill,

MA. **Session D.**



HOWARD, KERESA
of Albuquerque, NM –
freshman majoring in
Film Studies at Barnard
College, New York, NY.

Session C.

HUTCHISON, CAITLYN of College
Park, MD – junior majoring in
International and Comparative Politics
at American University of Paris, Paris,
France. **Session D.**



JOHNSON, EMMA
of Washington, DC –
freshman majoring in
Liberal Arts at Davidson
College, Davidson, NC.

Session A.



KAMINSKI, JOANNA
of Wilmington, DE –
freshman majoring in
Respiratory Care at
Delaware Tech

Community College, Wilmington, DE.

Session C.



KISALA, DAVID
of Southwick, MA –
sophomore majoring in
Biomedical Engineering
at Western New England

University, Springfield, MA.

Session C.



KOWALSKI, MATEUSZ of Brooklyn
NY – sophomore
majoring in Geology at
City College of New

York, New York, NY. **Session C.**



KOZLIK, JULIA
of Belchertown, MA –
junior majoring in
Nursing at Regis College,
Weston, MA. **Session C.**



LAPINSKI, DOMINIKA of
Brooklyn, NY – freshman
majoring in Early
Childhood Education at
Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY.

Session A.



MOSKAL, RACHEL
of Silver Spring, MD –
sophomore majoring in
Television Production at
Montgomery

Community College, Rockville, MD.

Session A.



MULLIN, MATTHEW
of North Tonawanda,
NY – senior majoring in
English/Spanish at
Canisius College,

Buffalo, NY. **Session D.**



SOBIERAJ, BRIGIDE
of Allen, TX – junior
majoring in Biology/
Environmental Sciences
at the University of Texas,

Richardson, TX. **Art Session.**





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Republic of Poland

SPECIAL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The Kosciuszko Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of a Special Tuition Scholarship for Undergraduate Students in the amount of \$2,000. The program is co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland and the KF, and the scholarships are to be awarded for the fall semester of the 2014-2015 academic year.

The Scholarship Program for Undergraduate students is co-financed by funds granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the competition for the public task "Cooperation with Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad in 2014."

Scholarships are merit-based, and major, specialization, academic and professional goals as well as involvement in the Polish-American community were taken into consideration. Out of 79 applicants, 30 candidates were approved by the KF Scholarship Committee to receive an award. They are as follows:

VERONICA BENDUSKI, Senior majoring in English Literature and International Studies, Northwestern University, IL

ROBERT BOROWIK, Junior majoring in Secondary Education, History, Economics, Marquette University, WI

PAUL CEPAK, Freshman majoring in Political Science, University of Notre Dame, IN

NATALIE DOBEK, Junior majoring in Economics, Florida State University, FL

PATRICK DYKIERT, Freshman, Undecided, (focus on Political Science), Carnegie Mellon University, PA

VERONIKA GAJER, Senior majoring in Communications, American University, Washington, D.C.

KIMBERLY GRINBERG, Senior majoring in American Studies, Penn State University, Berks Campus, PA

MAYA GRODZKA, Freshman majoring in International Studies, Boston College, MA

EMILY HELENBROOK, Junior majoring in Political science and Vocal Performance, University of Rochester, NY

KERESA A. HOWARD, Freshman, Undecided (focus on Communications, Business, Polish Language), Barnard College of Columbia University, NY

ALEX JASTRZAB, Sophomore majoring in Financial Economics with concentration in Mathematics and Political Science, Columbia University, NY

KLAUDIA JAZWINSKA, Freshman majoring in Journalism and Global Studies, Lehigh University, PA

ALEXANDRA KALINOWSKI, Freshman majoring in Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

ANNA KONOPKA, Senior majoring in Allied Health Communications/ Pharmacy at University of Connecticut, CT

DIANA KOSIANKA, Junior majoring in Media Studies: Journalism, History, Hunter College, NY

GABRIELA KULPA, Junior majoring in Accounting, Hunter College, NY

ALEKSANDRA KURZYDŁOWSKI, Sophomore majoring in Economics (Political Economy Track) and East European Regional Studies with a concentration in Polish, Barnard College of Columbia University, NY

ANDRZEJ MADRY, Freshman majoring in Finance, Loyola University Chicago, IL

URSZULA NIELSEN, Junior majoring in Politics, University of Virginia, VA

CAMILLA OSTRZYCKI, Senior majoring in Art, Pace University, NY

CLARISSA V. PAWLICA, Junior majoring in History and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, VA

KATHERINE RIVARD, Senior majoring in Culture and Politics, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

NATALIE SZCZEPANIAK, Junior majoring in Slavic Languages and Literature and International Studies, Northwestern University, IL

MARIUSZ SZCZEPANIAK, Junior majoring in Social Studies Education, Wayne State University, MI

ALEKSANDRA SZCZESNA, Sophomore majoring in Political Science, University of Mary Washington, VA

NATASHA TODD, Senior majoring in Music Industry, University of Southern California, CA

WERONIKA WASILEWSKI, Junior majoring in Learning and Organizational Change, Psychology, Northwestern University, IL

MARTA WOJCIK, Sophomore majoring in Commercial Photography, LaGuardia Community College, NY

PATRYK WYRZYKOWSKI, Sophomore majoring in Political Science/ Economics, The Pennsylvania State University, PA

BARTŁOMIEJ ZELAJTYS, Junior majoring in Economics, Columbia University, NY

CHICAGO CHAPTER

Dr. Lidia Filus, President of the Chicago Chapter together with Dr. Anna Kordylewska, Vice President of the Chicago Chapter were invited by the Rector of the Jagiellonian University, Prof. Wojciech Nowak, to the 650th Jubilee of the Jagiellonian University which they participated with their husbands in May 2014. The event gathered presidents of numerous European and International Universities, Nobel Prize Laureates, the President of Poland, and many other distinguished guests to take part in a spectacular procession from the Cathedral on Wawel Hill to Collegium Maximum. These guests also attended meetings and receptions at the new, modern campus as well as at historic locations such as Collegium Maius, Sukiennice Halls, Wierzynek Restaurant, and Cracow Concert Hall.



Lidia Filus hands a congratulations letter to Jagiellonian University Rector, Wojciech Nowak, from Northeastern Illinois University President Sharon Hahs, Ph.D.

On May 24, 2014, Drs. Anna and Leszek Kordylewski participated in the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Jagiellonian University Medical College, Faculty of Medicine, School of Medicine in English. The school has been involved in a long-term collaboration with the Kosciuszko Foundation Chicago Chapter.

In June, Igor Lipinski, KF scholarship recipient and doctoral candidate in Piano and Performing Arts at Northwestern University, gave his second doctoral recital at Lutkin Hall in Evanston. Mr. Lipinski was also a featured soloist at the Woodstock Mozart Festival, a premier summer classical music event in the Chicago area that took place in August.

In June, Dr. Kinga Kosmala received the Consortium for Language Teaching and Learning Grant from the Chicago Language Center at the University of Chicago to expand the



Jagiellonian University 650th Anniversary Jubilee. Parade of international professors in Cracow, Poland. Drs. Kordylewskis are on the left.

curricula of her First-Year and Second-Year Polish language classes.

Dr. Anna Horolets, the KF Polish exchange scholar in Anthropology from Gdansk University, finished conducting her six-month-long studies at the University of Illinois. She gave a lecture on June 14, 2014, at a meeting of the Polish Group of the International Women Associates. Several Chapter members attended this lecture.

Drs. Anna and Leszek Kordylewski represented the Chicago KF Chapter in the commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising 1944 held on August 1st, 2014. It was held at the Polish Consulate in Chicago, and was attended by the Ambassador to Poland in the US. The heroic Warsaw Uprising was the largest single military effort undertaken by any European resistance movement in WWII. Some survivors of the Uprising who now reside in Chicago were also present at the event.

Dr. Ewa Radwanska has been extensively involved in the planning of next year's KF Janczewski Award and working on a new Medical KF Exchange Fellowship to the University of Chicago. She traveled to Poland in August and September to meet with Prof. Piotr Wilczek, Director of the KF Warsaw Office, and other officials. 

Prof. Lidia Filus
Chicago Chapter President

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

On Wednesday, May 7, the Philadelphia Chapter hosted Polish historian Dr. Tomasz Pudlocki for a lecture entitled, “In the Name of Polish-American Friendship: Stephan Mizwa, Roman Dyboski and the Kosciuszko Foundation”. Guests enjoyed an interesting and informative lecture on the role of Polish and American scholars during the founding of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Dr. Pudlocki, a former KF grantee, currently teaches at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. The Chapter extends sincere thanks to members Romuald and Jolanta Roman for hosting the lecture and reception at the Silverstone Bed and Breakfast in Chestnut Hill.



Dr. Tomasz Pudlocki with Dr. Janusz Romanski

This summer, Chapter President Teresa G. Wojcik reprised her role as the American Staff Leader for the Teaching English in Poland language camp in Pinczow, Poland. She was honored to have four individuals from the Chapter's Philadelphia/New Jersey region join her on the staff of the camp. Mrs. Patricia Sheetz and Sr. Catherine Swartz, OSF served as teachers at the camp while Michael Esser and Kenneth Connelly volunteered as teaching assistants. Mrs. Sheetz and Sr. Catherine are members of the faculty in the Business Department at John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School in Philadelphia. Michael is a senior at Temple University majoring in Secondary Education and Kenneth is a graduate student in Biology at Rutgers University. Six other individuals from Ohio, New York, and New England joined Patty, Sister Cathy, Mike, and Ken in making the Pińczów camp a great success. In addition to morning English language lessons, camp participants enjoyed learning tennis and American sports such as football and baseball. Evening assemblies focused on cultural events such as American Independence Day and Halloween. During one weekend field trip, the American volunteers accompanied the children to the famous horse stables in Michałów, where award-winning Arabian horses are bred. 🐾

Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D.
Philadelphia Chapter President



Opening Ceremony in Pinczow – seated: 2nd from left, Sr. Catherine Swartz, O.S.F., 4th from left, Patricia Sheetz, 2nd from right, Teresa G. Wojcik, 3rd from right, Michael Esser, and 6th from right, Kenneth Connelly

IN MEMORIAM

DR. MAGDALENA MARIA GAWESKA-TOLSCIK

Dr. Magdalena Maria Gaweska-Tolscik passed away on February 26, 2014 in Amarillo, TX at the age of 74. She earned her Medical Degree at the University of Krakow. Magdalena did her medical Internship in Zakopane where she met her husband Richard, who was also a physician there. She emigrated to the United States in 1968 and trained in Pediatrics at Coney Island Hospital before moving to Lansdale, Pennsylvania. She moved back to Krakow, Poland with her husband in early 2000.

Despite living in the United States for most of her adult life, Magdalena strongly believed in the importance of maintaining a firm link to her Polish heritage. She raised her three daughters with exposure to the Polish scout camp at the Shrine, taught them how to prepare traditional Polish foods and how to maintain Polish holiday traditions, encouraged their participation in the summer Polish language offerings through the Kosciuszko Foundation in Krakow, the Debutante Ball in NY, as well as other opportunities to further their awareness and appreciation of the Polish language and culture.

Dr. Tolscik was passionate about maintaining ties with the Polish communities in New York and Pennsylvania, being an active member of the Kosciuszko Foundation, the Jozef Pilsudski Institute of America, the Polish



Institute for Arts and Sciences of America (PIASA) and other organizations that support Polish culture in the United States. She and her husband Richard donated a home they had purchased in Philadelphia to further the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission in the United States. They also collected and shipped much needed medical supplies to Polish hospitals during their time in the medical field.

Magdalena greatly enjoyed travel, spending much time in Barbados, West Indies during her retirement from clinical medicine, was a voracious reader, loved theater, opera and classical music, spent time learning foreign languages including Spanish and French and was a passionate home chef. She was known for her tenacity of spirit, her elegance, her intelligence and her love of life.

Magdalena's daughter Dr. Olga Tolscik made a generous donation in the amount of \$3,125 to the KF to establish the Dr. Magdalena Maria Gaweska-Tolscik Medical Scholarship to support the study of medicine by young men and women of Polish ancestry for first, second or third year medical studies in a US Medical School or the English -language MD program in Poland (Poznan or Krakow) with first preference to be given to residents of the state of New York.

JOSEPHINE HELEN ALENIEWSKI

Josephine Helene "Josie" Aleniewski, 88, of Rumson, formerly of Harrison, died on July 22, 2014. She was born in Newark, NJ, and attended Harrison High School graduating with honors. She received her nursing degree from St. Michael's Hospital, Newark in 1949 where she was trained by the nuns and later worked as an OR nurse in the hospital.

A longtime resident of Harrison, she served as a Board of Health nurse and as school nurse in Holy Cross School. She was also a member of the St. Michael's Nurses' Alumni Association.

She loved learning and continued her studies at Marymount College in Manhattan and encouraged



others to get their education. She loved reading and after retiring could be found frequenting the lovely Harrison Library, and she enjoyed traveling abroad.

She loved New York for both fashion and culture. She would march up and down 5th Avenue to "study" the windows and even attended the Fashion Institute of Technology one summer. Most of all she enjoyed the opera, ballet and classical music at Lincoln Center and sharing these experiences with her nieces and nephews. She was proud of her Polish heritage and served many years as Secretary of the Pro-Arte League of the Kosciuszko Foundation of which her parents were early members and benefactors.

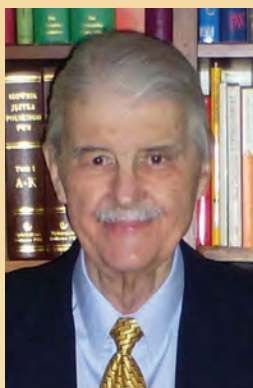
IN MEMORIAM

PROF. PETER K. GESSNER

1931 – 2014

Professor Peter K. Gessner, a member of the National Advisory Council of the Kosciuszko Foundation, passed away on June 27, 2014. He was 83.

Dr. Gessner was elected to the membership of the National Advisory Council of the Kosciuszko Foundation in 2007. The National Advisory Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees to further the mission of the Foundation and assist with the establishment and supervision/oversight of local chapters. Dr. Gessner had served on the Council for several terms with dedication and passion. He contributed significantly to the Council's duties. He also had been a board member of the Foundation's Western New York Chapter since 2008 and served as the chapter president in 2012.



He was born in Warsaw. He participated in 1944 Warsaw Uprising as a boy scout. After the war he studied at the University of London, earning his Ph.D. degree in chemistry. He became a post-doctoral fellow at Cleveland Clinic in 1958 and moved to the University of Buffalo in 1962, becoming a full professor of pharmacology in 1975. At the University of Buffalo he ran a joint project with the Jagiellonian University as a director of the Polish Academic

Information Center. In addition to his academic obligations he served as president of the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo, promoting the work of local Polish-American artists.

Professor Gessner was awarded the Jagiellonian University's Order of Merit and The Officers Cross of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

MSGR. STANLEY MILEWSKI

Born Nov. 30, 1929, the young Stanley Milewski grew up on Detroit's near west side, attending grade school at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (West) Parish and St. Andrew School. He then attended St. Mary's Prep and St. Mary's College before moving on to St. John's Provincial Seminary to finish his priestly formation. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 4, 1955, but later went back to earn a master's degree from SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, and a doctorate from Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, Pa. His first assignment was as associate pastor of St. Francis D'Assisi in Detroit (1955-57) before quickly becoming a Polish, religion and history teacher at Orchard Lake.

"He was the face of Orchard Lake to the Polish-American community, and the Polish-American community sees Orchard Lake as the defender of their life and history here in the United States,"



Msgr. Thomas C. Machalski said.

"In his heyday, he was at everything that had to do with Polonia both locally and nationally." That included being personally invited by President Jimmy Carter to be part of the official U.S. delegation for Pope St. John Paul II's inauguration and installation Mass in 1978, which he viewed not as a personal honor, but "as a great honor for Orchard Lake" and affirmation

of its place in Polonia and the Church, Msgr. Machalski said.

He was named a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness Pope John Paul II (monsignor) in 1990, and later elevated to the highest rank of monsignor — Apostolic Protonotary — by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007. He was honored with the Bishop Stephen Woznicki Award for his contributions to Polish affairs.

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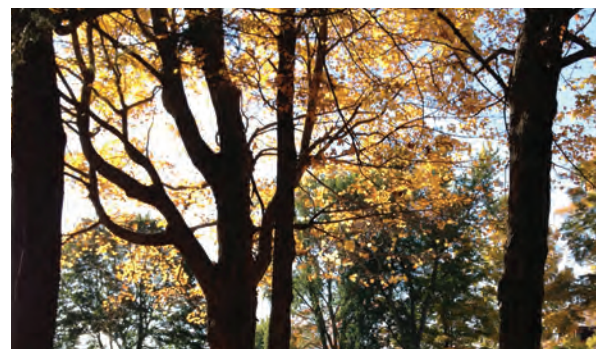
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