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The Mission of the Kosciuszko Foundation

Founded in 1925, the Kosciuszko Foundation is dedicated to promoting and strengthening understanding and friendship between the peoples of Poland and the United States through educational, scientific and cultural exchanges and other related programs and activities. It awards fellowships and grants to graduate student scholars, scientists, professionals and artists and helps to increase the visibility and prestige of Polish culture in America's pluralistic society by sponsoring exhibits, publications, film festivals, performing arts such as concerts and recitals, and assists other institutions with similar goals.

U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committee

The Foundation would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to the members of the U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committees, whose members review and interview all of the applicants for the Fellowships and Grants Program.

The U.S. Academic Committee is composed of:

Professor Henry Bokuniewicz	Marine Science Research Center, State University of New York at Stony Brook.
Mr. Joseph E. Gore, Esq.	President and Executive Director, The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.
Professor Thaddeus V. Gromada	Executive Director, The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America, New York
Dr. Christopher Lange	SUNY, Health Science Center, Brooklyn, New York
Dr. John Micgiel	East Central European Center, Columbia University, New York.
Dr. Ewa Radwanska, M.D. Ph.D.	Rush University Medical Center in Chicago
Professor Bozena Shallcross	Department of Slavic Languages, University of Chicago.

Members of the Polish Academic Advisory Committee include

Dr. Andrzej Dakowski	Director of the Polish Fulbright Commission in Warsaw
Professor Piotr Horbatowski	Director, School of Polish Language and Culture, Jagiellonian University.
Professor Robert Klosowicz	Department of Diplomatic History and International Policy, Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations, Jagiellonian University.
Professor Zbigniew Lasocik	LL.D., Dean, Law Department, The Lazarski School of Commerce and Law in Warsaw. Former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation.
Professor Ellina Lunarska	Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw.
Professor Robert Pilat	Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw.

EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR POLISH CITIZENS

KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS are awarded annually to Polish citizens for advanced study/research and teaching at universities, institutions of higher learning and scientific / medical centers in the United States.

Under the program, The Foundation awards Fellowship to postgraduate scholars, professionals or artists with degrees. Grants are awarded to those without doctoral degrees. **Fellowships** and **Grants** are awarded for 3, 6, or 10 month periods, depending on the nature and scope of the research project, the recommendations of the American institution of higher learning, and the U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committees.

During fiscal year 2009, 32 Polish scholars and scientists successfully completed their scholarly and scientific projects, receiving nearly **\$500,000** in support from the Foundation. The Fellows and Grantees had been carefully chosen for the program in a highly selective process of screening, including personal interviews in Warsaw.

Among them were five Teaching Fellowships as part of continuous support for Polish Studies programs at various American Universities since 1992.

During the 2008/09 academic year the Foundation sponsored Teaching Fellowships at University of Connecticut at Storrs; SUNY at Buffalo; University of Indiana at Bloomington; University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Hunter College, City University of New York. In addition to funding, the Foundation provides support to the Fellows and Grantees prior to their arrival and during their stay in the United States. Every effort is made to help the participants and their families with travel, housing, medical insurance, visa and U.S. homeland security procedures. Foundation staff contacts Fellows and Grantees frequently throughout their stay in the United States. Whenever feasible, Foundation staff conducted exit interviews. All grant recipients are required to submit a final written activities report.

Scholarship in the Humanities

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
BANKA, Ewelina	Ph.D. candidate, Department of American Literature and Culture, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin.	Three month Grant to conduct research towards her Ph.D. thesis entitled <i>View from the City Shore: Identity and Urban Space in Contemporary Native American Literature</i> at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona with Professor Simon J. Ortiz.	\$7,650	<i>The William and Mildred Zelosky Scholarship Fund</i>
CAPIK, Beata	Librarian/Bibliographer, Department of Foreign Polonica, National Library, Bibliographic Institute, Warsaw.	Five month Grant to compile bibliography of American Polonia in particular the publications by Polish emigrants at the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America under the supervision of Professor Thaddeus V. Gromada.	\$11,710	<i>Bauer Fund</i>
CIESLA, Anna	Archivist, The State Archive of the City of Warsaw.	Five month Grant to conduct research in the archives of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America under the supervision of Professor Thaddeus V. Gromada.	\$11,710	<i>Bauer Fund</i>
DYLEWSKI, Radoslaw	Assistant Professor, Department of History of English, School of English, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan.	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on colonial American vocabulary at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire with Professor Naomi Nagy.	\$9,970	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
GARUS-HOCKUBA, Bozena	Freelance film director, scriptwriter in cooperation with Polish TV and Polish Film Institute.	Three month Grant to conduct research towards her documentary film on the life of Artur Rodzinski, the distinguished Polish American conductor at various archives in the USA.	\$7,650	<i>Albert Spiezny Journalism Scholarships</i>
GLUSZEK, Alicja	Ph.D. candidate in Political Science,	Three month Grant to conduct research on <i>USA-Mexican Efforts to Combat Trafficking in</i>	\$7,650	<i>Wanda Roehr Fund</i>

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
	Institute of American Studies and Polish Diaspora, Jagiellonian University.	Persons at Georgetown University, Washington, DC with Professor Julie Elizabeth Walsh.		
GODLEWSKI, Grzegorz	Professor, Head of Research Team, Institute of Polish Culture, University of Warsaw.	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the impact on Major Models of Verbal Art in Their Cultural and Media Contexts: Theoretical Bases of the Anthropological Approach and Case Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo with Professor Janina Brutt-Griffler.	\$9,970	<i>Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund</i>
JASINA, Lukasz	Ph.D. candidate in History, Research Center, Institute of East-Central Europe in Lublin.	Three month Grant to conduct research on the treatment of Polish-Jewish relations in post war American historiography at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts with Professor Anthony Polonsky.	\$7,650	Irene Frees Fund
KORNAT, Marek	Assistant Professor, Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw.	Three month Fellowship to conduct research for a book on Raphael Lemkin Polish-American lawyer and his contribution to the humanization of the international relations at the Center of Jewish Studies, New York City.	\$9,970	<i>Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund</i>
KOSSEWSKA, Elzbieta	Assistant Professor, Institute of Journalism, University of Warsaw.	Three month Fellowship to conduct research entitled <i>Polish Soldiers and Refugees in Palestine During and After the Second World War</i> at the Pilsudski Institute in New York, The Archives of the Polish Army Veterans Association of America in New York and Polish Music Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.	\$9,970	<i>Albert Spiezny Journalism Scholarships</i>
KUBICA-HELLER, Grazyna	Assistant Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, Jagiellonian University.	Three month Grant to conduct research on Professor Feliks Gross at Rutgers University, Department of Political Sciences with Professor Jan Kubik and at the archives of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America in New York with Professor Thaddeus V.	\$7,650	<i>Albert Spiezny Journalism Scholarships</i>

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
KROL, Zofia	Ph.D. candidate, Department of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Warsaw.	Gromada. Three month Grant to conduct research for her doctoral thesis <i>What does it mean to be attentive? An analysis of the Category of Attention in Contemporary Philosophy and Literature</i> at the New School University with Professor Simon Critchley.	\$7,650	KF Scholarship and Alfred Tarski Memorial Scholarship Funds
LIPSZYC, Dominika	Ph.D. candidate, Department of Italian Philology, University of Warsaw.	Three month Grant to conduct research toward her Ph.D. thesis <i>Problems and Roles of Women Connected with Italian Mafia in Italy and in the United States</i> at the Italian American Institute in New York City.	\$7,650	<i>Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund</i>
MROZ, Malgorzata	Ph.D. candidate, Department of Modern Languages, University of Warsaw.	Three month Grant to conduct research for her Ph.D. thesis on <i>Bilingual First Language Acquisition of Relative Clauses in Polish and English</i> at the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts with Professor Suzanne Flynn.	\$7,650	Irene Frees Fund
NOWAK, Katarzyna	Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of Wroclaw.	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the project <i>The Loss of Mother/Tongue. Performing Body in Exile and in Discourse at Loyola Marymount University, California</i> with Professor Holli Levitsky.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
PALONKA, Radoslaw	Ph.D. candidate, Department of History, Institute of Archeology, Jagiellonian University.	Three month Grant to conduct research for his doctoral dissertation <i>Defensive Architecture and the Depopulation of the Mesa Verde Region, Utah-Colorado, USA in XIII Century A.D.</i> at the Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson with Professor John W. Olsen.	\$7,650	Feliks and Harriet Basista Scholarship Fund
RACHON, Piotr	Lecturer, Department of Musicology, Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski	A Grant to cover living expenses to study towards a Ph.D. degree in organ performance at the University of Houston-	\$10,000	Anne Felicyna Cierpiak Fund

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	University in Warsaw.	Moore School of Music with Professor Robert Bates.		
RZEPECKA, Marta	Assistant Professor, Department of English, Teacher Training College in Sandomierz.	Three month Grant to conduct research for doctoral dissertation <i>Negotiating Communism: Exploring Richard Nixon's Anti-Communism Rhetoric at the Department of Communication, Texas A&M University, College Station</i> with Professor Richard Street.	\$7,650	<i>Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund</i>
SKWARA, Marta	Professor, Department of Polish and Comparative, University of Szczecin.	Three month Fellowship to conduct research for a book entitled <i>The Polish Whitman. A foreign Poet in a National Culture</i> at the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa with Professor Ed Folsom.	\$9,970	Walter Jarzembski Fund
WOJCIUK, Anna	Ph.D. candidate in International Relations, Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw.	Three month Grant to conduct research for doctoral dissertation <i>Evolution on the Nation of Power in the Theory of International Relations and its Analytical Applications</i> at the Graduate School of Social Research, University of Denver with Professor Jack Donnelly.	\$7,650	Kf Scholarship Fund
WOLKOWSKA-WOLSKA, Agata	Archivist, Archive of St. Mary's Basilica in Krakow.	Three month Grant to conduct research for a book to be published jointly with Professor Stanislaw Waltos on the post WW II story of the Veit Stoss Altar stolen by the Nazis from occupied Poland and later recovered and returned to Poland with the assistance of the US government at the National Archives and Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. at College Park, Maryland.	\$7,650	Stanislas Chylinski Fund

POLISH STUDIES SCHOLARS

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
JOZEFOWICZ, Slawomir	Assistant Professor, Institute of Political Studies, Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, University of Warsaw.	Ten month Teaching Fellowship to teach courses in the Polish Studies Program at State University of New York at Buffalo.	\$30,500	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
PAMULA, Salomea	Assistant Professor, Center of the Polish Language and Culture in the World, Jagiellonian University.	Ten month Teaching Fellowship to teach courses in the Polish Studies Program at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.	\$30,500	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
PROCHNIAK, Wioletta	Assistant Professor, School of Polish Language and Culture, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.	Ten month Teaching Fellowship to teach courses in Polish language in the Polish Studies Program and to conduct research on the use of literary texts in the Glottodidactic process at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.	\$30,500	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
TYSZKIEWICZ, Jakub	Professor, Department of History, University of Wroclaw.	Ten month Fellowship to teach courses of Polish History and Culture in the History Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and to collect material for a research project <i>US Ambassadors in Communist Poland and Their Role in Bilateral Relations in 1956-1968</i> with Professor Robert Rothstein, Director, Program in Slavic and East European Studies, University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA.	\$20,000	Stanislas Chylinski Fund

Scholarships in the Sciences

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
KOWALSKA, Magdalena	Ph.D. candidate, Department of Geotechnics, Silesian University of Technology, Gliwice.	Three month Grant to conduct research for a doctoral thesis <i>Evaluation of Mechanical Parameters of Subsoil for Loading History</i> at Catholic University of America, Department of Civil Engineering, Washington, DC with Professor Pal V. Lade.	\$7,650	The Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund
PEDZISZ, Piotr	Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology of the Locomotor System, Medical University of Warsaw.	Three month Grant to conduct research on the Meniscal Transplantation for the Prevention of Degenerative Joint Disease and to observe surgical procedure at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York and the Insall Scott Kelly Institute in New York.	\$7,650	The Sendzimir Fund
ROBAKOWSKI, Piotr	Associate Professor, Department of Forestry, The August Cieszkowski Agricultural University of Poznan.	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on <i>Photosynthesis of Forest Trees Under Global Warming</i> at the Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota with Professors Peter Reich and Jacek Oleksyn.	\$9,970	The Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund
TYSZKA, Jaroslaw	Associate Professor, Institute of Geological Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw.	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the Problems of Earth reconstruction history at the State of New York Department of Health, The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller State Plaza, Albany New York with Professor Samuel S. Bowser.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund

Scholarships in Law

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
BOBRZYNSKI, MICHAL	Ph.D. candidate, European Research Training Group, Jagiellonian University	A grant to cover living expenses to attend the LL.M. Program at Harvard Law School with concentration in International Finance	\$10,000	Tamara Puslowski Fund
USTABOROWICZ, MAGDALENA	Ph.D. candidate and Assistant Professor, Department of Law and Administration, University of Lodz	Six month Grant to participate in the legal clinics program of the Public Interest Law Intstitute, Columbia University in New York City	\$13,350	Tamara Puslowski and Kopernik Fund

SPECIAL AND TRAVEL GRANTS

AMOUNT	PURPOSE	GRANT
\$31,400	To cover the costs of the Parliamentary Youth Exchange Program's final portion including one week Civic Education Workshop and one week the Joint Leadership Camp in Krakow. Both events are organized by the Kosciuszko Foundation. The Foundation is an American partner of this Program which was initiated by United States Senator from Indiana, Richard G. Luger and is administrated by American Councils for International Education in Washington D.C.	<i>The Stanislas Chylinski and Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Funds</i>
\$20,000	To Dr. Aleksandra Wesolowska, Assistant Professor, Laboratory of Transcription Regulations, Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology a winner of the 2008 Tadeusz Sendzimir Centennial Award.	<i>The Tadeusz Sendzimir Centennial Scholarship Fund</i>
\$12,385	Annual Sponsorship of the Department of Environmental Sciences at AGH University of Sciences and Technology, in Krakow Poland for ten years as annual support for the cost of faculty and students exchanges, scientific conferences and for purchase of technical materials and equipment.	<i>The Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund</i>
\$10,000	Towards the purchase of educational equipment for the orphan children at the Dom dla Dzieci w Lopuszcze Malej and Dom dla Dzieci w Dynowie established and run by the Fundacja Pomocy Mlodziezy im. Jana Pawla II "Wzrastanie"- Lopuszka Mala near Rakszawa, Poland.	The Josephine Krakowiak Lempicki Spirakos Fund.
\$7,000	To Professor Krzysztof Koehler, Ms. Elwira Buszewicz as well as to Wydawnictwo Wyzszej Szkoły Filozoficzno-Pedagogicznej in Krakow towards the publication of the book <i>Stanislawa Orzechowskiego i Augusta Rotundusa debata o Rzeczypospolitej</i> . This publication project was made possible through the generosity of Professors James and Ewa Thompson, Rice University, Houston, TX.	Old Polish Literature Fund
\$5,000	To Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee, Inc. towards expenses connected with the 71 st Annual Pulaski Day Parade in New York City held on October 4 th , 2009.	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
\$5,000	To Professor Christopher Lipinski a Scientific Advisor to Mellior Discovery for his presentation and a lecture at the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in Krakow held on November 6 th , 2008. The lecture was a part of an initiative	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>

entitled Distinguished Lectureship of the Jagiellonian Medical Research Center.

\$3,000	To Dr. Mariola Szydłowska a former grantee of the Kosciuszko Foundation towards a publication of the book on Polish artists in the United States entitled: "Between Broadway and Hollywood. Essays on Polish Artists in the United States."	Marcinkowski Fund
\$2,500	In support of the 20 th Polish Film Festival in Chicago held in November 2008.	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
\$2,000	2009 Professor Michal Smialowski Award to Dr. Halina Krawiec, Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw for her outstanding doctoral dissertation in the field of Material Science.	<i>Michal Smialowski Fund</i>
\$1,500	Towards the New England premiere of Mieczyslaw Karłowicz violin concerto performed by the Augusta Symphony Orchestra and guest soloist and former KF scholarship winner, Kinga Augustyn held on November 9 th , 2008.	Bobinski Fund
\$1,400	To Agnieszka Holland film retrospective – the cost of hosting a special lunch on December 11, 2008 to mark the opening of the Polish Film Festival in New York.	<i>The Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund</i>
\$1,000	To Ms. Hanna Hartowicz in support of the 5 th annual Polish Film Festival in New York, held in May 2009.	Anna Felicja Cierpiak Fund
\$1,000	In support of Polish Cultural Council of Pittsburgh Three Rivers Polish Film Festival held on November 8-21, 2008.	Brys Fund
\$1,000	A travel grant to Dr. Pawel Michalak to attend the ION International Technical Meeting 2009 in Anaheim, California on January 26-28, 2009.	Wladyslaw Surmacki Fund
\$925	To Family Stages for performance of Nicholas Copernicus, The Center of Light, November 8, 2008.	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
\$687	Honoraria to Prof. Marysia Dzieduszycka, Prof. Krystyna Illakowicz and Prof. Grazyna Drabik for the literary event, a tribute to Zbigniew Herber, prominent Polish poet held at the Foundation house on November 13 th , 2008.	Watkins Fund
\$500	To American Council for Polish Culture in support of their annual exhibition prepared for the National Conference for the Social Studies, held on November 14-16, 2008. The theme of the exhibition will continue to focus on Jamestown' 400 th Anniversary.	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>

The Domestic Scholarship Programs

Scholarships to Americans and Polish Americans, known informally as the "domestic" programs, form an integral part of the Kosciuszko Foundation's Educational programs. Four separate programs comprise the Domestic Scholarship Program:

- The Domestic Tuition Scholarship Program for Graduate Studies
- The Graduate and Post-graduate Study and Research Program for Americans in Poland
- The Year Abroad Program in Poland, and
- The Summer Study Abroad Program

The Foundation awarded scholarships to 108 Americans at American Universities, comprised of Polish Americans and Americans who are studying primarily Polish studies, for total scholarship proceeds of \$306,270.

Domestic Tuition Scholarships

The Kosciuszko Foundation awards Domestic Tuition Scholarships to Polish Americans, Americans studying Polish subjects, and Poles who are permanent residents of the United States to pursue graduate studies in the United States.

The Tuition Scholarships are granted on a competitive basis to full time students at accredited American universities who have an excellent academic record and who are able to demonstrate a strong sense of identification with the Polish American community and with Polish culture in general.

Though the majority of scholarships are designated for graduate study, a limited number are available for undergraduate study. In order to achieve a fair and reasonable diversity amongst grantees, in determining awards, consideration is given to a number of factors, including the age, scholarly affiliation, geographic region and gender of the applicants.

For the 2008/2009 academic year 83 undergraduate and graduate students received \$260,250 in Tuition Scholarships.

Of this total, 11 students received \$21,750 in scholarships from the Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs, the Polish American Club of North Jersey, and the Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc., whose scholarships are administered by the Foundation and are offered to undergraduate students who are affiliated with these organizations.

Domestic Tuition Scholarships 2008-2009

Name	Purpose	Fund	Amount
Andrzejczak, Olivia of Hackensack, NJ	for first year of graduate studies in Investigative Journalism, Columbia University, New York, NY	Albert Spiezny Journalism Scholarship Fund	\$5,000
Barczyk, Amanda of Austin, TX	for third year PhD program in Social Work, University of Texas, Austin, TX	Richard Sobieraj Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Barker, Michael of New Haven, CT	for third year of graduate studies in Theater Management, Yale University, New Haven, CT	Walter Jarzembski Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Berger, Agata of Philadelphia, PA	for third year of graduate studies in Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA	\$3,000 from Irena and Damian Wandycz Scholarship Fund and \$3,000 from The Dr Edward and Maria Nowicki Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$6,000
Bieda-Krutysz, Agata of Brooklyn, NY	for second year of graduate studies in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, The New School University, New York, NY	Dr Irene S Pyszkowski Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Bochenska, Katarzyna of	for second year of graduate studies in Medicine,	Walter Jarzembski	\$4,000

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Lake Forest, IL	University of Illinois, Chicago, IL	Scholarship Fund	
Bzdak, Ewa of San Gabriel, CA	for third year of graduate studies in Social Work, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA	Victoria Kokernak Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Cheloha, Hannah of Tempe, AZ	for second year of graduate studies in Secondary Education, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	Dr Casimir V Kierzkowski Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Conroy, Courtney of Chicopee, MA	for sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Early Childhood Education, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI	Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Fund	\$2,500
Curren, Leslie of Landing, MI	for third year of doctoral studies in Zoology and Ecology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Dabek, Diane of Miami, FL	for first year of graduate studies in Early American Literature, Florida International University, Miami, FL	Edward C Smith Scholarship Fund	\$3,000

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Dabrowski, Laura of Huntington, NY	for freshman year of undergraduate studies in History, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA	Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc Fund	\$2,000
Dunn, Erin of Norwood, MA	for third year of doctoral studies in Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, MA	The Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Fayet, Jean of Jackson Heights, NY	for first year of graduate studies in Medicine, Karol Marcinkowski University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Fertala, Joanna of Philadelphia, PA	for fourth year of graduate studies in Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA	Sophia Grodzicka Scholarship Fund	\$6,000
Gajda, Ashley of Munster, IN	for second year of graduate studies in Law, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Floyd and Irene McKain/John and Helen Genza Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Galecki, Marta of Ann Arbor, MI	for first year of graduate studies in Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY	\$3,000 from The Joseph Nowak Scholarship Fund and \$3,000 from the Pope John Paul II Scholarship	\$6,000

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Gavett, Jeffrey of North Yarmouth, ME	for second year of graduate studies in Vocal Performance, Manhattan School of Music, New York, NY	Floyd and Irene McKain/John and Helen Genza Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Glinianski, Anna of Glen Cove, NY	second year of graduate studies in Dental Medicine, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY	Edwin L Harasimowicz Scholarship Trust Fund	\$3,000
Grabowski, Alexander of Ridgewood, NJ	for junior year of undergraduate studies in Journalism, American University, Washington, DC	Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc Fund	\$2,000
Greeson, Emma of Leesburgh, VA	for first year of graduate studies in Central European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Hackler, Rebecca of Webster, TX	for first year of graduate studies in Central European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Hannon, Chase of Canandaigua, NY	for first year of graduate studies in Central European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000

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Henk, Brigitte of Newcastle, CA	for first year of graduate studies in European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Janowski, Vanessa of Lynnfield, MA	for second year of doctoral studies in Neuro-Economics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA	Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund	\$4,000
Jaskolski, Nicholas of Lawrence, KS	for third year of graduate studies in Law, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS	Michalina, Kazimierz, Jozef & Henry W Rokicki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Kaczkowska, Beata of Jersey City, NJ	for third year of graduate studies in Medicine, Karol Marcinkowski University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Kaniszewska, Monika of Des Plaines, IL	for second year of graduate studies in Medicine, Rush University, Chicago, IL	Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund	\$6,000
Kapalczynski, Wojciech of Louisville, KY	for second year of graduate studies in Medicine, University of Louisville, KY	Victoria Kokernak Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Karasiak, Karie of South Bend, IL	for first year of graduate studies in International	Dr Irene S Pyszkowski Scholarship Fund	\$5,000

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	Education, Loyola University College, Chicago, IL		
Karbowiak, Jessica of Georgetown, TX	for first year of graduate studies in Writing/Literature, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA	Albert Spiezny Journalism Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Karol, Magdalena of South Bend, IN	for first year of graduate studies in Law, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Michalina, Kazimierz, Jozef & Henry W Rokicki Scholarship Fund	\$4,000
Kilanowski-Compton, Amanda of Dublin, OH	for second year of graduate studies in Law and Public Policy and Management, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	Floyd and Irene McKain/John and Helen Genza Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Kochanowicz, Mark of Oxford, CT	for second year of graduate studies in Law, University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT	Floyd and Irene McKain/John and Helen Genza Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Kosiorek, Tina of Grand Rapids, MI	first year of graduate studies in Spanish Literature, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	The Kazimiera Adrian Adrianowska Scholarship Fund	\$2,000

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Koziol, Wioleta of Mount Prospect, IL	for second year of graduate studies in Social Work, Dominican University, River Forest, IL	Victoria Kokernak Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Koziol-Dube, Katarzyna of Unionville, CT	for fourth year of graduate studies in Medicine, University of Connecticut, Farmington, CT	The Michalina and Herman Zimber Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Krawczyk, Ewa of Haverhill, MA	for second year of graduate studies in Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA	Dr Casimir V Kierzkowski Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Liszka, Kate of Altoona, PA	third year of doctoral studies in Egyptology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	The Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Luibl, Chad of Manassas, VA	for first year of graduate studies in Central European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Lukso, Ursula of Port Jefferson, NY	for second year of graduate studies in English Literature, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY	The Emily Zielinski Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Makowski, Jenna of	for second year of graduate	Dr Casimir V Kierzkowski	\$3,000

Name	Purpose	Fund	Amount
Bloomington, IN	studies in Ethnomusicology, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Scholarship Fund	
Mancewicz, Stephen of Grand Rapids, MI	for second year of graduate studies in Dentistry, University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor, MI	The Dr Edward and Maria Nowicki Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Marszalek, Eloise of Seattle, WA	for second year of graduate studies in Library and Information Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA	The Joseph Nowak Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Maticka, Samantha of Ringwood, NJ	for first year of undergraduate studies in Religious Education, Mount St Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund	\$750
Mazur, Ziemowit of Flossmoor, IL	for first year of graduate studies in Physician Assistant Practice, Rosalind Franklin University, North Chicago, IL	Walter Jarzembki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Mikos, Ann of Gainesville, FL	for fifth year of doctoral studies in Clinical Psychology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	The Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Scholarship Fund	\$2,000

Name	Purpose	Fund	Amount
Mlynek, Karolina of Hopatcong, NJ	for fourth year of graduate studies in Medicine, Karol Marcinkowski School of Medical Sciences, Poznan	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Morys, Anna of Boston, MA	for first year of graduate studies in Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	Dr Marie Zakrzewska Medical Scholarship	\$3,500
Pankiewicz, Beata of Brooklyn, NY	for third year of graduate studies in Oriental Medicine, Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, New York, NY	The Dr Edward and Maria Nowicki Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Peczalska, Ania of Bloomington, IN	for first year of graduate studies in Ethno-Musicology and Library Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Richard Sobieraj Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Putz, Elizabeth of Riverside, IL	final year of graduate studies in Medicine, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Richie, Celeste of Durham, NC	for second year of graduate studies in Public Policy, Duke University, Durham, NC	The Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Scholarship Fund	\$4,000

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Roback, Melissa of New Britain, CT	for first year of graduate studies in Creative Writing at University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	Floyd and Irene McKain/John and Helen Genza Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Ruszczyc Stephen of Buffalo, NY	for second year of graduate studies in Sociology, City University of New York, The Graduate Center, New York, NY	The Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Rybinska, Dobrosława of Denton, TX	for second year of graduate studies in Violin Performance at the University of North Texas, Denton, TX	Michael Twarowski Fund	\$2,000
Sadowski, Maciej of Brooklyn, NY	for freshman year of undergraduate studies in Biology, St Joseph's College, Bronx, NY	Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc Fund	\$2,000
Sakowicz, Katarzyna of Brooklyn, NY	for fourth year in PhD studies in Clinical Psychology, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	Edwin L Harasimowicz Scholarship Trust Fund	\$3,000
Schubert, Stephanie of Peabody, MA	for senior year of undergraduate studies in	Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs	\$2,500

Name	Purpose	Fund	Amount
	Chemistry and Chemical Oceanography, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI	Fund	
Scipniak, Aneta of Waterford, MI	for second year of graduate studies in Pharmacy, Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany, NY	Jerome and Mary Straka Scholarship	\$3,000
Sharko, Evan of Hamilton, NJ	for second year of undergraduate studies in History and Secondary Education, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund	\$1,000
Sherman, Isabel of New Orleans, LA	for second year of graduate studies in Business Administration, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA	The Arthur and Genevieve Roth Scholarship Fund	\$5,000
Shlachter, David of Portland, OR	for second year of graduate studies in International Development, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	The Michalina and Herman Zimber Scholarship Fund	\$5,000
Sroka, Gregory of Holyoke, MA	for senior year of undergraduate studies in Television and Film Writing, Emerson College, Boston, MA	Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Fund	\$2,500

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Stavin, Anita of New York, NY	for third year of graduate studies in Dental Medicine, Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine, Stony Brook, NY	The Dr Edward and Maria Nowicki Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Strycharz, Katarzyna of Glendale Heights, IL	for fourth year of graduate studies in Medicine, Karol Marcinkowski University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Stryjewski, Tomasz of Baton Rouge, LA	first year of graduate studies in Medicine at Harvard University, Boston, MA	Sophia Grodzicka Scholarship Fund	\$6,000
Szafran, Denice of Niagara Falls, NY	for second year of Doctoral Studies in Anthropology at The State University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY	Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Szczygiel, Rosemary of Riverhead, NY	for first year of graduate studies in Creative Writing at Queens University of Charlotte, Charlotte, NC	Floyd and Irene McKain/John and Helen Genza Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Szleszynski, Johanna of Middle Village, NY	for first year of graduate studies in Fibers, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA	Edward C Smith Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Sztompka, Magdalena of	for second year of graduate	Victoria Kokernak	\$3,000

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Brooklyn, NY	studies in Digital Art, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY	Scholarship Fund	
Tennant, Agnieszka of Wheaton, IL	for third year of graduate studies in International Relations, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL	John E Kierzkowski Scholarship Fund	\$4,000
Thorne, Sylwia of Akron, OH	for second year of graduate studies in Teaching English as a Second Language, Kent State University, Kent, OH	Dr Irene S Pyszkowski Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Tomczak, Adam of River Vale, NJ	for final year of undergraduate studies in Astrophysics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund	\$3,000
Turner, Maureen of Alhambra, CA	third year of PhD studies in Clinical Psychology, Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, CA	Rev Paul J Miskowicz Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Valenza, Pamela of Rydal, PA	second year of graduate studies in Medicine, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA	The Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Scholarship Fund	\$4,000
Wajda, Nikolai of Springfield, VA	second year of graduate studies in Medicine, Jagiellonian University,	Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund	\$3,000

Name	Purpose	Fund	Amount
	Krakow, Poland		
Walkosz, Weronika of Addison, IL	for final year of doctoral studies in Physics, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL	Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Wezowski, Marc of Morton Grove, IL	for final year of graduate studies in Law, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	Michalina, Kazimierz, Jozef & Henry W Rokicki Scholarship Fund	\$5,000
Yakowicz, William of Ridgewood, NJ	for final year of undergraduate studies in Journalism and English Literature, New York University, New York, NY	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund	\$1,500
Zalewski, Andrea of Philadelphia, PA	for first year of graduate studies in Architecture, Columbia University, New York, NY	The Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$4,000
Zoch, Kathryn of Hackensack, NJ	for final year of undergraduate studies in Accounting, Georgetown University, Washington, DC	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund	\$2,000
Zukiewicz, Mary Kate of Pittsburgh, PA	first year of graduate studies in Public Policy, New York University, New York, NY	Edward C Smith Scholarship Fund	\$3,000

THE YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM IN POLAND 2008/2009

Recipient	Purpose	Amount
Boshinski, Joseph of Englewood, OH	Undergraduate junior majoring in Slavic and Eastern European Studies at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	\$1,350
Dubowski, Lauren of New York, NY	Undergraduate senior majoring in Theater Studies and French at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA and Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA	\$675
Greig, Jodi of Margate, FL	Undergraduate senior majoring in Psychology at University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	\$1,350
Mangam, Victoria of Mechanicsburg, PA	Undergraduate junior majoring in Global Affairs and Communications at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	\$1,350
Marzak, Michael of Gainesville, FL	BA in Philosophy at Our Lady of Corpus Christi University, Corpus Christi, TX	\$1,350
Patzek, Julie , 22 of Houston, TX	Undergraduate senior majoring in Health Sciences at University of California, Santa Cruz, CA	\$675
Smalec, Alina of Vernal, UT	BA in French and International Studies, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO	\$1,350
Zawislanski, Andrew of Evanston, IL	Undergraduate senior in Classical Studies at University of California, Santa Cruz, CA	\$1,350

GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND 2008/2009

Grantee	Purpose	Amount
Konieczny, Matthew of Lansing, MI	For doctoral studies and research on <i>Constructing Science: Polish Physics and the Development of a Quantum Theory in Europe</i> at Jagiellonian University, Krakow	\$2,250
Szczypien, Jean of Syracuse, New York	For research on Stefan Buszczyński's eulogy for Joseph Conrad's father, Apollo Korzeniowski at the Jagiellonian University Library, Krakow, Poland	\$2,250
Zebik, Grzegorz of Philadelphia, PA	To continue doctoral studies and research in the area of urban policy at the Institute of Geography and Spatial Management, Jagiellonian University, Krakow	\$2,250

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM 2009

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

Name	Status	Scholarship
Altman, Robert of Littleton, CO	High school senior at Lakewood High School, Lakewood, CO	\$2,130
Arkin, Rebecca of Princeton, NJ	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Comparative Literature, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	\$2,130
Cobert, Emma of Stanford, CA	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in International Relations, Stanford University, Stanford, CA	\$2,130
D'Angelo, Paul of Edmonds, WA	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Molecular Biology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA	\$2,130
Dziurzynski, Lukasz of Philadelphia, PA	Undergraduate junior majoring in Mathematics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	\$2,130
Goba, Marissa of Fairfield, CT	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Marketing and International Business, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT	\$2,130

Name	Status	Scholarship
Habina, Konrad of West Lafayette, IN	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Aeronautical Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN	\$2,130
Hernandez, Erik of Fairbanks, AK	High school senior attending West Valley High School, Fairbanks, AK	\$2,130
Jednac, Paulina of Brooklyn, NY	Undergraduate freshman majoring in xxx, Hunter College, City University of New York, New York, NY	\$2,130
Matuszewski, Brian of Ithaca, NY	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	\$2,130
Michalik, Thomas of Aliquippa, PA	High school senior at Hopewell Senior High School, Aliquippa, PA	\$2,130
Setmajer, Alexandra of Omaha, NE	High school senior at Millard North High School, Omaha, NE	\$2,130
Slusarz, Piotr of Pomona, CA	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Mechanical Engineering, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA	\$2,130
Zielinski, Joseph of Athens, OH	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in History, Ohio University, Athens, OH	\$2,130

Teaching English in Poland 2009

The Kosciuszko Foundation's nineteenth annual *Teaching English in Poland Program* underwent some notable changes. After the Polish Ministry of National Education announced the withdrawal of its financial support from all summer foreign language immersion camps for the 2009 season, the Foundation received offers from the administrations of two former camp locations to continue the TEIP Program. The two Polish Directors took the initiative to raise funding for the operation of their camps from municipal and private sources and from tuition to be paid by the Polish students. The Kosciuszko Foundation agreed to organize the staffs and to implement the Teaching English in Poland Program at:

1. the ZHP (Polish Scouts) Educational-Recreational Center, "Nadwarcianski Grod", in **Zalecze Wielkie** with **two smaller camps** at that site: a three-week Arts Enrichment Camp in English for junior high school students and an English Language Immersion Camp for Upper Elementary School Students. Several students from Rakszawa, Prof. Stefan Mizwa's hometown, attended the camp. The term, including a six-day tour for the American Staff, extended from June 26th to July 24th.

2. the Janusz St. Pasierb School Campus for Economics and Business in **Tczew** with the **popular K.F. TEIP English Language Immersion Program for High School Students** (sixteen to nineteen years of age). The term, including the six-day tour for the American Staff extended from July 1st to August 1st.

The Arts Enrichment Camp for 48 Junior High School students (13-16 years of age) was initiated, and implemented by Staff Leader Mary Kay Pieski, President of the Ohio Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation, for the purpose of introducing Polish students to the Arts as taught in American schools. Ms. Pieski, a Middle School music teacher, successfully obtained a grant of \$4,500 from the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation to purchase Orff Musical Instruments in Poland for the camp. She organized a staff of 6 teachers and 6 student assistants experienced in the Arts who were mainly from Kent State University. They produced an impressive program of varied learning experiences and activities in the Arts.

The English Language Immersion Camp for 50 Upper Elementary School students (10 – 12 years of age) was held **simultaneously but separately** from the Arts Enrichment Camp. Veteran Staff Leader Theresa Rivard of the Western New York Chapter was responsible for implementing the TEIP program based on American life and culture with a staff of 5 teachers and 5 teaching assistants. Staff members hailed from New York, Minnesota, and Illinois.

During the course of the program, the Zalecze Wielkie camp population was increased with the arrival of children who were displaced from their homes by the floods that ravaged southwestern Poland at the time. They participated in some program activities.

The K.F.-Tczew Camp was led by veteran leader Janice Sherry. Her staff included ten teachers representing a cross-section of the U.S.A. from Nevada, Washington (state), Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York and Texas. They conducted the ever-popular TEIP Program as in past summers for 80 students (ages 16-19).

All of the Americans were treated by their camp administrators to a six-day cultural-historical tour at the conclusion of the camp programs.

The **total cost** to date for TEIP 2009 is **\$ 72,501.00 with gifts-in-kind** amounting to approximately **\$ 60,100.00** (includes participants' airfare, materials, supplies, sports equipment, office supplies and services, communication, certificates, etc.) donated by American participants, chapters, organizations and individuals).

Total direct expenses to date covered by the K.F. of \$12,401.00 include: accident/medical insurance for all American participants; air fare and honoraria for three Staff Leaders; musical instruments; a camp staff orientation meeting and shipping. **Income of \$ 12,500.00** was generated by registration fees (\$ 5,700.00) and donations/grants from organizations/foundations/individuals (\$6,800.00). Primary donors were the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, the Polish American Teachers Association, Inc., the Marie Sklodowska Curie Professional Women's Association, Inc., Walter J. Kuskowski, The Ohio Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation and the Western New York Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Other direct expenses were covered with payments by individuals for goods, services and air fare donated as gifts-in-kind to the program (**\$ 60,100**).

Program expenditures were reduced by eliminating most printing, mailing and some shipping costs. Printed program materials were sent as e-mail attachments to participants. The cost of the musical instruments was offset by a grant. The Program Director donated office supplies, communications costs and printing of certificates.

At the conclusion of its **nineteenth consecutive summer**, the Foundation's TEIP Program is credited with organizing a total of 103 English language camps served by 1,700 American volunteers for the benefit of approximately 10,200 Polish students since 1991.

Fiscal year 2009 TEIF Program
35 Teachers including two Staff Leaders
11 Teaching Assistants
1 Program Director
1 Assistant
200 Polish students

Christine Kuskowski, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY - Program Director (Volunteer)

Anna Utecht, New York, NY - Assistant Director and KF Staff Member

Therese Rivard, Amherst, NY - TEIP Regional Coordinator, Western New York Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation and Upper Elementary School Staff Leader at Zalecze Wielkie

Mary Kay Pieski, Tallmadge, OH - President, Ohio Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation, TEIP Regional Coordinator, and Junior High School Arts Enriched Camp Staff Leader at Zalecze Wielkie

Ms. Janice Lynn Sherry, Las Vegas, NV – Regional Coordinator and High School Staff Leader at Tczew

Patricia Grutzmacher, Ph.D. – Kent State University, OH – Arts Camp Program/Curriculum Development and TEIP Contact for University Credit

Cooperating Polish Directors: Krystyna Mikita, Administrator, ZHP Polish Scouting Educational-Recreational Center, "Nadwarcianski Grod", Zalecze Wielkie and **Jerzy Cisewski**, Director of the the Janusz St. Pasierb School Campus for Economics and Business in **Tczew**

Annual Dinner and Ball

The Kosciuszko Foundation celebrated its 74th Annual Dinner and Ball in the Grand Ballroom of New York's elegant Waldorf=Astoria Hotel.

The Kosciuszko Foundation honored ten prominent Poles: John Cetnarowski-Cetner, M.D., Dr. Ronald and Mrs. Maria Hagadus, Mrs. Mary Ann Iwinski, Mrs. Stephanie T. Mucha, Dr. Witold & Mrs. Dorothy P. Kawecki, Dr. Stanislaw and Mrs. Anita Milewski, Mr. William and Mrs. Alexandra Solowij Watkins.

Mr. Bogdan Chmielewski, Chief Executive Officer of the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union, served as the Ball Chairman. The Polish American Dance Company performed one of its original pieces.

Under the patronage of Mrs. Teresa Wroblewski, four young ladies were presented as debutantes at the Ball. They were Miss Jordan E. Gelber of Ridgefield, Connecticut, Miss Alexandra A. Golota of Northbrook, Illinois, Miss Christina M. Slomczewski of Buffalo, New York, and Miss Adrianna Zawisny of Staten Island, New York. Ms. Caroline A. Fazio was the Honorary Chairwoman of the Debutante Council.

The Annual Dinner and Ball functions as an opportunity for friends and supporters of the Kosciuszko Foundation to gather and honor those who have made significant contributions to the arts, sciences, history, and literature, as well as to honor those young women, bright, talented and ambitious, who seek to walk in the footsteps of those honored.

Guests in attendance this year watched as the masters of ceremonies guided the Ball through a host of traditions, such as the chorus of trumpeters from the Fanfare Squadron of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the singing of both the Polish and the United States National Anthems, this year by Miss Helen Mary Tyszka, Soprano. The Polish American Folk Dance Company performed to the music of Frederick Chopin, and led the guests in the traditional Polonaise. The guests enjoyed these and other dance steps into the early morning, to the music of the Hank Lane Revue.

Affiliate Groups

Affiliate Groups play an important role in furthering the Kosciuszko Foundation's goals. They comprise of individuals who are focused on certain special interests within the broader activities of the Kosciuszko Foundation, and often feature their own membership rosters and officers, addressing many of the Foundation's specific needs.

The National Advisory Council

The National Advisory Council is composed of several individual members of the Kosciuszko Foundation, as well as presidents of the Kosciuszko Foundation's eight chapters. The Council is designed to benefit from broad representation throughout the United States, providing the Board of Trustees with valuable advice on how to expand membership and donations, by highlighting and discussing current trends amongst the Foundation's target groups, and developing ideas on how to attract new membership and donations given these trends. Its members are longtime Foundation members who have their finger on the pulse of the Foundation, its philosophy, and its future.

Chapters of the Kosciuszko Foundation

The Kosciuszko Foundation chapters play a vital role in maintaining the Foundation's reputation as a nationwide organization. Run strictly by local volunteers who commit considerable time and effort to the task of soliciting members in their geographic areas, organizing local concerts, awards banquets, and other key fundraising events, representatives of the Kosciuszko Foundation's eight chapters act as local ambassadors, promoting the Foundation's mission in local regions.

Through the participation of local chapter presidents on the National Advisory Council, chapters also help keep the Board of Trustees, officers, and staff informed of local trends in local communities, and instrumental role in assisting the Foundation to expand membership.

The Pro Arte League

For all those visitors to the Foundation House who find it an aesthetic and hospitable place to visit, they can thank the Pro Arte League.

Founded by women members of the Kosciuszko Foundation in 1970 with a mission to raise funds for the preservation and beautification of the public rooms for the Kosciuszko Foundation house, the Pro Arte League has played an indispensable role in keeping the Foundation House in its current pristine condition. Beginning with fashion show fundraisers in the early part of its history, the League now uses its annual fundraising luncheon as a showcase for young Polish-American musicians and other fine Polish and Polish American performing artists.

The Polish American Teachers Association

Polish American Teachers Association (PATA) was founded in 1973 in order to help accurately inform the American public about Poland and the role and contributions of Polish Americans in American society. PATA's relationship with the Kosciuszko Foundation began shortly after formation.

PATA sponsors a rich schedule of events and activities, including essay and visual arts competitions. One of its more popular programs include a storytelling competition, during which students of Polish heritage who attend Polish supplementary schools gather at the Kosciuszko Foundation to tell stories from Polish folklore. Held every March, this year's winners were presented with medals and cash prizes.

PATA also holds the popular Annual Mikolajki / St. Nicholas Day celebration, which teaches children about traditional Polish Christmas celebrations. PATA has also been a reliable supporter of the Foundation's Teaching English in Poland Program, through regular cash contributions as well as Program volunteers.

The Holocaust Studies Committee

No single event in recent history has had a longer lasting impact on people of Polish heritage like the Holocaust. In order to in order to assure that educators and other sources report Polish Christian experiences in the Holocaust in a

fair, unbiased and accurate manner, the Foundation formed the Holocaust Studies Committee in 1982. The Committee maintains liaison with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and holds a seat on the Polish-American-Jewish-American Council. In the past, it has gained recognition of three Polish Christians as "Righteous Among the Nations" by Israel's Holocaust Memorial Center Yad Vashem and provided technical assistance to two widely screened documentary film "Zegota, a Time to Remember", and "Zegota: Council for Aid to Jews in Occupied Poland (1942-1945)", both films documenting the Polish Home Army's aid and assistance to the Jews during World War II. The committee also acts to fight against defamatory statements made in films, and contemporary literature, and school curricula.

John Gmerek, Longtime Chairman of the Committee, noted that the political reforms in Poland in 1989 acted as an impetus to encourage dialogue between the Polish Jews and Polish Christians on full documentation of both the scope of atrocities as well as acts of rescue and heroism of both groups during the Holocaust.

The Holocaust Studies Committee is seeking new volunteers to join its cause.

The Debutante Council

The presentation of young ladies to the community and into society at the Kosciuszko Foundation's Annual Dinner and Ball in April of each year has been the highlight of the Foundation's calendar of events since it was introduced in 1941. The Debutante Council prepares those young ladies for presentation at the Ball.

The Council is comprised of women of Polish descent who also have longstanding relationships with the Kosciuszko Foundation. The Council invites young women between the ages of 16 and 25 who have shown scholastic achievement and a record of community service to participate as debutantes. The Council members prepare them for their appearance through meetings and a special luncheon. The Debutante presentation is a highlight of the Annual Dinner and Ball, instilling young women with a sense of traditional values, education and conduct in a sophisticated social setting. It is an exciting and elegant experience, creating memories that last a lifetime.