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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT DR. JOHN S. MICGIEL

Most Kosciuszko Foundation members are unaware that the Foundation's Summer Courses in Polish Culture began in 1933 and continued through 1939. During those seven years, seventy-eight Americans travelled to Krakow to study Polish culture, art, and history. The Second World War and its aftermath interrupted this important program. In 1963, the Foundation organized the first of three educational tours of Poland, but it was not until 1969 that discussions on the resumption of the Summer Sessions could take place, thanks to two remarkable men, Professor Eugene Kusielewicz, Vice President of the Kosciuszko Foundation, and Professor Mieczyslaw

Klimaszewski, Rector of the Jagiellonian University and President of the *Towarzystwo Laczności z Polonia Zagraniczna* or Polonia Society. Despite opposition by conservative members of the Polish communist party, and by representatives of conservative Polonia in the United States, the first group of fifty young Polish Americans left for Krakow for the first of the postwar Summer Sessions in the summer of 1970. In 1974, the first Summer Session at the Catholic University in Lublin took place, and other summer programs in Rzeszow, and Wroclaw followed.

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One of the founders of the Jagiellonian University's Summer School of Polish Language and Culture, Mr. Antoni Tomecki and Dr. John Micgiel, in front of the Collegium Novum following the inaugural lecture in 2015.



Summer study students sailing to Poland on the SS Kosciuszko in 1933.



Students in the Summer Study at Polish Universities Program in 1972.

DR. THOMAS MONZELL was on the way to studying for his Ph.D. in 1970 when he joined that first intrepid group of students travelling to Krakow. He described some of his observations five years later in the KF's Fiftieth Anniversary Symposium:

I remember how prior to our departure for Poland, while at Kennedy airport, we participants began to exchange our ideas of Poland and the motives for our leaving for that distant land. Frankly, I was a little shocked. Some were afraid to go to Poland. They expected a police state with soldiers and dogs at every corner.

Some expected the Churches to be closed, and that they would not see nuns or priests. I did not want to argue with them because I did not believe they would listen to me. They would prefer to see for themselves.

Their motives were interesting. Some wanted to get away from home. Some wanted to have a vacation. Some wanted to see something of Europe, or simply to get away from mom and pop. Some were not even interested in what was going to take place: the courses, lectures, tours, etc. At that time I thought to myself that it was

a mistake for the Foundation to send these students on this program. But then, I remember when we got to Poland, this all began to change. Strangers became friends as feelings of comradeship developed. I remember that as the weeks went by (and there were only four weeks in this initial program) my fellow students began to change their impressions about Poland as they learned about Poland's one thousand years. I remember our lectures...our conversations...But what I remember most was our return to the United States, the comments that our fellow students were now making, comments so different from those made en route to Poland. I remember how their awareness of their Polish American consciousness was heightened. Some of them did not know anything about Poland or Polishness until they went. I remember how many of them were impressed with the art, the music, the drama, the total historical culture of Poland. I remember how proud they were to be able to say they were Americans of Polish descent, and I remember most of all how many of them were determined, not only to return to Poland once again, in order to learn more about Poland during the remainder of their collegiate studies. Some were talking of ways of taking part in the activities of their local Polish organizations. They did so because they better understood what it was to be Polish after having seen Poland itself...

My participation in the K.F. Summer program gave me a deeper awareness of the richness of Polish culture, and a self-confidence, not excessive pride but self-confidence, so that I know who I really am, what my background is, and why I am the sort of person I am.

The students' reports throughout the years reflected their experiences and Poland's situation at the time. After 83 years of interrupted operation, and over 53 summers, nearly 7,000 students studied at the various programs and, perhaps not unexpectedly, the wonder of immersion in a not too familiar culture and locale, the serendipity of exploring a culture and history with similarly enthusiastic new friends and sharing experiences.

MONIKA DZIEWA, Krakow 2014, wrote:

The study abroad program in Krakow in which I had pleasure of participating in, was a great opportunity for me to experience life as a student in Poland. I have to admit that it was full of experiences and unforgettable moments. It was the adventure of my life where I had met many interesting people from all over the world. I was able to experience how students in Poland live their lives, and explore fields of academia and maintain their social lives. While studying in Krakow I was able to explore the historical landmarks and their architecture. I have also learned many interesting things about Poland, its culture, and the language through the classes and lectures offered by the study abroad program. I acquired new acquaintances, countless memories, and academic benefits from the program, which made this summer the most memorable experience of my life.

Hyperbole? No. **MIKE MULLIN**, Krakow, 2014 reported,

Over the course of my college career I have been given the opportunity to study abroad on four separate occasions. I have been fortunate enough to have visited and studied in Buenos Aires, Argentina, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Havana, Cuba for various amounts of time. However, until I came into contact with the Kosciuszko Foundation I had never realized the opportunity to study in my 'ancestral home' that is Poland.



KF students enjoy an evening out in Krakow.

For years, I had considered going to Poland; in a sense to return to my roots. After becoming more aware of the Kosciuszko Foundation and its programs in Poland, my desire to visit here was finally fully realized.... To summarize my time in Krakow (which seems futile) in one sentence, is to say that the city, its people, culture and language, are simultaneously contemporary and ancient; it is a place where time seems to stop and start irregularly and you are overwhelmed by both the immensity of its structures and the minutiae of its detail and dedication to the past. I am incredibly grateful for having been allowed to visit and thank you sincerely for affording me this opportunity!

KERESA HOWARD, Krakow 2014, informed,

As I've been to Poland many times in the past, I expected that aside from language skills, I would learn nothing new in particular. I assumed that I fundamentally understood everything there was to understand about Polish culture already. This trip proved me entirely wrong. It wasn't just Poland that had changed since the few years

I'd been there, it was me. Poland had modernized at a rapid pace, and my three weeks in Krakow forced me to adapt quickly. In this way, while academically and culturally I learned an incredible amount, the largest impact was a personal one. The friends I found, the experiences I had, and the decisions I made truly shaped me this summer. I came back as a completely different person. I was more independent, more assertive, and more outgoing. My family noticed, but most of all, as I entered college for the first time, I noticed. As the other first-year students scurried about anxiously, I confidently and calmly entered this new stage of my life, completely confident in my ability to navigate the world on my own.

...I found both very positive and negative cultural aspects present in Poland that I had never fully been exposed to before, but in trying to understand them explored my own negative and positive qualities, thereby becoming a far more independent, confident, and friendly person who feels comfortable with adapting to any situations life may

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KF summer sessions participants cooling off in Krakow.

throw my way. Additionally, I would truly like to thank you, my donors, for this incredible trip. It was one of the best three weeks of my life, and I know the friends I made there and experiences I had will stay with me for a lifetime.

CAROLINE A. FEENEY, Krakow 2015, writes:

While preparing to write this report, I looked to my journal that I kept, I admit not all too faithfully, and my scholarship essay that I wrote for this scholarship. My experience in Poland is one that I am likely never to forget. Not only because of its significance to myself but also because not everyone gets to live in Poland for a month. At the beginning of the trip I thought that I would come home satisfied and content. What I didn't know, is that this is just the beginning of many adventures to come. From this trip, has been born a newfound passion. Or more likely, a newly discovered passion. My heritage has always been of interest because of the stories my mother, grandparents, and great-grandmother have always told. Being in Poland and experiencing the culture and meeting the people of my ancestors, and thinking, "This is where

I came from," has made this interest turn into a passion. I have so much to ask my grandmother. I want to reconnect with my Polish relatives that still live there. This study abroad program has been the best way to experience a foreign country. I have been able to experience some of the tourist attractions, but also been able to blend in with the crowd and observe and participate in the culture myself. Poland has touched my heart and left its mark forever leaving me changed.

The Kosciuszko Foundation's Summer Sessions have brought more Americans to Poland than any other program that we know of, in good times and bad. In our view, the deal brokered by Professors Klimaszewski and Kusielewicz succeeded because of the values that Americans and Poles share and the willingness to meet partners halfway. The Kosciuszko Foundation invites alumnae of the Summer Sessions to its Headquarters for a reunion, to be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016. It will be a good occasion to reminisce and catch up with old friends, have a bite to eat over wine, listen to some music, and perhaps catch a Broadway show afterward. Please call the Foundation later this Fall for details or visit our website: www.thekf.org. ☞

MINISTER MALGORZATA
OMILANOWSKA OF
THE POLISH MINISTRY
OF CULTURE AND
NATIONAL HERITAGE
VISITS THE KF



A delegation of officials from the Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage led by Minister Malgorzata Omilanowska visited the Foundation on Friday, July 24, 2015, to view the Foundation's art collections and discuss cooperation. Dr. Micgiel provided commentary on the ongoing conservation of the artwork.

SAVE THE DATE:
SUMMER
SESSION
REUNION

Saturday,
February 20, 2016
@ the KF


THE SUBCARPATHIAN PROVINCE HONORS DR. STEFAN MIERZWA (STEPHEN MIZWA)

On June 28, 2015, the authorities of the village of Rakszawa celebrated their native son, Dr. Stefan Mierzwa (Stephen Mizwa), the founder of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Rakszawa is the second largest village in Poland with about 7,000 inhabitants and is located near Rzeszow. One of the three primary schools there bears his name, and the teachers and students turned



out to warmly welcome Kosciuszko Foundation President Dr. John S. Micgiel and his wife Barbara. The School is a virtual museum dedicated to Dr. Mierzwa, and holds a competition every year to send one or two students to New York City to study English for six weeks. The study visits are sponsored by the Foundation's Wojciechowski Fund and a half dozen alumnae shared their experiences in United States with participants at a delightful reception held at the school in Rakszawa.



The following day the Provincial Assembly honored Dr. Mierzwa's memory by presenting Dr. Micgiel with a Certificate of Merit. Marshal of the Assembly, Mr. Wladyslaw Ortyla and Chairman of the Assembly Mr. Bogdan Romaniuk made the presentation, followed by brief remarks by Dr. Micgiel. The Provincial authorities made possible a tour of the Rzeszow environs including a trip to the Ulma Family National Museum, which is currently under construction, as is the new Convention Center near Rzeszow airport. The area has much to offer, and the Kosciuszko Foundation is working with the province to explore further cooperation. The Province is proud of Dr. Mierzwa, and he would be proud of the dynamism and energy there today that was so lacking when in 1910, like so many inhabitants of the region, he emigrated to the United States. The Foundation that he created in 1925 together with five Anglo-Saxon Protestant Americans, is the second oldest ethnic Foundation in the United States and operates a number of programs to promote educational and cultural exchange between the United States and Poland. For more information, visit our website at www.thekf.org, and visit us on Facebook. 



MEETING AGNIESZKA HOLLAND

by Agnieszka Niezgoda



It was The Law of Attraction that brought me and The Kosciuszko Foundation together.

This summer I drove for 8 days across the country from Los Angeles, where I lived and worked as a foreign press correspondent for 6 years, to Washington D.C. and moved in with my friends in Virginia. D.C. was my love at first sight and I decided to give it a chance.

– *Agnieszka Holland is going to be here in November* – Polish Consul, familiar with “Hollywood PL”, the non-fiction book featuring Polish filmmakers in Hollywood I authored, mentioned at our random meeting. So I sat at my computer and shot Basia Bernhardt an email. The reply came after a second: – *I was just thinking of you! Trying to get your contact info!* Two days later, over a bowl of a Vietnamese Pho soup and a copy of my book, we were discussing with Basia the upcoming Kosciuszko Foundation’s Annual Fundraising Gala with the guest of honor, three-time-Oscar nominee Agnieszka Holland: our woman in Hollywood.

I met Agnieszka over 5 years ago at her apartment in Warsaw, Poland. We just started our first interview session for the book and I was nervous. I grew up on her films. *Europa, Europa* (1990), *The Secret Garden* (1993), *Total Eclipse* (1995) were screened during my high school years and to me Ms. Holland was already a living legend. How do you interview a legend? You don’t. Yes, I blew our first session. She didn’t tell me much more than I had already known because I didn’t dare to ask the right questions. A year later we met again, this time in Los Angeles for the book’s photo session I was co-producing. It was one of those No Budget But Ask Your Friend to Make You a Favor productions. Despite a bottle or two of Trader Joe’s white wine, we were all nervous. Suddenly, Agnieszka made a joke that felt harsh to me. I do remember it hurt me. And it made

me angry. That was The Moment: the moment when a legend became a human being. Our second interview session, which we conducted after the photo shoot, went much better. Another year later, our third session was just perfect. Four years after our first encounter, I sent Agnieszka her chapter. The reply came surprisingly quickly. – *What’s that? You rewrote a lot what I told you* – her email started. The line almost gave me a heart attack. As respectfully as I could I wrote her back, explaining the literary vision behind the project. The final corrections turned out to be minor.

That’s how I understood what Agnieszka has been mastering her entire life: how to stand up and fight for your vision. A young mother, separated in Paris by the Martial Law in Poland from her daughter for 9 months. An immigrant filmmaker in Europe, who back then didn’t speak any western language. A foreigner and a woman in Hollywood, who made it all the way up to Oscar Nominations against the Boys’ Club and against Cut Throat Show Business. Please meet Agnieszka Holland: a Polish, international, Hollywood filmmaker. 🍷

FROM THE
KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Please join us on
Saturday, November 14th, 7PM – 10PM
for
THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION
Annual Gala Dinner

honoring internationally acclaimed
Polish film maker

Agnieszka Holland

Grand Ball Room at the Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW,
Washington, D.C. 20036

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

WALDEMAR PRIEBE PLANS TO ESTABLISH “BIOTECHNOLOGY VALLEY” IN POLAND



The Polish language *Puls Biznesu* interviewed Professor Priebe on August 19, 2015, about his plans to establish a “biotechnology valley” in Poland. The founder of five U.S. pharmaceutical firms, Dr. Priebe argues that Poland must move quickly to create the infrastructure necessary to compete in the

countries of East Central Europe and the Middle East. Since startup costs and risk are high, and research and development takes between 10 and 20 years, cooperation with U.S. firms with advanced projects could save time and money and reduce risk. East Central Europe and the Middle East are attractive areas for American pharmaceutical companies and for investors from these regions, and buying licenses to produce medicine for sale in a market of over 300 million people offers an opportunity for revenues of several hundreds of millions of dollars. Priebe notes that support from the Polish government to build specialized laboratories would encourage world-class researchers to work in Poland. 🌐

ANTHONY Z. KRUSZEWSKI, FATHER OF “BORDEROLOGY”



Longtime KF member Professor Anthony Z. Kruszewski officially retired on January 15, 2015, from the faculty of the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). As the campus magazine put it, “Proteges refer to him ‘a walking institution,’ colleagues call him ‘brilliant’ and

friends say, ‘He is a hero.’ But most people know him as Tony. The father of “borderology” as he puts it, the study of Borderlands, Professor Kruszewski has analyzed many frontiers, U.S. –Mexican, Polish-German, Ukrainian-Polish, Lithuanian-Polish, and so on, some in the company of the President of the Kosciuszko Foundation. For fifty years, he has lectured at institutions in the U.S., Poland, Yugoslavia, Romania, Hungary, Brazil, Japan, Israel, Germany, Ukraine, and Russia. He is now working on his memoirs, which will no doubt be nearly as colorful as his life. Najlepszego, Tony! 🌐

IN MEMORIAM



JOHN ANTHONY KOSTECKI

John Anthony Kostecki died on Sunday evening, August 9, 2015. He was a resident of Passaic, New Jersey and leaves his two sisters, Dorothy Kostecka-Wieczerek, Secretary of the Association of the Sons of Poland and Stephanie Costanzo. He had two nieces, four nephews plus three great grandnieces, four great grandnephews and ten cousins.

John was born in New York City, to Stephen and Frances Kostecki. He graduated Queens College with two Masters Degrees in Science and Geology. His career began as a scientist doing core samples of the ocean floor as he traveled on the Glomar Challenger with other scientists sailing around the world. He was among the first American scientists to reach Russia during the 1970’s for this project. He later worked for several corporations developing scientific software. He moved to Texas where he became an avid equestrian and enjoyed his horse, Nugget. He later moved to Rochester where he worked for the Xerox Company. He moved back to Bayside, Queens, to care for his mother and upon her passing, moved to Passaic, New Jersey. Before he retired, he was employed at Wolters Kluwer, Inc. where he was a coordinator of Technical Approach Reviews and Production Readiness Exploration on all development projects within Corporate Trust, a subsidiary of Wolters-Kluwer and Corporate Legal Services.

He was an active member of Toastmasters and the Association of the Sons of Poland. Mr. Kostecki was a participant of the Kosciuszko Foundation Summer Sessions and a long-time member.

A WELLSPRING OF SUPPORT

Modern technology makes offices run more efficiently and we often take computer systems, access to Wi-Fi, webpages, and all manner of social media for granted. That is, until something goes wrong, and the Kosciuszko Foundation is not immune to the occasional technological hiccup. That is when we call on Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C. (www.Rosicki.com), a New York mortgage banking law practice that is active in supporting various non-profits in New York and throughout the United States. And lucky for us, Tom and Cynthia Senko Rosicki, and sister Dawn Senko Polewac and their families have long been members of the Foundation, active in various KF activities. Cynthia is Vice-Chairman of the Foundation, Dawn and Tom have been helping organize the Annual Ball for many years, and Natasha Polewac has been active in the Teaching English in Poland program for the last two years. Thanks to their firm's pro bono Information Technology support, and the wizardry of Mr. Michael Maser, the electronic backbone of the Foundation is in fine shape. Their latest efforts have been to help secure electronically our \$6 million art collection.



l-r: Dawn Polewac, Cynthia and Tom Rosicki, Esqs.

Without the Rosickis and Dawn Polewac, the Foundation would be hard-pressed to meet the various challenges involved in effectively communicating and carrying out our mission. Your dedication and support are a fine example, and the Kosciuszko Foundation is greatly appreciative.

WHY I SUPPORT THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

When my wife and I came to the United States we experienced a bit of culture shock, like all immigrants do. Not unusually, we sought out Polish American organizations that could provide activities in which we could participate. The Kosciuszko Foundation soon came to our attention. The broad array of events organized by the Foundation at various venues across the United States brought us to the Texas Chapter in Houston, where we live and work. Whether it is musical or vocal performances, film screenings, exhibits, or just the opportunity to discuss current affairs, the Kosciuszko Foundation promotes Polish culture in the U.S. , and organizes educational and cultural exchanges with Poland. I became so impressed that I joined the Foundation's Board of Trustees to further foster its mission.

Recently, I was elected to the Foundation's Collegium of Eminent Scientists, an organization of about three hundred distinguished scientists, including four Nobel laureates, representing various disciplines. It is a great honor to be part of such a group and I am proud to be a member. The Collegium is one of the many things that makes the

Foundation special. Soon the Collegium will get together in the Foundation's magnificent Gallery, which houses many Polish masterpieces of art, to have its first meeting. I look forward to the occasion.

These are some of the reasons why I cherish my membership in the Kosciuszko Foundation and why I contribute financially to its well-being. I encourage one and all to join me in doing so. Make a donation to restore the art collection or modernize the Kosciuszko House. Contribute to the scholarship funds to provide greater opportunities for study and research. Or, if you have time to spare, volunteer at the Foundation's offices in New York City or Washington, or help one of the Chapters in its efforts to promote things Polish. You'll be glad you did.

Prof. Waldemar Priebe
M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Center
University of Texas
Trustee, Kosciuszko Foundation

GIVING TO THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION: HOW TO FULFILL YOUR WISHES THROUGH A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

Much of the financial strength of the Kosciuszko Foundation has come through the years from its members and friends who provided for the Foundation in their wills. It is easy to insert a charitable bequest into your will when it is written or as a revision. You may also add a bequest through a codicil – a separate document that provides an amendment to your existing will. Regardless of the size of your estate or of your bequest, the full value of your gift may be deductible for federal estate tax purposes.



Here are ways you can support the Kosciuszko Foundation through your will:

A **specific bequest** is a gift of a specific dollar amount or a particular piece of property. For example, "I bequeath [dollar amount or description of property] to The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc."

A **residuary bequest** is a gift of all or part of the property remaining in your estate after debts, expenses and specific bequests have been paid. For example, "I give, bequeath and devise [all, or ___% of] the rest, residue and remainder of the property, both real and personal, wherever situated, which I may own or be entitled to at my death, to The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc." The Kosciuszko Foundation encourages gifts by residuary bequest. If your gift is stated as a percentage, this method automatically adjusts the size of your bequest according to your current financial position. This gives you flexibility and peace of mind that your bequest will not be larger or smaller than you had intended, in the event of unexpected changes in the size of your estate. Residuary bequests are also beneficial for the Foundation. People are often surprised by how much their assets can grow over time – and by how large an ultimate gift they are able to make to support the Foundation's mission.

A **contingent bequest** is a gift that takes effect only if the primary beneficiary or beneficiaries of the bequest should

predecease you. For example, "If neither my husband nor any descendant of mine survive me, then I give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of the property, both real and personal, wherever situated, which I may own or be entitled to at my death, to The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc."

Perhaps the most effective asset to bequeath is the **reminder of your retirement plans**, such as pension funds or IRAs. When left to someone other than your spouse, they can be subject to income and estate taxes – both of which combined could erode up to 63% of the remaining benefits! If bequeathed to the Foundation, these funds would escape both income and estate taxes, and reduce your taxable estate.

How will the Kosciuszko Foundation use my gift?

An **unrestricted bequest** is the simplest and most immediately beneficial kind of bequest to the Kosciuszko Foundation. The amount received through an unrestricted bequest can be used at the discretion of the Foundation's Trustees and administration for its most important needs. Your will may read, "I give, bequeath and devise [dollar amount, description of property or portion of residuary estate] to The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc. for its general purposes." A **restricted bequest** provides cash or property to be used by the Foundation for a specific Foundation program or named scholarship fund. If you are considering a restricted bequest, please call the Foundation's Development Office at 212-734-2130 and we will be happy to talk to you about your wishes and provide you with a personal outline of funding requirements and possibilities.

Whichever method you choose, remember that your gifts may take many forms and serve many purposes, including honoring the memory of someone you love.

MATCHING GIFT PLAN

Fortune 500 companies and many other corporations have matching gifts programs as part of their Employee Benefits Package. As stipulated by the Matching Gift Plan, the corporation will match any gift or gifts made by an employee to a non-profit organization of his/her choice.

Why not ask your company if such a program exists, and if so, perhaps your contribution to the Kosciuszko Foundation could be doubled.

THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION CAN KEEP ON GIVING
ONLY IF YOU KEEP ON GIVING. PLEASE DO.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR KIND GENEROSITY.

COLLEGIUM OF POLISH SCIENTISTS

THE FALL 2015 UPDATE

The Kosciuszko Foundation (KF) established in 2012 the “Kosciuszko Foundation Collegium of Eminent Scientists” with the following goals: (i) to honor eminent scientists of Polish origin and ancestry who have achieved recognition in the United States; (ii) to recognize, highlight, and publicize their achievements and important contributions to the respective fields of science; (iii) to identify, record, and catalogue eminent Polish scientists and scientists of Polish descent residing in America. This compendium will be of interest to historians in Poland and to Polish organizations in the United States. It also will help to promote interactions between members of the Collegium and Polish scientific organizations such as Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN) or Polish Academy of Learning (PAU, Krakow).

The names of Collegium members, their professional affiliations and scientific profiles together with an outline of the Collegium program and the criteria for acceptance to the Collegium are presented on the KF website <http://www.thekf.org/kf/programs/eminentscientists/>

This KF website is also included into the PAN website “Polscy Uczni w USA” <http://www.portalwiedzy.pan.pl/index.php/2014-09-19-08-13-57>

The number of Collegium Members has now reached 310 persons and is expected to rise. **Since mid-2014 ninety new Members have been nominated and admitted to the Collegium.** Nominations of the new candidates were submitted by current members of the Collegium, by members of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), the Polish Academy of Learning (PAU, Cracow) and by Members of the KF who have become familiar with the goals of the Collegium. Welcomed are further nominations that should be sent to jsm@thekf.org and include a description of the candidate’s scientific achievements. All nominations are reviewed by the KF Collegium Committee whose members are: Zbigniew Darzynkiewicz (Chair), Ronald Hagadus (Vice-chair), Ewa Radwańska, Piotr Chomczyński, Waldemar Priebe, and Hanna Chroboczek Kelker.

Among the Members of the Collegium accepted since mid-2014 among the most notable are:

ARTUR BARTLOMIEJ CHMIELEWSKI, Space scientist, NASA Project Manager of the US Rosetta Project, Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). He has managed several flight projects at JPL: the Space Technology 8 mission, the Mars Telecommunication Orbiter Rendezvous Experiment, the Space Technology 6 mission, the Gossamer Program, the Inflatable Antenna Flight Experiment and the Cryocooler Flight Experiment. He was also a Project Element Manager on the Deep Space 1

mission and a power system engineer for the Galileo, Ulysses and Cassini spacecrafts. He was responsible for development of 9 space instruments and several new technology devices. He also managed a flagship pre-project – the space radio astronomy mission ARISE. https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artur_Bart%C5%82omiej_Chmielewski.

WILLIAM J (BILL) BORUCKI, another space scientist, NASA Ames Research Center; principal investigator for NASA’s Kepler mission, and pioneer in quest for detection of life-hospitable planets. He designed the heat shields for the Apollo program spacecraft. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_J._Borucki.

WIT BUSZA, Professor of Physics, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He studies the field of quark–gluon plasma interactions and has been the spokesperson of the PHOBOS experiment at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wit_Busza.

ZBIGNIEW (ROGER) MROWIEC, the Director of the Stem Cell Laboratory for the Elie Katz Umbilical Cord Blood Program, The New Jersey Cord Blood Bank, and also the consultant for the Polish Bank of Stem Cells from Cord Blood. He is a pioneer in the use of cord blood as a source of stem cells. http://www.communitybloodservices.org/cb_staff.php, <https://www.pbkm.pl/rada-naukowo-medyczna>.

PIOTR PIECUCH, the physical chemist who holds the title of University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Chemistry at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA and supervises a group whose research focuses on theoretical and computational chemistry as well as theoretical and computational physics. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piotr_Piecuch.

BRONISLAW L. SLOMIANY, Professor, Department of Oral Biology, Rutgers University; a world-renowned researcher specializing in biology and the function of salivary and gastrointestinal secretions, structure, and macromolecular organization, and the role of mucus in mucosal defense; Member (Foreign) of the Polish Academy of Sciences. <http://sdm.rutgers.edu/research/center/bl-slomiany.html>.

SUSAN WOJCICKI, is an American technology executive. Currently she is Google’s Senior Vice President of Advertising & Commerce, CEO of YouTube, and the developer of AdSense, which became Google’s second largest source of revenue. It is worth mentioning that Susan is the fourth member of the Wojcicki family in our Collegium. Her father Stanley Wojcicki, physicist, is Professor Emeritus at Stanford University, sister

Anne Wojcicki is the co-founder & Member of Board of Directors of the 23andMe Co, and another sister, Janet, is an anthropologist and epidemiologist at the Department of Pediatrics, University of California at San Francisco. What an incredibly talented family!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Susan_Wojcicki.

DAVID JULIAN VOLSKY, Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases at Mount Sinai Hospital, Director of Molecular Virology Laboratory, Dept. of Medicine, Mount Sinai St. Lukes and Roosevelt Hospital, York, NY. He is a leading researcher in field of viral diseases, in particular HIV.

<http://www.mountsinai.org/profiles/david-julian-volsky>.

JERZY LESZCZYNSKI, Professor of Chemistry and President's Distinguished Fellow, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS and the founding Director for the Computational Center for Molecular Structure and Interactions Center (NSF-CREST Center). He is the author of numerous publications and book chapters, and editor of 7 books in a series on computational chemistry. <http://ccmsi.us/leszczyński>.

RICHARD W. ZIOLKOWSKI, John M. Leonis Distinguished Professor, College of Engineering, University of Arizona. He is a professor of electrical and computer engineering, and a professor of the optical sciences and past President of the IEEE Antennas & Propagation Society.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_W._Ziolkowski.

WANDA J. ORLIKOWSKI, Alfred P. Sloan Professor of Information Technologies and Organization Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her research examines technologies in the workplace, with a particular focus on the ongoing relations among technologies, organizing structures, cultural norms, control mechanisms, communication, and work practices. <http://cci.mit.edu/wanda.html>;

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wanda_Orlikowski.

KRZYSZTOF PIOTR RYKACZEWSKI, Nuclear Physicist. Oak Ridge National Laboratory. His research is mostly related to the decay spectroscopy of exotic radioactive nuclei, and has resulted in the identification and first decay study of over 50 new isotopes.

https://physics.aps.org/authors/krzysztof_p_rykaczewski

STEFAN Z. MISKA, The Jonathan Detwiler Endowed Chair Professor of the McDougall School of Petroleum Engineering and Director of Tulsa University Drilling Research Projects (TUDRP) at The University of Tulsa (TU). He has published over 170 technical papers and contributed to several books. He was involved in the successful design and development of a downhole, turbine-type motor for air drilling and has been instrumental in development of research facilities for wellbore hydraulics at simulated downhole conditions.

http://www.tudrp.utulsa.edu/personnel_faculty.html.

MICHAEL J. DEMKOWICZ, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a young physicist; his recent discovery to modify glass to be like “rubber” was highlighted in Scientific American.

<http://dmse.mit.edu/faculty/profile/demkowicz>.

MARC KAMIONKOWSKI, Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Johns Hopkins University. His research interests include particle physics, dark matter, inflation, the cosmic microwave background and gravitational waves. He is known primarily for work on supersymmetric dark matter and the cosmic microwave background. He was awarded the US Department of Energy's 2006 E. O. Lawrence Award in High Energy and Nuclear Physics for “his theoretical analyses demonstrating that precise observations of the cosmic microwave background can lead to deep understanding of the origin and evolution of the Universe, thereby motivating a series of increasingly precise cosmological experiments.”

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc_Kamionkowski.

LUDWIK KOWALSKI, Professor (Emeritus) Montclair State University, NJ. He is the author of nearly 100 scholarly papers on physics, a textbook on physics, and also of two books exposing inhumaneness of Communism/Stalinism. One of them is an autobiography based on a diary he kept between 1946 and 2004 (in the USSR, Poland, France, and the USA) and illustrates his evolution from one extreme to another—from devoted Stalinist to active anti-communist. “*Stalin's Hell on Earth*”. Wasteland Press. 2008.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludwik_Kowalski.

KRZYSZTOF REISS, Professor and Director of Neurological Cancer Research, Louisiana State University. At LSU, he is a Professor within the hematology/oncology section of the department of medicine and director of the neurological cancer research program, which he co-founded with Luis Del Valle, MD. This initiative cuts across disciplinary as well as institutional boundaries to pursue a range of neurological malignancies, from childhood brain tumors, to Merkel Cell Carcinoma, a rare and very aggressive cancer in which neuroendocrine tumor cells develop on or just beneath the skin and or in hair follicles. http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Krzysztof_Reiss.

Highlights of achievements of some of the Collegium Members during the past year:

ARTUR B. CHMIELEWSKI is the NASA Project Manager of the US Rosetta Project. The Rosetta is a robotic space probe built and launched by the European Space Agency along with the US NASA. Along with Philae, its lander module, Rosetta is performing a detailed study of comet 67P/Churyumov–Gerasimenko. It also performed a flyby of Mars and the asteroids Lutetia and Šteins. On 12 November 2014 the mission performed the first successful landing on a comet. Professor

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Chandra Wickramasinghe, director of the U.K.'s Buckingham Centre for Astrobiology, and Max Wallis of the University of Cardiff postulate that the comet could be home to living microbes. If so, it will be the first evidence of the extraterrestrial life, the finding of an enormous significance.

<http://rosetta.jpl.nasa.gov/mission-facts/us-team/art-b-chmielewski>.

KRZYSZTOF MATYJASZEWSKI has won the 2015 Dreyfus Prize in the Chemical Sciences. This international prize awarded by the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation is given every two years to recognize accomplishments in different areas of chemistry. Krzysztof Matyjaszewski received the prize, which consists of \$250,000, a medal and a citation, for excellence in "Making Molecules and Materials." Matyjaszewski is best known for developing atom transfer radical polymerization (ATRP), a process cited by the Dreyfus Foundation as being the most important advance in polymer synthesis in half a century. ATRP allows scientist to precisely control the size and architecture of polymers, which has paved the way for the creation of thousands of new materials, including coatings, adhesives and sealants, and smart materials being investigated for use in the industrial, environmental and biomedical fields. Over 50 multinational corporations already bought the license how to incorporate ATRP into the development of new products. As a result, products created using ATRP have a commercial value estimated at more than \$20 billion.

HENRYK IWANIEC. The 2015 Shaw Prize in Mathematical Sciences was awarded to Henryk Iwaniec, Rutgers University, US and Gerd Faltings, Max Planck Institute, Germany, and for "their introduction and development of fundamental tools in number theory, allowing them as well as others to resolve some longstanding classical problems." Established under the auspices of Mr Run Run Shaw in November 2002, the Prize „honours individuals, regardless of race, nationality, gender and religious belief, who have recently achieved significant breakthrough in academic and scientific research or applications and whose work has resulted in a positive and profound impact on mankind." The Shaw Prize consists of three annual prizes: Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences, each bearing a monetary award of one million US dollars.

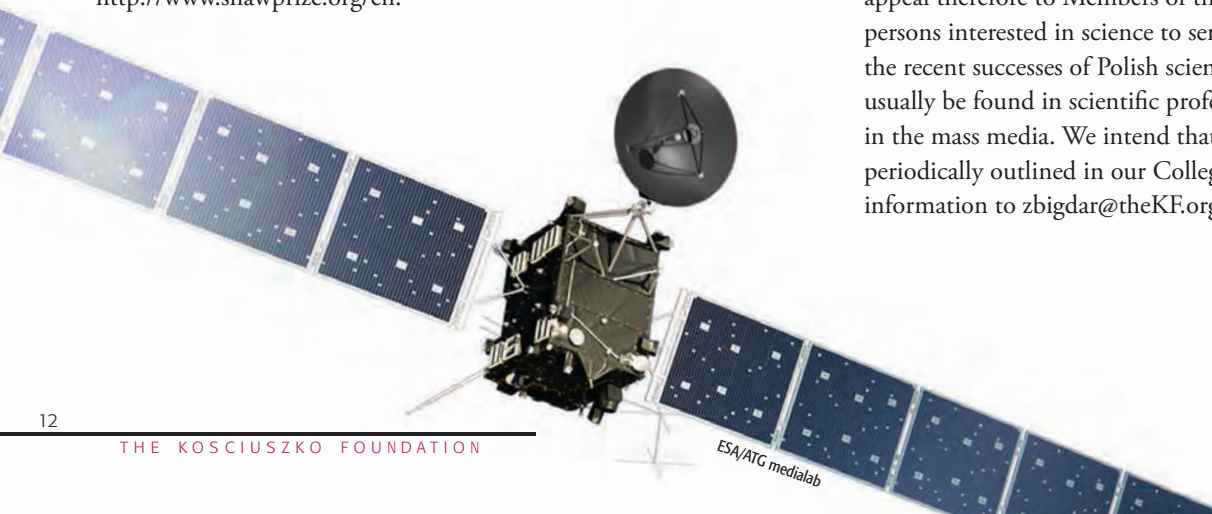
<http://www.shawprize.org/en>.

TOMASZ SKWARNICKI of Syracuse University, US using the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN, is credited with the discovery of the "pentaquark". It was first predicted to exist in the 1960s but, much like the Higgs boson particle before it, the pentaquark eluded science for decades until its detection at the LHC. The discovery, which amounts to a new form of matter, has been made by the LHCb experiments designed by Tomasz Skwarnicki.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-33517492>,
<http://futurism.com/meet-the-pentaquark-the-newest-fundamental-type-of-particle-discovered-by-cern>.

FRANK WILCZEK, the recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics, Co-founder of the KF Collegium of Eminent Scientists and an Honorary Member of the Collegium's Board of Advisors, who just published a greatly inspiring and beautifully illustrated book „*A Beautiful Question. Finding Natures Deep Design*”, that should attract not only scientists but a much wider audience. This is a mind-boggling book inspired by the Wilczek's groundbreaking work in quantum physics to look for a deeper order of beauty in nature. The "beautiful question" has been mused throughout human history by artists as well as scientists from Plato and Pythagoras up to the present, and was presented by Wilczek as a compass directing him to every major advance in his career: the intuition that the universe embodies beautiful forms symmetry, harmony, balance, proportion and economy. There are other meanings of "beauty," but this is the deep logic of the universe—and it is no accident that it is also at the heart of what we find aesthetically pleasing and inspiring. Frank Wilczek was an invited guest of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences (July 21, 2015) where he presented a dazzling lecture outlining essence of the book and addressing how „beauty” and „elegance” encompasses the whole universe down to the quantum level. Indeed, Wilczek's lecture pointed out how remarkably intertwined our ideas about beauty and art are with our scientific understanding of the cosmos. <http://www.amazon.com/Beautiful-Question-Finding-Natures-Design/dp/1594205264>.

The propagation of the achievements of scientists of Polish origin and ancestry in the United States is within the framework of the activity of the KF Collegium of Eminent Scientists. We appeal therefore to Members of the Collegium as well as to other persons interested in science to send us information concerning the recent successes of Polish scientists. Such information can usually be found in scientific professional journals or reported in the mass media. We intend that these achievements will be periodically outlined in our Collegium website. Please email such information to zbigdar@theKF.org or hankel@KF.org. 🌟



REFLECTIONS FROM THE TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND PROGRAM

The *Teaching English in Poland* Program, (TEIP) over the past twenty-five years has used a thematic approach to provide the impetus to immerse the students within a wide spectrum of American cultural experiences and international cooperation. Some examples of the themes include: 1992- Discover America Five Hundred Years After Columbus, 2002, "Freedom Knows No Bounds But Freedom Is Not Free" Thaddeus Kosciuszko, and 2012-It's A Wonderful World: Looking Closely At Poland And The United States. This year, the theme was Celebrating 25 Years of the *Teaching English in Poland* Program.

TEIP continues to add more camps each year since the number of camps dropped to one in 2009 as a result of the Polish Ministry of National Education withdrawing funding for

language camps in Poland. The volunteer participants in the TEIP program are vital in promoting the Foundation's mission of promoting educational and cultural exchanges between the United States and Poland. The Kosciuszko Foundation would like to thank the eighty-two teachers and teaching assistants who participated this summer. Ms. Houria Kherdi, teacher from Morocco and Ms. Ola Simpson, teaching assistant from Maryland brought unique backgrounds to the program this summer. Both agreed to share their story of their journey to Poland and reflections on their experience.

TEIP continues to be dedicated to furthering its long-standing tradition of commitment to excellence, intercultural exchange, and educational innovation. The possibilities are endless. 🌍

2015 TEIP SUMMER CAMPS



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Houvia Kherdi

THE FIRST VOLUNTEER AT THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND PROGRAM FROM MOROCCO



After my great experience at the English Language American Camp in July 2015 in Poland, I am writing this article to express my gratitude, honor and joy for having this opportunity to work with a team of American teachers in the camp. I was excited when I was accepted into the camp as a first Moroccan English language teacher. I am still very pleased and proud that I had this life changing opportunity and experience.

When I was selected to take part in the camp, I found myself reflecting about the person who led me there, Dr. Mary Kay Pieski, whom I met one morning at the hall of Theodore Roosevelt High School in Kent, Ohio where I had my internship in 2012. Then I learned from her about the camp when she invited me for dinner. I was really fascinated by the great work she is doing in Poland. Mary Kay invited me to visit the camp in July 2012. At that time I had just come back to Morocco after six months in the USA. I did not hesitate to join her that year. My second visit to Poland was in July 2015, but this time as a teacher. What a coincidence! Now I believe that a small moment can change our lives.

I thoroughly enjoyed this camp. Not only did I teach English to Polish students, but I also improved my knowledge about the American culture and learned a lot about Poland. I had the opportunity to learn, to travel to make new friends and expand my horizons.

As an English language teacher, I was reminded that the struggle to learn a new language is universal. Throughout the two weeks at camp I observed and admired the students struggling to communicate in English. I recalled my own process of learning to speak, read and write in English. The first days, I saw the students shy from speaking English in front of me or their peers I saw them whisper translations of instructions to friends who did not understand. I was delighted to see students helping each other. I kept telling them that they should not worry about mistakes. I also think that I motivated them when I told them that English is not my native language. It is my fourth language. It was surprising to see how the kids were interested, energetic, curious and cheerful during the classes. They learned very quickly because they had a desire to learn and due to the great efforts of



Students in Polish costume with Houria Kherdi

the excellent team of American teachers and their assistants. Towards the end of the camp, students became more confident and self-assured. I think they are now eager to continue learning English after this experience at camp.

I treasure my time at camp. I treasure my camp friends. I am very grateful to all the people who made my stay very comfortable there. I would like to thank the Polish staff for the accommodation, the delicious food and the unforgettable moments we shared. All the people I met there were friendly and nice. Leaving the camp made me miss my students, my colleagues and friends. And will miss everyone dearly.

All in all, this was a wonderful experience. I learnt a lot about the American and the Polish cultures. I also shared my Moroccan culture with kind people I met there. For many people in the camp, I was the first Moroccan person they have ever met. I am thankful that I came. It was a fabulous experience. 🌸



What an amazing team !



Students playing Bingo

Ola Simpson



Eight years ago in July 2007 when I was just 10 years old, I flew from Poland, my birth country, to the U.S. with my adoptive parents.

At the time, I didn't know my new parents very well, I didn't know much about the U.S., and I didn't know any English.

I was very nervous and scared. Today, I am a teenager, going to Kent

typical American

State University this fall as a freshman and looking forward to what's to come. This summer, I applied and was accepted for the Teaching English in Poland (TEIP) program because I wanted to help some Polish students in their attempts to speak English, knowing that I once had the same problems! The program is run through The Kosciuszko Foundation, a Polish American cultural organization with chapters around the United States. This is the 25th year of the TEIP program!

Last summer, I enjoyed a Polish language class at D.C. chapter of the KF located in DuPont Circle. I found that most of the Polish I had forgotten from my childhood was actually still there, hibernating in the back of my mind! I am thankful to the KF for choosing me to travel this July with an amazing group to Siennica to meet and teach students with our Polish counterparts. The whole experience was more than what I had hoped for. From the beginning to the end, I remained amazed at both the big and the small parts of our trip. I was so glad for the chance to see my birth country again but through a new perspective as a young adult. From the food, to the sightseeing excursions, to the children, this experience has left me with a great appreciation for Poland.

When I was little, I had no prior knowledge of English when moving to the States. It was a difficult time. I couldn't communicate my thoughts and ideas while adjusting to my new life in a new country. (Although I was always able to speak with my younger brother, who had been adopted with me at the same time.) When I finally began learning English, I found that I was incredibly shy and embarrassed to try out my newly learned language.

Just how I felt years ago, this is what the kids felt like when we first met them in Poland. They were shy, many have never met Americans before, and they rarely tried out English verbally. We were there to change that. As we came up with lesson plans, ways to entertain them and share our culture, we became close. As we grew friendships, we let the kids practice their English casually. Most of the members of the TEIP did not know Polish, so English was the only form of communication with these students. To my amazement, I watched the students each day speak up and share

their thoughts without hesitation. On this teaching trip, I received the gift of watching a young mind learn right before my eyes.

The food we were given was just how I'd remembered it. For me, almost nothing I enjoy in the States can compare to the cuisine in Poland, and I savored every bite. I was so satisfied with each meal, I made it my quest to purchase a Polish cookbook in Warsaw, and try out a few recipes when I returned home. So far, all the *gotabki* have come out of the oven burned, but I am still trying.

The opportunity to live in a small farming community about an hour from Warsaw was also a great part of the trip. We stayed at a pretty rustic campground community near the school where we went for the kids' camp during the days. I shared a bunkhouse with three other women, and we had very basic facilities for sleeping and bathrooms. Since "wifi" or any other sort of connectivity was not available except for the brief time we could use the computer room at the camp school, and long distance calling plans are really expensive, my time there was a chance to unplug from technology. Our American group had a lot of time to just talk instead of texting! But we didn't just spend quality time with each other, because teaching with us at the school were Polish staff, and we had a lot of opportunities to see them outside of the camp hours. It was great to go to dinner at people's houses and just "hang out" and talk with young Polish people not much older than me.

Before flying home after almost 3 weeks of being in Poland, we had a couple of days to spend in Warsaw and see a lot of sights there, which was a nice ending for my trip. The relaxing nights we spent strolling the streets and taking time to sit and talk in the restaurants left a positive impression on all of us as we marveled at the experience we all had just shared. In fact, I realized that I would love to return to Poland to teach another summer of English to students. I know I can help them make progress in the language and learn more about America in general, and at the same time have a wonderful experience myself through making new friends and learning more about the culture of the country where I was born! 🇺🇸

Aleksandra "Ola" Simpson

Teaching Assistant at the Siennica Camp

August 15, 2015



THE KOSCIUSZKO
FOUNDATION
JANCZEWSKI PRIZE
FOR THE BEST MEDICAL
ARTICLE PUBLISHED
BY A POLISH DOCTOR



DR. JOANNA BLADOWSKA, Assistant Professor at the Wrocław Medical University has been awarded the second biennial Bohdan and Zygmunt Janczewski Prize, sponsored by the Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.

for the best medical article published in English by a Polish doctor residing in Poland.

The title of the awarded article is: *Evaluation of early cerebral metabolic, perfusion and microstructural changes in HCV-positive patients: A pilot study*. It was published in *Journal of Hepatology* (October 2013, vol. 59, no. 4).

23 medical articles published in prestigious international medical journals took part in the competition. The decision to award the \$10,000 Janczewski Prize to Dr. Bladowska has been made by the Committee chaired by Prof. Andrzej Milewicz, President of the Polish Endocrinological Society. Other members of the Committee include: Prof. Marek Krawczyk (Rector of the Warsaw Medical University), Prof. Maciej Krzakowski (President of the Polish Society of Clinical Oncology), Prof. Ewa Radwańska (Member of the Kosciuszko Foundation Board of Trustees), Prof. Mirosław Wielgoś (President of the Polish Gynecological Society; Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the Warsaw Medical University), Prof. Jerzy Woy-Wojciechowski (President of the Polish Medical Society), Prof. Jacek Zaremba (Dean of the Department of Medicine of the Polish Academy of Sciences) and Prof. Piotr Wilczek (Secretary of the Committee, The Kosciuszko Foundation Representative in Poland – non-voting member).

The Kosciuszko Foundation Janczewski Prize will be presented to Dr. Bladowska on December 14, 2015 in Warsaw during a conference devoted to 2015 Nobel Prize Winners in Medicine, organized by the Warsaw Medical University. 🍷

Piotr Wilczek (KF Representative, Warsaw)

A NEW SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP
IS IN THE MAKING FOR
WISCONSIN STUDENTS
OF POLISH DESCENT



David Rydzewski and Ruth Pilarzyk

We are pleased to announce that **MR. DAVID RYDZEWSKI** and his wife, **RUTH PILARZYK** are spearheading an effort to raise funds for Wisconsin students of Polish descent to attend 4- and 6- week summer programs at the Jagiellonian University. To aid in that effort, they have pledged to donate \$20,000 over the next two year towards a scholarship which will be entitled, “The Wisconsin Study in Poland Scholarship” or WSIPS and are seeking matching funds from Polish organizations and residents of Wisconsin. They intend to continue to contribute to the fund each year thereafter and are asking the Wisconsin community to do the same.

The Foundation will award a minimum of two (2) scholarships in each of the first two years to Wisconsin students of Polish descent. Full details of the scholarship will post to the Kosciuszko Foundation’s website www.thekf.org/kf/programs/study in January. Mr. Rydzewski and Ms. Pilarzyk expect to include the KF in their will so that the scholarship may be awarded for many years to come.

The Kosciuszko Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards this effort may send contributions made out to the Kosciuszko Foundation, 15 East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065. Please include “Wisconsin Study in Poland Scholarship” or “WSIPS” in the memo section of your check so that your donation will be properly credited to the Wisconsin Study in Poland Scholarship. All donors will receive a letter acknowledging their donation for tax purposes.

Mr. Rydzewski’s says “The state of Wisconsin has one of the largest percentages of Americans of Polish heritage of any state in the country.

Most of the Poles who emigrated to Wisconsin came between the time of the American Civil War and the First World War. Included in that group were members of my family. They all spoke Polish and identified themselves as Polish, although their travel papers showed that they were from other countries, countries who occupied what is now modern day Poland.

I find Poland to be an amazing country, not because it’s where my family came from, but because of its Phoenix like rise from the ashes of war and political dismemberment. And all of this was possible because of the strength and resilience of its people. Despite the trials and tribulations that Poles have endured it has a proud and rich history, but many Polish Americans, particularly young Polish Americans don’t know Poland’s story very well.

That’s why I believe the mission of the Kosciuszko Foundation is so important. It allows a young generation of Polish Americans to experience Poland for themselves; and with that I trust that the Wisconsin Study In Poland Scholarship will allow students with this Polish “experience” to more deeply value their heritage.” 🍷

2015/16 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 2015, the Board allocated \$530,100 to 45 gifted individuals from Poland as recipients of the Foundation's Fellowships and Grants for the 2015/16 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 at the University of Warsaw's Kolegium Artes Liberales in Warsaw, Poland.

The 2015 U.S. Academic Advisory Committee consisted of the following members:

1. Prof. Lydia Filus, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL
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. Hanna Chroboczek Kelker, NYU Medical Center, New York, NY.
4. Marian A. Kornilowicz, Esq., Partner at Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, P.C. – Philadelphia, PA.
5. John S. Micgiel, Ph.D., President & Executive Director, The Kosciuszko Foundation, New York, NY.
6. Ewa Radwanska, M.D. Ph.D., Professor, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL.
7. Alex Storzynski, President & Executive Director Emeritus, Vice Chairman, The Kosciuszko Foundation, Boca Raton, FL.
8. Prof. Piotr Wilczek, Kolegium Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw, and President, Kosciuszko Foundation Polska, Warsaw.

Discussions at the end of each interview created a basis for evaluating the overall excellence and the importance of candidate research proposals –both in their fields of study and in relevance to Poland. 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 88 applicants interviewed, 44 were matched with funds and recommended for consideration.

Marika Soltys
Program Officer, Exchange Program to the U.S.

HUMANITIES:



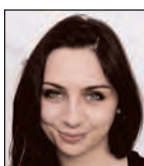
CHWEDZUK-SZULC, KAROL, Academic Teacher at University of Social Sciences and Humanities (SWPS):

Five-month fellowship to conduct a comparative study of US and EU integration, from the perspective of social constructivism; a constructivist approach on forecasting in international relations in the context of comparative study at American University with Professor Patrick Jackson.



FRANASZEK, ANDRZEJ, Assistant Professor at Pedagogical University of Cracow:

Two-month fellowship to conduct research on the life and work of Zbigniew Herbert, including his relationships with American culture at Yale University with Merieta Bayati.



GAWLIKOWSKA, ANNA, Ph.D. Candidate in American Literature, Jagiellonian University: three month grant to

conduct research examining the claim that contemporary Jewish-American writers experience a cultural "absence" in their heritage, created by the Holocaust and in the pursuit of a sense of individual and collective identity; to untangle the variety of literary images of an Eastern-European pre-war Jewish town – the shtetl – within the broader consideration of the role this space has played in the literature of classical Yiddish and contemporary Jewish-American writers, at Loyola Marymount University with Professor Holli Levitsky.



GORA, MAGDALENA, Associate Professor, Institute of European Studies of the Jagiellonian University: Four month fellowship to conduct research titled “In search of external legitimization: The European Enlargement and the European Neighborhood Policy from an American Perspective,” dealing with the perception of the EU activities in its close neighborhood by American political actors, in connection with current developments in Eastern Ukraine, at New York University with Professor Larry Wolff.



GUZOWSKA, JOANNA, Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy, University of Warsaw: 5-month grant to conduct research on the problem of conceptually determined cognition versus conceptually undetermined thought as it is approached by Kant’s Critique of the Power of Judgment (1790), and an early Chinese collection of philosophical writings known as the Zhuangzi (3rd century BC) at the University of Chicago with Professor Brook Ziporyn.



JAWOREK, ANNA, Senior Archivist, The State Archive in Siedlce: Five 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. Bozena Leven.



KUNICKI-GOLDFINGER, JERZY, Ph. D. in Art Sciences, Institute of Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, The Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun: 4 month fellowship to conduct an investigation into the relationship between origin, technology and durability of glass, with special focus on the late 17th and 18th century potassium glasses, at the Corning Museum of Glass with Stephen P. Koob, Chief Conservator.



KUROWICKA, ANNA, Junior Researcher at the Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences: Four month grant to conduct research on discourses about asexuality understood as a sexual identity and political choice, including the attitude to asexuality in second wave feminism and the impact of Protestantism on discourses about asexuality, at Emory University with Professor Lynne Huffer.



KUSIAK, JOANNA, Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Warsaw/ Darmstadt University of Technology: Five month fellowship to conduct research on a body of literature toward the answer to a research question regarding Jonathan Edwards’ writing on religious experience and the Fundamentalist-Modernist controversy in USA at Yale Divinity School with Kenneth P. Minkema.



LEWICKI, ZBIGNIEW, Professor, Uniwersytet Kardynała Stefana Wyszyńskiego: Three month fellowship to conduct research on the problem of a decreasing role of Central Europe in the U.S. foreign policy under Barack Obama at Georgetown University with Benjamin H. Loring.



MALECKA, MAGDALENA, Ph.D. in Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences. 4 month fellowship to conduct research on the incorporation of scientific knowledge about human behavior into law and policymaking at Columbia University with Professor Axel Honneth.



NIEDZWIECKA-FILIPAK, IRENA, Director of the Institute of Landscape Architecture, University of Environmental and Life Sciences, Wrocław: Three month

fellowship to conduct research on the importance of rural design and planning from a rural point of view; to identify the impacts of culture, climate, function, and place in determining rural futures at the University of Minnesota with Dewey Thorbeck, Director.



NIEDZWIEDZ, JAKUB, Lecturer at Jagiellonian University: 4 month fellowship to conduct research on the relationship between Renaissance literature and cartography in Europe and Americas at University of California, Berkeley with Dr. Jeffrey A. Pennington.



NOWAK, EWA, Professor at Institute of Philosophy, Adam Mickiewicz University: 5 month fellowship to conduct research on communication between doctors and patients through bio-medical technology at Cornell University with Dr. Dawn Schrader.



PACHOCKI, DARIUSZ, Adjunct Professor, University of Opole: 2 month fellowship to conduct research on the complicated fates of Polish intelligentsia and their relations with the United States at the University of Texas, Austin, with Professor Mary Neuberger.



PACZKOWSKI, SZYMON, Assistant Professor, University of Warsaw: 4 month fellowship to conduct research on the American period in the career of the Polish harpsichordist and pianist Wanda Landowska, and her contribution when she lived in the USA to the creation and development of a movement for performing baroque music in accordance with the principles and aesthetics of its time; at the Graduate Center, CUNY, with Professor Norman Carey.



SAMOL, DARIUSZ,
Professor, Akademia
Sztuki in Szczecin: 5
month fellowship to
conduct research on the

most important figures of saxophone music in the first half and middle of the 20th century, and their role in classical saxophone development, at SUNY Fredonia, New England Conservatory and Ithaca College with Jean A. Morrow, Dr. Wildy Zumwalt and Dr. Steven Mauk.



SKOREK, MARTA,
Ph.D. candidate in
Applied Linguistics,
University of Warsaw:
three month grant to

conduct research on the implication of science-policy interface for the legitimation of an integrated approach to Global Ocean governance from a discourse-analytical perspective; to answer the question of how scientific knowledge is produced, interpreted and integrated into the policy-making process of Global Ocean governance; at University of Massachusetts-Boston, with Dr. Maria Ivanovna.



WAGNER, IZABELA,
Associate Professor,
Warsaw University:
four month fellowship
to conduct research in

scientific careers of Polish emigrants, especially in 1968 and post-1981; to conduct biographical interviews and consult archives, at the New School of Social Research with Dr. Jeffrey Goldfarb.



WARCZOK, TOMASZ,
Assistant Professor,
Pedagogical University
of Cracow; Three month
fellowship to conduct

research on the movement of social scientific theory from the United States to Poland at the University of California, Berkeley with Professor Loic Wacquant.



**WIGURA-KUISZ,
KAROLINA** Lecturer at
the Institute of Sociology:
Four month fellowship to
conduct research on the

disintegration of European remembrance of World War II; theory of remembrance in politics and theoretical and practical consequences of the described processes; Columbia Law School, with Professor Andrzej Rapaczynski.



WYSMULEK, JAKUB,
Assistant Professor at
the National Library of
Poland: Four month
fellowship to conduct

research on the history of emotions and “emotional turn” in humanities and social sciences during the Late Middle Ages at Loyola University Chicago, with Professor Barbara H. Rosenwein.



ZAPRUCKI, JOZEF,
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, and particularly the rise of the habit of touching relics at Princeton University with Professor Anne Marie Luijendijk.

SCIENCES



BANASIK, NATALIA,
Ph.D. Candidate in
Psychology, University
of Warsaw: Four month
grant to conduct research

on non-literal speech comprehension and its relation to Theory of Mind in English-Polish bilingual children living in the U. S. and to explore the role of culture and bilingualism in irony comprehension and Theory of Mind at Harvard Graduate School of Education with Catherine Snow.



BRZEZICKA, ANETA,
Assistant Professor at
University of Social
Sciences and Humanities
in Warsaw: Six month

fellowship to conduct research on the development of an index of memory efficiency based on the trajectory of eye movements that will provide a method for assessing the strength of memories and accompanying confidence level at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center with Dr. Ueli Rushauer.



**CZESZCZEVIK,
DOROTA,** Associate
Professor at Siedlce
University of Natural
Sciences and Humanities:

Two month fellowship to develop general models to predict the occurrence and average abundance of cavity-nesting bird species in north temperate, mixed forests at Wellesley College with Dr. Nicholas L. Rodenhouse.



**DOMASZEWSKA-
SZOSTEK, ANNA,**
Research Assistant at
Mossakowski Medical
Research Centre, Polish

Academy of Sciences: Three month fellowship to conduct research on the human epineural jacket as a new, potent technology for inhibiting neuroma formation at University of Chicago, Illinois with Dr. Maria Z. Siemionow.



GERAS, ANTONINA,
Ph.D. Candidate at the
Warsaw University of
Technology, Institute of
Electronic Systems: Two

month grant to conduct research in the development of tools and methods for the study of melting marine-terminating glaciers and shrinking sea-ice cover using ambient noise oceanography at University of California, San Diego, with Dr. Grant B. Deane.



HAMAN, EWA,
Researcher/Lecturer at
the Faculty of Psychology,
University of Warsaw:
three month fellowship

to construct a new assessment tool of language disorders in bilingual children, an American English version of the Cross-linguistic Lexical Task, at Pennsylvania State University with Dr. Judith F. Kroll.



JANKOWSKA, JOANNA, Ph.D. Candidate at the College of Inter-Faculty Individual Studies in Mathematics and Natural

Sciences, University of Warsaw: Four month fellowship to conduct research in quantum chemical simulations of light-harvesting and charge-transfer dynamics in nanoscale materials for solar energy applications at University of Southern California with Dr. Oleg V. Prezhdo.



KALUS, KAJETAN, Ph.D. Candidate at Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences, Department of

Environment, Animal Hygiene and Welfare: three month grant to conduct research in air quality measurements in livestock environments, and to familiarize himself with multidimensional Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry/Olfactometry and Solid Phase Microextraction techniques at Iowa State University with Dr. Jacek Koziel.



KRAUZE, KINGA, Researcher at the European Regional Centre for Ecohydrology, Polish Academy of Sciences: three

month fellowship to conduct research in water-land-energy nexus management by analyzing Colorado Range Boulder and Central Poland Plains at University of Colorado at Boulder with Dr. Patrick S. Bourgeron.



NYK, LUKASZ, Assistant Professor at European Health Centre Otwock: six month grant to conduct

research on lymph node dissection in prostate/kidney/bladder cancer surgery; management of elderly cancer patients in regard to radical therapy; prostate/kidney/bladder sparing protocols and perioperative chemotherapy in

cystectomized patients at University of Chicago with Dr. Arieh Shalhav.



OGONOWSKA-SŁODOWNIK, MALGORZATA, Assistant at the Jozef Pilsudski University of Physical

Education in Warsaw: four month fellowship to conduct research on exoskeleton and aquatic exercise impact on sitting balance in individuals with chronic motor incomplete spinal cord injury at the University of Maryland School of Medicine with Dr. Paula Richley Geigle.



OLSZEWSKA, MAGDALENA, Assistant Professor at University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn: six month

research on the importance of Listeria monocytogenes in biofilms in processing environments, an important topic in food safety, at the University of Georgia with Dr. Michael Doyle.



WIROGORSKA, ZUZANNA, Ph.D in Librarianship and Information Science, University of Warsaw:

Three month fellowship to conduct research in information needs of doctoral students in psychology; comparative study on academic users' information behavior and information literacy at University of California, Berkeley with Dr. Rich Ivry.

ARTS



KOSMECKA, AGNIESZKA, Ph.D.

Candidate in Musical Performance: Five month grant to conduct research on Johann Peter Emilius Hartmann and August Freyer's pipe organ works, record those compositions, and practice them as concert pieces at the University of Texas, Austin with Professor Matthias Maierhofer.

LAW & ECONOMICS



GOLINSKI, TOMASZ, Ph.D. Candidate, Poznan University of Economics: Five-month fellowship to

conduct research on the possibilities of technology implementation based on generation of energy from renewable sources and potential of commercialization at Stanford University with Professor Michael D. Lepech.



KUISZ, JAROSLAW, Adjunct, University of Warsaw: Five month fellowship to conduct

research to describe the non-democratic legal culture on the basis of cultural texts, using Poland under communism as an example at Columbia University with Professor A. Rapaczynski.



KUREK, BARTOSZ, Assistant Professor, Cracow University of Economics: Four-month fellowship to

study the impact of equity block trade transactions on stock prices of the Warsaw Stock Exchange at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with Professor A. Rashad Abdel-khalik.

POLISH STUDIES/TEACHING FELLOWSHIP



HARRISON, MAGDALENA, Teaching fellowship extension to

conduct 10-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 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR AMERICANS 2015-2016

The Kosciuszko Foundation's domestic scholarships and scholarships administered on behalf of other organizations for the 2015-2016 academic year are presented here and are based on the following:

1. Tuition scholarships are awarded to U.S. citizens and permanent residents of Polish descent for graduate studies in any field at colleges and universities in the United States and to Americans of non-Polish descent whose studies at American universities are primarily focused on Polish subjects; Scholarships are also awarded to Americans for medical studies in Poland;
2. Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Scholarships are awarded to U.S. citizens of Polish descent residing in Massachusetts and to Polish citizens who are legal

permanent residents of the US residing in Massachusetts – scholarships are awarded for undergraduate studies in any field at colleges and universities in the United States;

3. Kosciuszko Foundation administers the Polish American Club of North Jersey Scholarships and the Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn USA Inc. Scholarships; Awards are for undergraduate studies in the US;

The total for Domestic Tuition Scholarships awarded to Americans, scholarships administered by the Kosciuszko Foundation on behalf of other organizations and grants for Year Abroad for academic year 2015-2016 is \$272,375.

Addy Tymczyszyn
Scholarship and Grant Officer for Americans

DOMESTIC TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS 2015-2016

KAZIMIERA ADRIAN ADRIANOWSKA SCHOLARSHIP



HARTSELL, TYRENE of Brownsburg, IN – for second year of graduate studies in School Counseling, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN. \$1,000.



ODYNIEC, KRZYSZTOF of Kensington, CA – for fifth year of doctoral studies in History, University of California, Berkeley, CA. \$1,500.

THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



CASHMAN, JACOB of Orland Park, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Business Administration, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL. \$2,000.

DURKA, MALGORZATA of Libertyville, IL – for third year of studies in Comparative and International Law, Chicago Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL. \$2,000.



SZOT, JR., CHARLES of Greer, SC – for second year of graduate studies in Biblical and Theological Studies, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY. \$1,000.

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



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

MARY B. CALKA FUND



BARTOLIK, JUSTYNA of Waukegan, IL – for second year of graduate studies in School Psychology, National Louis University, Skokie, IL. \$3,000.



BUJNO, ANETA of New York, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Social Work, Hunter College, New York, NY. \$1,500.



DRYGAS, BRITTANY of Nanuet, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Public Policy and Administration, Columbia University, New York, NY. \$5,000.



MILANIAK, IZABELA of Clifton, NJ – for second year of graduate studies in Clinical Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. \$2,000.

CHYLINSKI-I

SARNEK, ANNA of Mansfield Center, CT – for first year of graduate studies in International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC. \$4,500.

DR. RAYMOND DZIEJMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PIETA, ANNA of Park Ridge, IL – for first year of graduate studies in Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. \$2,000.

DR. MAGDALENA MARIA GAWESKA-TOLSCIK MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

STRZALKOWSKI, ALEXANDER of Schenectady, NY – for second year of studies in Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA. \$2,500.

SOPHIA GRODZICKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

KANTOROWSKA, AGATA of Glendale, NY – for third year of studies in Medicine, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY. \$5,000.



OLESKIEWICZ, JULIA of Riverwoods, IL – for fourth year of studies in Medicine, Medical University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland. \$1,500.



WROBEL, KATARZYNA of Ridgewood, NY – for second year of graduate studies in International Studies, The New School, New York, NY. \$2,500.

EDWIN L. HARASIMOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

DUSZYK, MARGARET of Wallingford, PA – for first year of studies in Dental Medicine,

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. \$7,000.

JOHN C. KIERZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

KOWALCZYK, KAROLINA of Palos Hills, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Linguistics and Teaching English as a Second Language, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. \$1,500.

VICTORIA KOKERNAK SCHOLARSHIP

HRABIA, JOANNA of Granada Hills, CA – for first year of studies in Medicine, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland. \$1,500.



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



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



MUSIELEWICZ, MICHAEL of Woodbury, MN – for second year of doctoral studies in Philosophy, John Paul II Catholic University, Lublin, Poland. \$1,000.



OCETEK, DARIUSZ of Washington, DC – for first year of doctoral studies in Vocal Performance/Opera, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. \$5,000.



PAWELEK, KONRAD of Chicago, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Clarinet Applied Pedagogy, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL. \$1,000.

THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION WELCOMES**SOPHIE WOJCIECHOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, EWELINA BASAK**

This summer, the Kosciuszko Foundation invited a promising student from Rakszawa, Ewelina Basak, to study at Pace University's English Language Institute.

Rakszawa is the birthplace of Kosciuszko Foundation founder Stefan Mizwa, and it features a high school named in his honor. Thanks to the Sophie Wojciechowski Endowment Fund for Gifted Polish Youth, the Foundation is able to annually fund exceptional students from the high school to study English in New York.

Ewelina successfully completed the six-week summer program, met students from around the world, and did some New York City sightseeing.

Sophie Wojciechowski worked tirelessly during her life for the cause 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 in numerous programs to assist émigrés and their families after the war. In 1992, she received the Émigré Award for Distinguished Leadership from the Institute for Families and Children at Adelphi University for her years of dedication. It was at this time that the Foundation announced the Sophie Wojciechowski Scholarship program.



PONIATOWSKI, ADRIAN of Brewster, NY – for second year of studies in Medicine, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland. \$1,500.

WIECZOREK, MARK of Philadelphia, PA – for first year of graduate studies in Central and Eastern European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland. \$1,000.

STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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



DANKO, JOSEPH of Shrewsbury, MA – for second year of doctoral studies in Geography, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. \$3,500.



GARBOWSKI, MAGDA of Fort Collins, CO – for third year of graduate studies in Ecology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. \$1,500.



KOLAK, MARYNIA of Phoenix, AZ – for second year of doctoral studies in Geography, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. \$3,000.



ZYDZIK, MAGDA of Westfield, MA – for first year of graduate studies in Materials Science and Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, CA. \$3,000.

FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/ JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

KAPUSTA, JOHN of Brooklyn, NY – for final year of doctoral studies

in Music, University of California, Berkeley, CA. \$4,000.



MCCAFFERTY, ELAINE of Sandy Hook, CT – for third year of studies in Law, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA. \$5,000.



PARZYGNAT, ISABELLE of Durham, NY – for third year of graduate studies in Theatre, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY. \$1,500.

POGODZINSKI, PATRICIA of Baltimore, MD – for second year of graduate studies in Illustration Practice, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD. \$4,500.



SZCZESNA, MARTYNA of Brooklyn, NY – for second year of second year of graduate studies in Photography, University of California, Los Angeles, CA. \$3,500.



TARNOWSKI, CARISSA of Columbia, MO – for first year of graduate studies in Law, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL. \$2,000.

MIZWA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



SIERADZKI, AMANDA of New City, NY – for first year of graduate studies in Business Administration, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. \$6,000.

JEANETTE K. NIECIECKA FUND



BACZA, TIMOTHY of Bloomfield, NJ – for sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Aeronautical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY. \$4,000.

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



CIECIERSKI, CAROLINE of East Rutherford, NJ – for second year of graduate studies in Public Health, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ. \$1,500.



NICEWICZ, KAROLINA of Bayonne, NJ – for second year of graduate studies in School Psychology, St. John's University, Queens, NY. \$3,500.



NIEBYLSKA, IRMINA of Hamilton, NJ – for second year of graduate studies in Physical Therapy, Arcadia University, Glenside, PA. \$3,000.



OSTRZYCKI, WESLEY of Edison, NJ – for third year of graduate studies in Physical Therapy, University of Miami, Miami, FL. \$3,000.



PAWLOWSKA, DOROTA of South River, NJ – for third year of doctoral studies in Pharmacy and graduate studies in Public Administration, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Park, NJ. \$4,000.

THE JOSEPH NOWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ZELENKA, ANN of Baltimore, MD – for second year of graduate studies in Law/Negotiations and Conflict Management, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD. \$1,000.

THE DR. EDWARD AND MARIA NOWICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



WALSKA, JOANNA of New York, NY – for fourth year of studies in Dentistry, Columbia University, New York, NY. \$6,000.

E. J. SCOTT FUND



ANTKOWIAK, PETER of Northborough, MA – for fourth year of studies in Medicine, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY. \$6,000.



HARANCZYK, KRZYSZTOF of Glendale, NY – for first year of graduate studies in Public Administration, Baruch College, New York, NY. \$2,000.



O'ROURKE, ANDREW of Los Angeles, CA – for first year of graduate studies in Entertainment Technology, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. \$5,000.



ROMANOWSKI, THOMAS of Chicago, IL – for first year of graduate studies in Business Administration, Stanford University, Stanford, CA. \$6,500.

RICHARD SOBIERAJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MAYE, MONICA of Stamford, CT – for final year of graduate studies in Health Policy and Management, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY. \$1,500.

POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY FUND OF CONNECTICUT



DIECKMAN, EMILY of Seymour, CT – for first year of graduate studies in Social Work, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. \$3,000.

MONICA AND FRANK STANITSKI MUSIC FUND



MEHLENBACHER, KURT of Corvallis, OR – for fourth year of doctoral studies in Music Composition, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. \$3,000.

JEROME AND MARY STRAKA SCHOLARSHIP



WALCZYK, THOMAS of Oxford, CT – for third year of graduate studies in Pharmacy, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. \$2,500.

MICHAEL TWAROWSKI FUND



ROBAK, TOMASZ of Chicago, IL – for third year of graduate studies in Piano Performance, Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, MD. \$4,000.

IRENA AND DAMIAN WANDYCZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND



KAMINSKA-PALARCZYK, NATALIA of Brooklyn, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Music Performance, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT. \$1,000.



TOMASZEWSKI, JOANNA of Chicago, IL – for first year of studies in Medicine, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT. \$2,000.

THE JOSEPHINE WALL AND IGNATIUS WALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



CHRUSCIEL, MICHAEL of Riverview, MI – for first year of studies in Medicine, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. \$1,500.



KARLIN, SAMANTHA of New Fairfield, CT – for first year of graduate studies in Law and Diplomacy, Human Security, Tufts University, Medford, MA. \$4,000.



SKRENTA, MARY of Hebron, OH – for second year of graduate studies in Fine Arts, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH. \$3,500.



WOLTER, TEAGAN of Oakdale, MN – for first year of doctoral studies in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. \$5,000.

THE WASIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



BELL, CONNOR of Granite Bay, CA – for third year of studies in Law, University of California, Los Angeles, CA. \$5,000.



KLOSOWIAK, EMIL of Glenview, IL – for first year of studies in Medicine, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. \$4,000.

THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

GAWLAK, TROY of Canton, OH – for second year of graduate studies in Political Science, University of Akron, Akron, OH. \$1,000.



MIGALA, MATTHEW of Glenview, IL – for first year of graduate studies in Political Theory/Philosophy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. \$5,000.



POLAK, KLAUDIA of Riverside, CT – for fourth year of graduate studies in Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. \$5,500.

SATOLA, CHRISTOPHER of Los Angeles, CA – for first year of graduate studies in Cinematic Arts, Film and Television Production, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. \$3,500.

SCZEPANIK, KATYA of Hobson, TX – for fourth year of studies in Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. \$5,000.

THE JAN PAUL ZALESKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



GARCZYNSKI, JEREMY of Cambridge, MA – for fourth year of graduate studies in Architecture, Boston Architectural College, Boston, MA. \$2,500.



JANICKI, SYLVIA of Madison, WI – for first year of studies in Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. \$3,000.



ORWAT, GREGORY of Chicopee, MA – for third year of graduate studies in Architecture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. \$5,000.



ROLINSKI, NICHOLAS of Holland, MI – for second year of graduate studies in Architecture, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. \$5,000.

THE MICHALINA AND HERMAN ZIMBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND



CHOJNOWSKI, ROBERT of Brooklyn, NY – for third year of studies in Medicine, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. \$5,500.

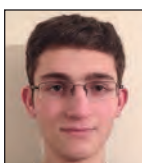


KUBIAK, ALEKSANDER of Somerset, NJ – for third year of studies in Medicine, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. \$5,000.

MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF POLISH WOMEN'S CLUBS FUND



GANCORZ, CAITLYN of Palmer, MA – for junior year of undergraduate studies in Psychology, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH. \$1,250.



SZCZEPANKIEWICZ, DANIEL of Hopkinton, MA – for sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Chemistry, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. \$1,250.



WOLANSKI, NATALIE of Southwick, MA – for junior year of studies in biology, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT. \$1,250.

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND

AGAS, JESSICA of Wallington, NJ – for sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. \$400, and \$100 from the Dr. Stanislas Chylinski Scholarship Fund.



AMIAGA, MORGAN of Franklin Lakes, NJ – for senior year of undergraduate studies in Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. \$625.

BAZEL, NICOLETTE of Wallington, NJ – for junior year of undergraduate studies in Global Public Health, George Washington University, Washington, DC. \$575.

CIESLAR, OLIVIA of Westwood, NJ – for third year of undergraduate studies in Bio- Behavioral Health, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA. \$650.

GALKA, EMILIA of Wallington, NJ for sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Chemical Engineering, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA. Recommended Scholarship: \$400 and \$75 Stanislas Chylinski Fund.

KACZOR, MAYA of West Caldwell, NJ – for freshman year of undergraduate studies in Writing, Literature and Publishing, Emerson College, Boston, MA. \$600.

MCCORMACK, JOANNA of Westfield, NJ – for second year of undergraduate studies in Pharmacy, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, MA. \$525.

PLUCINSKI, PHILIP of Fort Lee, NJ – for freshman year of undergraduate studies in Computer Science, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. Recommended Scholarship: \$400 and \$50 Stanislas Chylinski Fund.

RUSZALA, DOMINIQUE of Fairfield, NJ – for junior year of undergraduate studies in Animal Behavior, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA. \$675.

SOKOLSKI, KAROL of Kinnelon, NJ – for senior year of undergraduate studies in Public Health Education, William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ. \$550.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BROOKLYN, USA, INC. FUND

KOHAN, JUSTIN of Orchard Park, NY – for senior year of undergraduate studies in Trumpet Performance, New England Conservatory, Boston, MA. \$2,000.



ZAKRZEWSKI, SARA of Brooklyn, NY – for first year of studies in Earth Science, Fordham University, New York, NY. \$2,000.



ZYSK, KACPER of Middle Village, NY – for freshman year of undergraduate studies in Computer Science, City College, New York, NY. \$2,000.

TOMASZKIEWICZ-FLORIO SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR SUMMER STUDIES AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, CRACOW

SUMMER 2015

Scholarship for all candidates: **\$1,620**

BARNAK, KAMILA of Chicago, IL – undergraduate sophomore majoring in Health Sciences, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

BLASZKIEWICZ, ANNA of Alexandria, VA – high school senior at West Potomac High School, Alexandria, VA.

BOROWSKI, KYLE of Fanwood, NJ – high school senior at Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, NJ.

BUSZKA, COLLIN of Lancaster, NY – undergraduate junior majoring in History, Daemen College, Amherst, NY.

CEPAK, PAUL of Morris Plains, NJ – undergraduate freshman majoring in Finance, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

CHMIELEWSKI, PAULINA of Chicopee, MA – undergraduate sophomore majoring in Nursing, Elms College, Chicopee, MA.

FEENEY, CAROLINE of Norway, ME – senior at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris, ME.

GLOTZER, MAGDALENA of Chicago, IL – undergraduate freshman majoring in

Liberal Arts, Carleton College, Northfield, MN.

JAGIELSKI, ZACHARY of Centerville, OH – undergraduate sophomore majoring in Philosophy and Political Science, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA.

KOWALCZYK, EWA of Elizabeth, NJ – undergraduate freshman majoring in Biochemistry, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.

KOZIOL, KLAUDIA of Maspeth, NY – undergraduate junior majoring in Biology, New York University, New York, NY.

KRUSZEWSKI, EMILY of Bala Cynwyd, PA – undergraduate junior majoring in Nursing, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

MCCORMACK, JOANNA of Westfield, NJ – undergraduate sophomore majoring in Pharmacy, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University, Boston, MA.

MIELESZKO, JOANNA of Arverne, NY – undergraduate junior majoring in Eastern and Central European Studies, Hunter College, New York, NY.

POLUBIEC, APRIL of Croton-on-Hudson, NY – undergraduate junior majoring in Nutrition and Food Science, Hunter College, New York, NY.

POSLINSKI, DOMINIQUE of Elma, NY – undergraduate junior majoring in Business Administration, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.

SIMON, AGNIESZKA of Elkins Park, PA – senior at Cheltenham High School, Wyncote, PA.

TYMINSKI, CAMILA of Boston, MA – undergraduate senior majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Boston University, Boston, MA.

WAC, KATARZYNA of Toms River, NJ – undergraduate freshman majoring in Global Studies, Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ.

ZAKRZEWSKI, VICTORIA of Wood Dale, IL – undergraduate sophomore majoring in Art & Design, and Biology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SUMMER STUDIES

AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY FROM

THE CONSTANCE K. GRAY FUND

Scholarship for all candidates: **\$1,620**

WOJNAR, KARINA of Ringwood, NJ – undergraduate freshman majoring in Economics, Siena College, Loudonville, NY.

VAN DOREN, ALEXANDRA of Champaign, IL – graduate student majoring in Comparative Literature, Polish Language and Literature, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Champaign, IL.

Total for Summer Study Abroad Scholarships: \$35,640.

KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION AND POLISH MINISTRY EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO POLAND 2015/2016

THE YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR POLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN THE WORLD, CRACOW



BURCH, MATTHEW of New Paltz, NY – undergraduate senior majoring in Spanish

and Latin American Studies, State University of New York, New Paltz, NY. \$1,800



DEPTULA, MARTA of Norfolk, VA – undergraduate senior majoring in Art at Virginia

Wesleyan College, Norfolk, VA. \$900



GORZEWSKI, ALEXANDER of Northampton, MA – B.A. in Political Economy

and Political Theory, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA. \$900



KING, HANNA of Cambridge, MA – undergraduate senior majoring in History, Swarthmore College,

Swarthmore, PA. \$900



MAGUIRE, MATTHEW of Southborough, MA – doctoral candidate in Political

Science, Boston University, Boston, MA. \$1,800



PADILLA, ALYSSE of New York, NY – fourth year doctoral student majoring in Music, New York

University, New York, NY. \$1,800



STRAUB, ADAM of East Rutherford, NJ – undergraduate senior majoring in Urban Studies/ Education,

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY. \$900



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Calling all Debutantes to The Kosciuszko Foundation's 2016 Debutante Cotillion

Our "Red Carpet" awaits you on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the famed Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria hotel in NYC.

The Annual Dinner and Ball is a dazzling evening of dining, dancing and networking, attended by debutantes, dignitaries and celebrities. For 80 years the Kosciuszko Foundation's Annual Dinner and Ball has been the premier social event in the Polish American and International community. Next year we will mark the 81st anniversary of the Ball and welcome young ladies of distinct character and recommendation to participate.

Escorted across the dance floor in your white ball gown, and processing onto the stage, you are presented to society under the guidance of the 2016 Debutante Patroness who has been selected for her commitment and service to The Foundation. At the conclusion of the debutante presentation, honored guests and dignitaries lead the entire assemblage in the historic and stately Polonaise.



Opening the Debutante season is Le Grande Luncheon hosted by the 2016 Debutante Patroness. She introduces you to our former Patronesses and Debutante attendees, who continue to ensure that the roster of alumni are ever growing.

Won't you join us and experience this "Once in a Lifetime" event?

To request an application and for more information about the Debutante Presentation please call Kaya Sawczuk at the Kosciuszko Foundation at (212) 734-2130 or email her at kaya@thekf.org.

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8st Annual Dinner & Ball

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ALEKSANDRA POŁATYŃSKA



Aleksandra, a law student from Poland, graduated from The Center for American

Law Studies provided by the University of Florida Levin College of Law in cooperation with Warsaw University Faculty of Law. Aleksandra is focused on human rights and medical law, her interests also lie in anthropology and world history. She considers the work in the Kosciuszko Foundation as a great opportunity to learn and gain valuable experience while working alongside passionate minds.

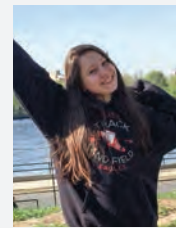
EMILY KOWALSKI



Emily Kowalski is a 17 year old student at Bronxville High School completing her senior year. As an avid sports player, she has been on

the Bronxville Varsity Swim and Dive Team for six years, and additionally was on the Bronxville Varsity Track and Field Team in 9th grade. Beyond sports, she loves theater, having been in three school musical productions. In the summer of 2014, she studied Polish language and culture at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. Emily also enjoys skiing, great film, extensive travelling, and the love of nature and animals.

ANNA POSLEDNIK



Anna is in her junior year at Bard High School Early College Queens. She has been a member of the

LGAC Twisters swim team for 6 years and is starting her second year on her school's Cross Country team. In addition, Anna is a co-editor for her school's newspaper, and she likes to read on her free time. She finds that volunteering at the Kosciuszko Foundation has been a rewarding experience where she met very welcoming and educated people that are passionate about their Polish heritage and culture.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, October 24, 2015, at 4:30 pm \$10 children \$15 adults accompanied by child
HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR KIDS

Dress up and win prizes! Event will include music recital, mini disco, fun games, best costume contest and exhibit of the selected artwork submitted to 'My Halloween' contest. Refreshments will be served. Suggested age: 5-12 years old. Space is limited, reservations required.



Sunday, October 25, 2015 - 12:00 pm Tickets: \$125
THE KF PRO ARTE LEAGUE CELEBRATING 45 YEARS

The KF Pro Arte League warmly invites you to participate in a memorable afternoon of tribute to Wanda Senko & Krystyna Kusielewicz at The Royal Manor, Garfield, New Jersey. For more information please contact: Ms. Teresa Wroblewski, Teresa.wroblew@gmail.com, (917) 679-9120.



Thursday, October 29, 2015 - 6:00 pm
AUTHOR'S EVENING WITH DR. JULIAN E. KULSKI - 'THE COLOR OF COURAGE'

So writes Julian Kulski a few days before the outbreak of World War II, in this remarkable diary of a boy at war from ages 10-16. As the war unfolds through his eyes, we are privileged to meet a rare soul of indomitable will, courage and compassion. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 - 7:00 pm \$15 Members/Students/Seniors \$20 General Admission

NAME DAY PARTY FOR THADDEUS

We'll commemorate Tadeusz Kosciuszko, and all men named "Thaddeus" as well as heroes who have stood up for Polish causes. Refreshments will be served. 18 to enter, 21 to drink. Free Admission For Women Wearing White Dresses



Sunday, November 8, 2015 - 11:00 am \$10
MARCELLA SEMBRICH INTERNATIONAL VOICE COMPETITION

2015 Marcella Sembrich International Voice Competition FINALS at Ida K. Lang Recital Hall at Hunter College.



Saturday, November 14, 2015 - 7:00 pm Tickets: \$150 (by 10/14) \$175 (after) Students: \$100
KF WASHINGTON GALA

Fundraising Gala Dinner honoring Agnieszka Holland in Washington D.C.

November 18-24, 2015 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

ART EXHIBIT: "OLD MASTERS, NEW MASTERS"

Artists, Alexander Motyl and Maria Hagadus. Free and open to the public.



Wednesday, December 2, 2015 - 7:00 pm
KF MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 2nd and join us for our social event of the year! Our Christmas Party for Members and Donors begins at 7:00 PM at the KF House. The party will entail a reception, with traditional Polish food, Christmas cookies, and listening to Polish and American carols. Bring your Holiday spirit and see you at the KF!

Free for KF Members. New Members welcome.



Saturday, December 5, 2015 - 3:00 pm Children \$10 Adults accompanied by child \$20
A VISIT WITH SWIETY MIKOLAJ/SANTA

Join the Kosciuszko Foundation and the Polish American Teachers Association as we greet Swiety Mikolaj! We will be singing Christmas Carols and making traditional Polish Christmas decorations, waiting for Swiety Mikolaj / Santa, who for years has been very generous to us. Food will be provided, children will receive gifts and partake in arts and crafts.

Thursday, January 28, 2016 - 6:45 pm

"SANG MI PLAYS CHOPIN AND SZYMANOWSKI"



Saturday, February 20, 2016
SUMMER SESSIONS REUNION

The Kosciuszko Foundation invites alumnae of the Summer Sessions to its Headquarters for a reunion. Please call the Foundation later this Fall for details or visit our website: www.thekf.org.



Saturday, April 30, 2016
**THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION'S
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