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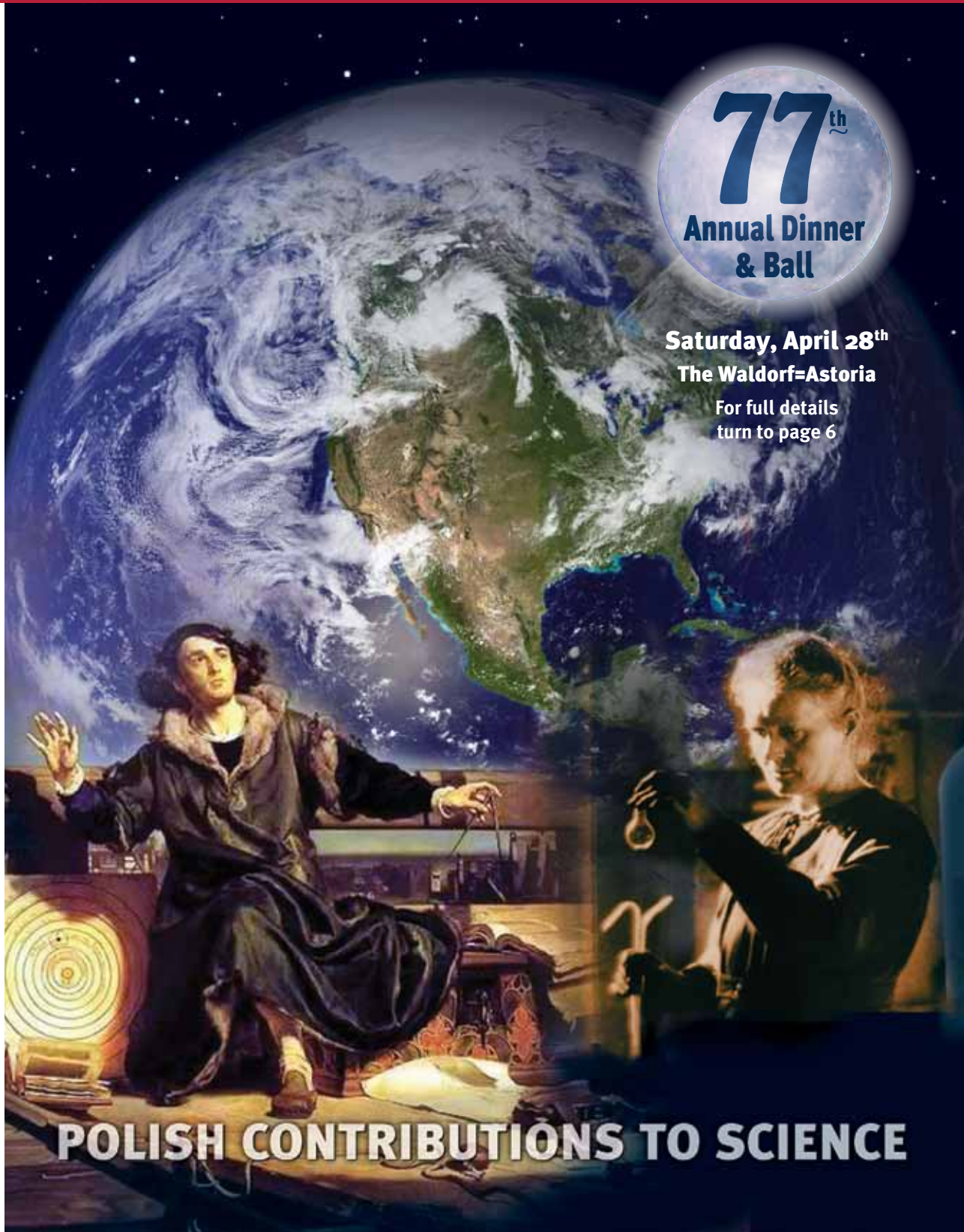
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# SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE OF KF SCHOLARSHIPS

By Alex Storozynski

Poles have had an astronomic impact on science. Copernicus showed the world that the earth revolved around the sun, and Maria Sklodowska-Curie is the only person to have won Nobel Prizes in two separate branches of science—physics and chemistry. The list of eminent Polish scientists is quite long, and the Kosciuszko Foundation wants to make that list even longer by educating the next generation of Polish and Polish-American scientists.

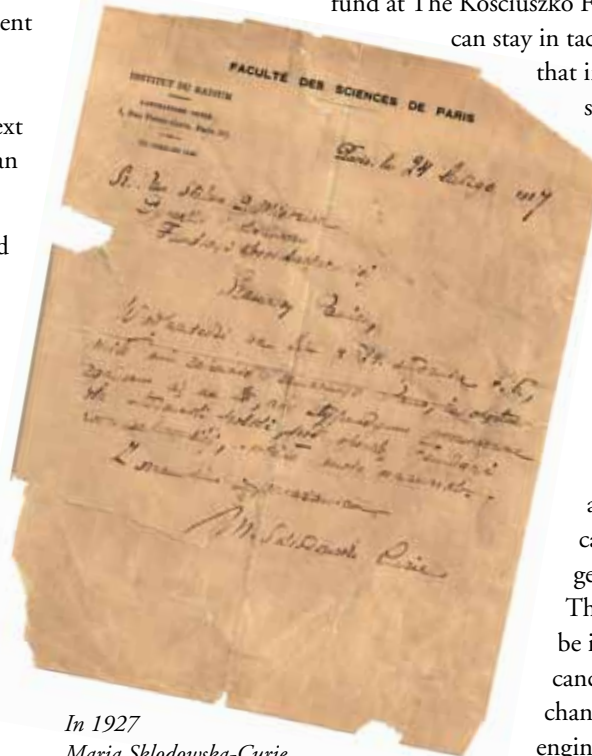
Most of our benefactors have established funds for the humanities, so only 20 percent of our scholarships are for the sciences. But with so many talented Polish students studying biology, chemistry, medicine, and other branches of science, we must come up with a way to help them further their studies. That is why we are kicking off a campaign to raise money for science scholarships.

In 1927, our founder Stephen Mizwa wrote to Sklodowska-Curie asking permission to establish a scholarship in her name. She wrote back and enthusiastically agreed. But those plans were put on hold during WWII and the

Cold War. Now, we will renew Mizwa's idea to establish a Maria Sklodowska-Curie Science Scholarship.

It takes \$100,000 to establish a perpetual named scholarship fund at The Kosciuszko Foundation. This is so the principal can stay in tact, while the interest, or return on that initial investment can be used for scholarships. But not everyone can donate \$100,000 to endow such a fund. That is why the Maria Sklodowska-Curie Science Scholarship has been set up to accept donations of all sizes.

I would like to thank Alexander Jazsek, who has made the first donation to this fund, donating stocks valued at \$4,040. That's a good start. So send what you can, be it \$50, \$500 or \$5,000, to get this campaign off the ground. Think of how wonderful it would be if one of our scholars could cure cancer, find a solution for climate change, or build a perpetual motion engine. Far fetched? That's what Copernicus heard when he revealed his discoveries.



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Maria Sklodowska-Curie  
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him to set up a scholarship in her name.*

## COLLEGIUM OF EMINENT SCIENTISTS

In addition to educating future generations of Polish scientists, we will also promote the unsung Polish heroes that have already changed the world for the better. The Kosciuszko Foundation is establishing the Collegium of Eminent Scientists to honor renowned scientists of Polish descent in the United States, to highlight and publicize their achievements, and provide a nexus of interaction with scientists in Poland.

The Collegium will publicize accomplishments of its Members through the news media and the Internet, and identify, record and catalogue information about these eminent Polish-American scholars.

This network of Polish scientists will also become role models and mentors for future generations of scholars.

You can help us to achieve these goals. Your membership dues help us carry out this mission. But we need more members like you. So please spread the word and ask your friends to join the Kosciuszko Foundation as well.

And if you can, join us on April 28th to dance, celebrate, socialize and network at the glamorous Waldorf=Astoria. If you cannot attend, please help support the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission by purchasing an advertisement in the Ball journal and by purchasing raffle tickets to win fabulous prizes.

# KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION AND POLISH & SLAVIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FORM PARTNERSHIP TO ENRICH AND EDUCATE POLISH-AMERICANS

The Kosciuszko Foundation is pleased to announce that it is now a sponsor of the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union, (PSFCU). This partnership will benefit both organizations and the Polish-American community in the United States.

While commercial banks hit customers with hefty bank fees, surcharges and other hidden transaction expenses – credit unions offer fewer fees and higher savings rates. The PSFCU offers free checking accounts, and VISA Credit and Debit Cards are free. And, PSFCU debit cardholders can withdraw cash free of charge at more than 40,000 ATMs across the United States.

Commercial banks only care about their stock value, so they focus on making money for their shareholders. But credit union members are owners and customers at the same time. That allows the PSFCU to share more of its profits with its members.

The average credit union customer saves \$104 per person through lower fees and loan rates than by using banks. Banks are five times more likely to fail than credit unions, and the National Credit Union Administration insures share deposits of up to \$250,000, the same as banks.

Credit unions must have sponsoring organizations and by opening an account with the PSFCU and selecting the Kosciuszko Foundation as your preferred sponsor, you help to promote Polish culture and education in the United States, because \$10 in sponsor dues is deducted. It's that simple. You get all of the benefits of being a credit union member for just \$10 per year.

So join today to start reaping the benefits of free checking and free ATM use at 40,000 bank machines across the United States, as well as a full range of financial products and services.

**Call 800-297-2181 to start your account today.  
And tell them the Kosciuszko Foundation sent you.**



## LECH WALESZA MEDIA AWARD



**Kosciuszko Foundation President Alex Storozyński was the recipient of this year's Lech Walesa Media Award.** In his remarks, President Walesa said about Alex Storozyński:

“I present this award to an honoree who has done much for Poland . . . listen and read what today's honoree writes and says. I ask you to read and listen to this man. I'd like to thank him once again and I hope I will be thanking him again soon.”



See page 6 for details.

# KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES A WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER



Elzbieta Krzanowski has been elected the first president of the new Kosciuszko Foundation chapter in Washington, DC. This is an important step towards building a stronger presence for Polonia in our nation's capital.

Since its move to "O" Street, the Kosciuszko Foundation has been working with other Polish organizations to help promote Polish heritage in the DC, Virginia and Maryland area. The O Street building has truly become Polonia's clubhouse in Washington, DC.

After the earthquake damaged a portion of the Polish Embassy in Washington DC, the Kosciuszko Foundation hosted its official November 11 Independence Day Celebration on O Street. Polish Ambassador Robert Kupiecki was the master of ceremonies to commemorate the day that Poland reestablished its independent statehood in 1918 after 123 years of partition by Russia, Prussia and Austria.

Together with Washington International Piano Arts Council, the Kosciuszko Foundation has hosted a series of piano concerts and the semifinals of Washington International Piano Artists Competition. We have partnered with the Ambassador Theater on series of poetry evenings dedicated to Czeslaw Milosz, Wislawa Szymborska and John Paul II. Thanks to this cooperation, a group of American children had a chance to learn famous plays and poems by Jan Brzechwa and Julian Tuwim during a two week long Summer Camp of Cultural Exploration.

Once a month on Saturday morning, together with Polish Library, the Foundation welcomes children, ages one through six, for an hour of music, storytelling and plays in Polish.

Last April, the Foundation proudly participated in the first National History Bowl Championship – a new academic quiz competition for American high school students that tests their knowledge of all aspects of history.

Students can also take Polish classes at O Street and piano and flute lessons are also available.

The Kosciuszko Foundation welcomes all Polish organizations in the United States to come see the Polish Center on O Street, and to work together on promoting Polish heritage in the United States.

# MARTA WRYK WOWS THE AUDIENCE AT THE KF'S DC DINNER

The Kosciuszko Foundation's Washington, DC office on O Street hosted its second annual fundraising dinner on October 22, bringing together some of the most prominent Polish Americans living in our nation's capital. The audience was enthralled with a performance by mezzo-soprano, Marta Wryk. The elegant event also provides an opportunity to honor some of the most outstanding personalities whose hard work contribute to a positive image of Poland in the United States.



This year we acknowledged the extraordinary service and dedication of Kaya Mirecka Ploss, who was the spirit and the force of the Polish-American community in the Washington DC area for many years. In the early 1990s, Ms. Ploss drove the efforts to establish The American Center of Polish Culture

and then served as Executive Director for fifteen years. Thanks to her efforts, everyone can enjoy the beautiful, historic building at O Street, which in 2010 became part of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Under her guidance, the Center flourished with all kinds of cultural activities: exhibits, concerts, and conferences.

Children always had a special place in her heart. She focused her energy on trying to show the world the crucial work of helping some of the most unprivileged children feel wanted and important. Together with Poland's First Lady at the time, Mrs. Jolanta Kwasniewska, Kaya brought over 200 youngsters from Poland to the United States for two week "Summer of Dream Vacation. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Kosciuszko Foundation honored Ms. Ploss's life-long dedication to Polish culture with the *Pioneer Award*.

It was also the first time that the Foundation had a chance to present the marvelous talent of Marta Wryk. Well known in New York, this young Polish mezzo-soprano had several members of the audience in tears after her stunning performance of beautiful songs by Moniuszko, Karłowicz and Lutoslawski. Ms. Wryk was accompanied on the piano by Jean-Paul Bjorlin, a native of Sweden.



*Mezzo-Soprano Marta Wryk and pianist Jean-Paul Bjorlin*

Some of the distinguished guests that night included Gen. Ed Rowley, Deputy Chief of Mission Maciej Pisarski, Kosciuszko Foundation Trustees Wanda Senko, Cynthia Rosicki, Andrzej Rojek, Dr. Julian Kulski, and others who came from outside the DC area.

Several volunteers helped put the event together, including Kosciuszko Foundation scholarship winners, Nina Jankowicz and Emma Cobert of Georgetown University, along with Daniel Nawrocki, Katherine Rivard, Hubert Ciura, and Justin Filipowski.



*Volunteers Nina Jankowicz and Emma Cobert, KF Scholars, Georgetown University*



*Alex Storozynski, Wanda Urbanska, Jane Moretz and Kaya Mirecka Ploss*

If you want to volunteer at the KF on O Street, please call Marta Pasko-Gongora at 202 785-2320, or in New York, call Magda Mazurek-Nuovo, at 212 734-2130.



ABOVE: Jan Matejko, *Copernicus, in Conversation with God* · Maria Skłodowska-Curie

The Board of Trustees of The Kosciuszko Foundation  
Cordially Invites You to Attend the

**KOSCIUSZKO  
FOUNDATION**



Saturday, April 28th, 2012

Cocktails 7:00 p.m. \* Dinner 8:00 p.m.

Grand Ballroom \* Waldorf=Astoria Hotel

Park Avenue at 50th Street \* New York City

Featuring the Annual Debutante Presentation

Dancing to the Gerard Carelli Orchestra

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Herman Feshbach Professor of Physics at  
MIT Center for Theoretical Physics  
2004 Nobel Laureate

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# DEBUTANTES INVITED!

The Kosciuszko Foundation is looking for debutantes to present to society at the Annual Dinner and Ball. Many of you know Miss Polonias and young ladies of distinction who would make perfect candidates for the debutante class of 2012. *Please help us spread the word!*

The Kosciuszko Foundation Annual Dinner and Ball is a dazzling evening of dining, dancing, and networking, attended by debutantes, dignitaries and celebrities in the Grand Ballroom of New York's Waldorf=Astoria. For 77 years the Kosciuszko Foundation Annual Dinner and Ball has been the premier social event in the Polish American community. This year's Ball will be on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

As the highlight of the evening, debutantes are presented under the guidance of the Debutante Patroness, who is selected each year for her service and commitment to the Kosciuszko Foundation. Adding to the elegance of the evening are a contingent of cadet escorts for the debutantes from the United States Armed Forces. At the conclusion of the debutante presentation, honored guests and dignitaries lead the entire assemblage in the historic and stately Polonaise.

This will be a night that these young ladies will remember for the rest of their lives. In fact, many Polish-Americans have met their wives and husbands attending this prestigious event.

To request an application or for more information about the Debutante Presentation please call Monika Urbanowicz at the Kosciuszko Foundation at (212) 734-2130.



*Coach K with last year's debutantes & Midshipmen from the Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy*





# PROFESSOR KRZYSZTOF MATYJASZEWSKI, A KF MEMBER, IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 WOLF PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY



The Wolf Prize is an international award, ranking in prestige with the Nobel prizes in science. It is presented biennially by the Weizman Institute in Israel.

For those who may not necessarily be familiar with the intricacies of polymer science, the subject of this interview, polymers are naturally occurring or synthetic chemical compounds. Structurally, polymers consist of chains of linked, identical, repeating segments. They are the basic materials of plastics, fibers, living tissue, etc. Cotton, wool, rubber, polyesters, nylon ligaments, adhesives, and hundreds of other commonly encountered commodities are all made of polymers.

**Frederick Dammont:** Congratulations, Professor. The prize is in recognition of your leadership in advancing the science of polymers, and its applications, for the benefit of all. To the best of my recollection, the ideas on which your work was based originated long before you were old enough to develop an interest in the sciences. Michael Szwarc, a native of Poland and professor of chemistry at the State University of New York, at Syracuse opened the field when he developed the concept of “living” polymers. Your future advisor at the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), in Lodz, professor Stanislaw Penczek, on his frequent visits to the States, was often seen huddled in discussions with professor Szwarc, which resulted in the theoretical and technical cooperation and expansion of the idea here and in Poland. At which point did you get involved?

**Krzysztof Matyjaszewski:** I started my Ph.D. research in Professor Penczek’s laboratory in 1972. We investigated cationic ring opening polymerization of cyclic ethers. It was a hot topic at that time and we competed successfully with research groups in Japan and also in the US (DuPont and 3M) and published several seminal papers on this subject.

**FD:** Would you tell us more about the general work being done at PAN, in Lodz?

**KM:** Research at PAN in Lodz is focused on various aspects of (bio) organic chemistry and on polymer science. I still keep very close ties with PAN, as an adjunct professor there. I return to Lodz several times a year, giving courses and also an annual workshop on polymer synthesis with about 50 participants every year.

**FD:** What made you emigrate to the States?

**KM:** After getting a Ph.D. in 1976, I spent a year as a postdoctoral fellow with Prof. Butler at the University of Florida and then returned back to Poland to witness the very exciting moments of the election of John Paul II and the birth of “Solidarnosc”. Unfortunately, with martial law in 1981 all hopes were crushed and also, scientific research was difficult. In 1985, the US was a unique land of many opportunities.

**FD:** Why did you choose Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh?

**KM:** In 1985, Pittsburgh was selected as the “most livable city” in US and we were, as a family, very impressed by the renaissance in Pittsburgh. New clean high-rise buildings rather than old steel mills, green parks, and “city of champions” with the Steelers,

the Pirates, and later the Penguins. In addition, for me, CMU was a special place, with a long tradition in polymers – names of Nobel Laureate Paul Flory, Guy Berry and many others were very attractive. Also, CMU’s reputation in computer science, robotics and various engineering disciplines has been always superb.

**FD:** Would you tell us more about your work and explain the significance of your achievement leading to the Award?

**KM:** I am a synthetic polymer chemist and we try to prepare very well-defined, essentially tailor-made polymers. As you mentioned, they were first made by Michael Szwarc but his anionic polymerization technique required a very painful process, with essentially complete exclusion of moisture, air, and very rigorous purification of all reagents. We wanted to

do the reactions much simpler and run them in water. This excluded ionic techniques and required free radical intermediates. Unfortunately, free radicals are very reactive and they very rapidly react with one another to “kill” themselves. We developed a catalytic process of atom transfer radical polymerization (ATRP) in which we tame radical behavior and put them temporarily to “sleep”. This enables us to precisely construct polymer chains with complex architecture, including amphiphilic segmented polymers, molecular brushes, combs, stars, etc. They have special properties and find applications as many advanced materials, including optoelectronic, biomedical and cosmetic materials.

Thank you very much for this interview. I wish you, from all my heart, all the success and good luck.

Frederick Dammont, Retired Polymer Physicist  
KF member

On September 15, 2011, the Embassy of Poland co-hosted an event with the Carnegie Institution for Science & the Embassy of France to honor the centennial of the 2nd Nobel Prize awarded to Marie Skłodowska-Curie and the International Year of Chemistry.

During the event, Dr. Krzysztof Matyjaszewski was awarded the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland for his outstanding contributions to the development of Polish-U.S. cooperation in science, as well as for his research and teaching.”



# KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION, AN INTERNATIONAL PARTNER IN CIVIC EDUCATION

By Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D.

This past July, the Kosciuszko Foundation continued its partnership with the American Councils for International Education by conducting the culminating Community Service Workshop of the US-Poland Youth Leadership Exchange Program in Krakow, Poland. Established by U.S. Senator Richard Lugar in 2008 in honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of U.S.-Poland diplomatic relations, the program offers a total of thirty students and six teachers from Poland and the United States the opportunity to live, travel, and study in their respective host countries. This year's exchange cities were: Des Moines, Iowa – Białystok; Kalona, Iowa – Łódź, and Monument, Colorado – Wrocław. The workshop was developed and conducted by Dr. Teresa G. Wojcik, with assistance from the Kosciuszko Foundation's Warsaw Representative, Mr. Joseph Herter, and Mrs. Christine Kuskowski, who served as consultant on the project. A

*Student and teacher participants in the town square during a trip to Wieliczka.*

former Fulbright recipient for research in Poland, Dr. Wojcik is a faculty member in the Department of Education & Counseling at Villanova University and serves as President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

The Krakow workshop consisted of structured seminar sessions, small-group work, and field trips. Dr. Wojcik guided students in reflecting on the students' intercultural experiences by discussing aspects of their communities such as home life, culture, government, and transportation. Other workshop sessions were devoted to discussion of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in democratic societies, the role of civil society in a democracy, and the attributes of effective leadership. Students also learned about Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Maria Skłodowska-Curie. The focal point of the workshop was the students' development of a community service project to benefit their Polish host community. On the last day of the

workshop, each team presented its proposal during a simulated town hall meeting. Teachers, other students, and staff asked questions regarding their proposals and provided feedback. A summary of each team's proposed project can be found below:

**Des Moines-Bialystok:**

**“CULTURE CUP: FOSTERING CULTURAL AWARENESS IN A GLOBAL COMMUNITY”**

Promoting cultural awareness and building tolerance is the goal of this team's project. The team proposes interaction between students from their group and elementary school classes at local schools. Over the course of two months, students from the high school will help their elementary school team members in researching a given nation's history, culture, religion, etc., while also coaching their younger peers in techniques of academic success such as cooperation and how to cite scholarly sources. After two months, students will make presentations on their country during a special day of cultural appreciation similar to the festivities surrounding the World Cup. At the conclusion of the presentations, interested students will have the chance to participate in soccer matches.



*The Bialystok-Des Moines team share excitement about their “Culture Cup” project.*

**Kalona-Łódź:**

**“ART FOR SMILES”**

The goal of this team's program is to transform the experience of young patients in children's hospitals. The students plan to organize a series of workshops taught by local artists in one hospital in Łódź as a means of lifting the spirits of the sick children during their stay in the hospital. The team will schedule the workshops and serve as teaching assistants. They plan to create a calendar of the children's artwork, produce copies, and sell them during the Christmas season, donating the profits to the hospital.

**Monument – Wrocław:**

**“REACHING FOR HEARTS”**

This team seeks to address a perceived need in Wrocław for further integration between students who possess special needs



*Cole Norum of Des Moines, Iowa, reads excerpts from “The Peasant Prince” during a tribute ceremony at Kosciuszko's tomb.*

and those who do not. The proposed project is an activity day once a month in which students from the public high school would visit the children who attend a special school and interact with them in the form of sports, board games, picnics, and art. The team suggests that these meetings would produce mutually beneficial bonds of friendship between the two groups of students.

Each of the three proposed projects seeks to benefit an aspect of the Polish host community in significant ways. Two of the three projects focus upon building understanding and tolerance of others, whether the difference is ethnic or due to physical disability. Each of the three proposals provides an excellent opportunity for the Polish participants in the US-Poland Youth Leadership Exchange Program to build important civic competencies such as leadership, collaboration, organization, communication, and accountability.

Visits to historical and cultural sites in and near Krakow complemented the workshop sessions. In addition to building rapport and strengthening bonds of friendship among the participants, field trips provided an opportunity to learn about Poland's history and culture. During their stay in Krakow, workshop participants visited the Old Town Square

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*Mr. Joseph Herter, KF representative in Warsaw and director of “Cantores Minores,” the Warsaw Archdiocesan Cathedral Boys’ and Men’s Choir led the singing of the Polish and American national anthems during a ceremony in the Wawel Cathedral crypt.*

# EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR POLISH CITIZENS FOR ADVANCED STUDY/RESEARCH AND/OR TEACHING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/12

Every year, during its Semi-Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Kosciuszko Foundation approves funding for the Exchange Program with Poland for the next academic year. Last April, the Board allocated **\$293,540** for **24** scholars and scientists from Poland as recipients of the Fellowships and Grants for the **2011/2012** academic year. The decision of the Foundation's Board was based on the results of a very careful selection process, including personal interviews conducted by the members of the U.S. Academic Advisory Committee in the US and the Polish Academic Commission at the Foundation's Warsaw Office.

The U.S. Academic Advisory Committee is composed of the following members:

1. **Prof. Justyna Beinek**, Director of the Polish Language, Literature and Culture Program, Indiana University, Bloomington.
2. **Dr. Ronald J. Hagadus**, Chairman of the Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship Committee.
3. **Prof. Christopher Lange**, Director, Radiation Research Divisionn, SUNY Downstate Medical Center.
4. **Dr. Ewa Radwanska, M.D. Ph.D.**, Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

The work of the US Committee was assisted during the personal interview sessions at the Foundation's office in Warsaw by the members of the Polish Academic Commission which included a number of former Fellows of the Kosciuszko Foundation:

1. **Maria Brewinska**, Curator, Zacheta National Gallery of Art in Warsaw. **Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.**
2. **Dr. Maria Ciemerych-Litwinienko**, Department of Embryology, Institute of Zoology, Warsaw University. **Former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation.**



*L-R: Prof. Justyna Beinek, Director of Polish Language, Literature and Culture Program, Indiana University, Bloomington; Prof. Robert Pilat, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Polish Academy of Science; Dr. Ronald J. Hagadus, Chairman of the Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship Committee; Mrs. Agata Bieda-Krutysz, Program Officer, Exchange Program to the United States; Prof. Slawomir Jozefowicz, Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, University of Warsaw.*

3. **Dr. Joanna Janecka**, English Language Institute, University of Warsaw. **Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.**
4. **Prof. Slawomir Jozefowicz**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, Institute of Political Science, Warsaw University. **Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.**
5. **Dr. Jaroslaw Kusmierczyk**, Assistant Professor, Clinic of Ophthalmology – Center for Medical Training, Prof. W. Orłowski Hospital, Warsaw, Poland. **Former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation.**
6. **Prof. Zbigniew Lasocik, LL. D.**, Dean, Law Department, The Lazarski School of Commerce and Law in Warsaw. **Former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation.**
7. **Prof. Ewa Miklaszewska**, Economic University of Krakow, Director of Banking Unit, Department of Finance, Faculty of Finance, Department of Economics and Management, Faculty of Management and Social Communication, Jagiellonian University. **Former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation.**
8. **Prof. Robert Pilat**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Science.

**Dr. Ronald Hagadus**, Chairman of the Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship Committee, along with **Ms. Maryla Janiak**, former Vice President/Educational Programs as well as **Ms. Agata Bieda-Krutysz**, Program Officer/Exchange Program to the US presided over the personal interviews which were conducted in the English language, thereby evaluating the English proficiency of the candidates. Each interview lasted approximately 30 minutes, including Committee discussions prior to and after each session. Following the interviews, the candidates were ranked in order from the highest to lowest score. The discussions at the end of each interview created a good basis for evaluating the overall excellence and the importance of their research proposals both in their fields of study and to Poland. Careful consideration was given to the choice of the US educational institution selected by the candidates for conducting their research projects. 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, members of the Committees reviewed the files of all candidates beforehand. For the academic year 2011/2012, all applications were reviewed by the New York Office and subsequently prepared and presented for evaluation by the two Committees. Of the 53 applicants who were interviewed 24 were selected for funding.

Agata Bieda-Krutysz  
Program Officer, Exchange Program to the United States

## HUMANITIES



**BALBIERZ, JAN** Associate Professor, Department of Germanic Languages, Jagiellonian University: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on literary theory connected with the doctrine of the similar at the Department of Scandinavian Studies, University of Washington, Seattle with Prof. Jan Sjavik.



**CHMIELEWSKA-SZLAJFER, HELENA MARIA** Ph.D. student, Department of Sociology, Institute of Applied Social Sciences, University of Warsaw: Three month Grant to conduct research on the sociology of culture at The New School for Social Research with Professor Elzbieta Matynia.



**CIECIERSKI, TADEUSZ ANDRZEJ** Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Warsaw: Four month Fellowship to conduct research on the philosophy of language at the Department of Philosophy, Stanford University with Professor John Perry.



**DLUGOLECKI, PIOTR** Ph.D. candidate in History, University of Warsaw. Managing Director of the Editorial Committee, Polish Institute of International Affairs: Three month Grant to conduct research on Polish-American relations in the years 1970-81. The research will be conducted at the U.S. National Archives in College Park, MD and at presidential libraries throughout the US.



**DOBZANSKI, JERZY** Ph.D. candidate in Product Design, Industrial Design Department, Academy of Fine Arts, Krakow: Three month Grant to conduct research towards his doctoral dissertation on "Light and Emotions" at Pratt Institute with Prof. Irvin Tepper.



**DZIDUSZKO-ROSCISZEWSKA, ANNA** Ph.D. candidate in American Studies, Institute of American Studies and Polish Diaspora, Jagiellonian University: Three month Grant to conduct research on the U.S. Electoral System in the State of New York in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century at the Catholic University of America with Prof. Rett R. Ludwikowski.



**KALISZEWSKA, IWONA JULIA** Ph.D. candidate, Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw: Three month Grant to conduct research towards her doctoral dissertation entitled "Stateless Places Sharia Communities in Dagestan" at Northwestern University with Professor Georgi M. Derluguian.



**KOTOWICZ, DOROTA BARBARA** Chief Specialist, Department of Shaping National Archival Resources, The Head Office of State Archives, Warsaw: Five month Grant to conduct research on "Prominent PIASA Members, Scholars and Scientists and their Contributions and Achievements in American Culture 1942-1980 at The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America with Professor Thaddeus V. Gromada.



**MEDZAK-CONWAY, MARTA STEFANIA** Ph.D. candidate in Italian Philology: Three month Grant to conduct research on Jewish Element in Italo Svev's works at New York University and Columbia University with Professors Josh Lambert and Jeremy Dauber.



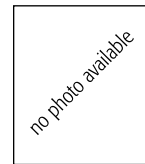
**NOWACKA, EWELINA MARIA** Ph.D. candidate in English Studies, Department of English Philology, University of Wroclaw: Three month Grant to conduct research on her doctoral dissertation entitled "American Mythopoeic Fantasy by Rick Riordan, Nancy Framer and Joseph Bruchac" at Kansas State University with Professor Karin E. Westman.



**PLUWAK, AGNIESZKA MAGDALENA** Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics, Institute of Slavonic Studies, Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw: Three month Grant to conduct research on her doctoral dissertation concerning computer linguistics at the University of California at Berkeley with Professor Srinivas Narayanan.



**SZKOPINSKI, LUKASZ MAREK** Ph.D. candidate in Romance Philology, University of Lodz: Three month Grant to conduct research on his doctoral dissertation on the works of Francois Guillaume Ducray-Duminil at the Department of Romance Language and Literatures, University Notre Dame with Professor Julia Douthwaite.



**SYSKA, RAFAL** Assistant Professor, Department of Audiovisual Arts, Jagiellonian University: Three month Fellowship to conduct research and to collect material towards the final volume of the four volume *History of Cinema* (the book co-edited by Dr. Syska) at Columbia University with Professor Annette Insdorf and at University of Southern California with Professor Aniko Imre.



**WEZYK, KATARZYNA ADRIANA** Ph.D. candidate in Political Sciences at University of Warsaw, Journalist, TVN 24: Three month Grant to conduct research on the Tea Party, an American conservative movement. The research will be conducted at Columbia University, New York with Prof. Mark Lilla.



**ZUROWSKI, ANDRZEJ** Assistant Professor, Department of Polish Philology and Theater Studies, Pomeranian University: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on Helena Modjeska at the New York City Public Library for the Performing Arts in New York City archives.

**POLISH STUDIES**

**KACZMARCZYK, MICHAL** Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, University of Gdansk:

Ten months to teach courses in the Polish Studies Program at University at Buffalo with Prof. Janina Brutt-Griffler.



**MORCINEK, BARBARA AGNIESZKA** Assistant Professor at the Department of Polish Language and Culture,

University of Silesia, Katowice: Ten months to teach in the Polish Studies Program at Indiana University, Bloomington with Professor Justyna Beinek.



**PALA, KATARZYNA** Instructor, Department of Polish Studies, Jagiellonian University:

Ten months to teach in the Polish Studies Program at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

**LAW AND ECONOMICS**

**KULSKI, ROBERT** Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Procedure II, Faculty of Law and Administration,

University of Lodz: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on *Class Action in the US Federal Law on Civil Procedures and Aggregate Lawsuits in Polish Civil Litigation – A Comparative Analysis* at Chicago-Kent College of Law with Professor Edward C. Harris.



**OLEJNICZAK, KAROL** Assistant Professor, University of Warsaw, Department of Euroreg:

Ten months to conduct research on *The Role of Leadership in Modernizing Public Administration – case of Poland* at the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, The George Washington University with Professor Kathryn Newcomer.

**SCIENCES:**

**MALCZEWSKA, BEATA** Assistant Professor, Institute of Environmental Engineering, Wrocław

University of Environmental and Life Science: Five month Fellowship to conduct research on the applications of membrane technology to remove contaminants from drinking water and waste-water and to develop methods to predict scaling and particulate fouling in the membrane filtration systems at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Washington, Seattle, WA with Professors Mark M. Benjamin and David Stensel.



**MAREK-TRZONKOWSKA, NATALIA MARIA** Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical

Immunology and Transplantology, Medical University of Gdansk: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the “Feasibility of In Vitro Expansion of T Regulatory Cells for Adoptive Immunotherapy from Potential Recipients of Pancreatic Islets” at Transplant Center, The University of Chicago, Medical Center with Professor Piotr Witkowski.



**PUSTELNY, SZYMON** Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Astronomy and Applied Computer Science,

Jagiellonian University: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on direct detection of dark matter with optical means. The detection will be performed by correlating signals of two optical magnetometers, which offers a novel methodology of such measurements in yet unexplored global (terrestrial) scale at the Department of Physics, University of California at Berkeley with Professor Dimitry Budker.



**REMIN, ZBIGNIEW** Assistant Professor, Institute of Historical and Regional Geology, Warsaw University:

Three month Fellowship to conduct research on comparison of belemnite fauna of the US Western Interior and Vistula Valley section in central Poland – taxonomy, evolutionary patterns and migratory trends at the American Museum of Natural History, NY with Neil Landman, Ph.D.

**IN MEMORIAM****ALEX ALEXANDER**

We, his Friends at the Kosciuszko Foundation, announce with great sadness the death on January 10 of Professor Alex Alexander, former head of the Russian and Slavic Studies program in the Department of Classical and Oriental Studies at Hunter College.

An active scholar who specialized in Russian folklore, Alex joined the Hunter faculty in 1967 and became head of the program in 1974, a position that he held until 2010. It was he who established, with the support of the Kosciuszko Foundation, a now thriving program in Polish language and culture at Hunter.

As all who knew him will attest, he was a most congenial colleague who brought to his teaching a splendid joy and whose devotion to Hunter College was unbounded. We will miss him very much.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR AMERICANS 2011-2012

With classes in full swing, we are pleased to introduce the winners of Kosciuszko Foundation's Domestic Scholarships for academic year September 2011 – June 2012.

During its semi-annual meetings, the Kosciuszko Foundation Board of Trustees allocated \$234,375 in scholarships to Americans of Polish descent for the period Summer 2011 through June 2012. Of this amount \$171,000 is awarded as Tuition Scholarships to 62 Americans of Polish descent towards their graduate studies in the United States. An additional \$17,550 is awarded to 11 students through the Polish American Club of North Jersey, the Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA Inc. and the Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's scholarships. These scholarships support undergraduate students who are affiliated with the Polish American Club of North Jersey, the Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA Inc. and undergraduates who live in Massachusetts.

This year, 8 students are attending programs in Poland through the Kosciuszko Foundation's Exchange Program with the Polish Ministry of National Education to study Polish language and culture as part of the Foundation's Year Abroad program at the Jagiellonian University's Center of Polish Language and Culture in the World. The Polish Ministry provides scholarship recipients with a tuition waiver, dormitory housing and funding for living expenses. Each student receives additional funding from the Foundation, in aggregate amounting to \$8,775.

The Foundation's Exchange Program is also supporting 2 students for their research projects in Poland. Funding is provided through the Foundation's Graduate Studies and Research in Poland program in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education. The Polish Ministry provides dormitory housing, funding for living expenses, use of academic facilities

and access to archives. In addition to the funding provided by the Ministry, the Kosciuszko Foundation allocated \$4,500 in additional support for living expenses during the research period.

Lastly, the Foundation awarded \$32,550 in Tomaszkievicz-Florio Scholarships to 14 American students to attend the 2011 summer language programs at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. Each scholarship recipient received \$2,325.

The grants and scholarships for Americans were made possible through the many funds which make up the Foundation's endowment. We are pleased to present to you the scholarship winners of the 2011 summer programs and the September 2011 – June 2012 academic year.

Addy Tymczynszyn  
Scholarship and Grants Officer  
for Americans

## DOMESTIC TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS 2011-2012

### **KAZIMIERA ADRIAN ADRIANOWSKA SCHOLARSHIP**



**CZERNIK, LAURA** of Easton, CT – for second year of graduate studies in Speech and Language Pathology, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. Scholarship: \$2,000



**KRESLAKE, JENNIFER** of Cambridge, MA – for second year of doctoral studies in Public Health, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. Scholarship: \$4,000 (\$1,000 from Nowak Fund)

### **THE MARY B. CALKA FUND**



**BUCZEK, MAGALENA** of Brooklyn, NY – for second year of graduate studies in School Psychology, St. John's University, Queens, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000



**DONOHUE, CARA** of Westminster, CO – for second year of graduate studies in International Development, University of Denver, Denver, CO. Scholarship: \$2,000



**POTOSKI, ELINE** of New Marlborough, MA – for second year of graduate studies in Clinical Social Work, Smith College, Northampton, MA. Scholarship: \$2,000



**SZACHNIEWICZ, MAJA** of Sherman Oaks, CA – for second year of graduate studies in Marriage and Family Counseling, California State University, Northridge, CA. Scholarship: \$1,000



**MITCHELL, MICHAEL** of Pittsburgh, PA – for first year of graduate studies in Applied Clinical Psychology, Penn State University, Harrisburg, PA. Scholarship: \$2,000



**PAWLAK, MALGORZATA** of Riverhead, NY – for second year of graduate studies in International Development, University of Denver, Denver, CO. Scholarship: \$3,000

**DR. RAYMOND DZIEJMA  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**BOROWICZ, MARIUSZ** of Romeoville, IL – for final year of graduate studies in Dentistry, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$5,000



**GOLIK, BENJAMIN** of Saint Louis, MO – for third year of graduate studies in Dentistry, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO. Scholarship: \$3,000



**KULAWIK, MONIKA** of South Richmond Hill, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Dental Medicine, Tufts University, Boston, MA. Scholarship: \$5,000



**LENKOWSKI, MARCIN** of Norwalk, CT – for final year of graduate studies in Dental Surgery, Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland. Scholarship: \$2,000

**FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/  
JOHN AND HELEN GENZA  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**BOLT, AGNES** of Pittsburgh, PA – for graduate studies in Art, New Genres, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. Scholarship: \$1,000



**CRAREN, ROBIN** of Holliston, MA – for second year of graduate studies in Art History, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: \$2,000



**GODDY, SONYA** of Providence, RI – for second year of graduate studies in Film Directing, Columbia University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$5,000



**KENDA, VICTORIA** of Forest Hills, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Art Business, Sotheby's Institute of Art, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000



**KONIK, ALEXANDER** of Durham, NC – for first year of graduate studies in Law, Columbia University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$4,000



**SKALSKI, RADOSLAW** of Hinsdale, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Film, Video and New Media, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$4,000

**SOPHIA GRODZICKA  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**KIELIAN, AGNIESZKA** of Chicago, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Medicine, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$3,000

**EDWIN L. HARASIMOWICZ  
SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND**

**SZMAL, PATRICIA** of Ann Arbor, MI – for third year of graduate studies in Medicine, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Scholarship: \$4,000



**CIECIURA, LUCYNA** of Maspeth, NY – for graduate studies in Medicine, Stony Brook University School of Medicine, Stony Brook, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000

**C. V. KIERZKOWSKI  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**KARBOWIAK, JAMIE** of West Islip, NY – for first year of graduate studies in History, Long Island University, Brookville, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000

**VICTORIA KOKERNAK  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**WILLIAMS, KINGA** of West Babylon, NY – for second year of graduate studies towards a Physician Assistant, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000



**MATA, EDGAR** of Seattle, WA – for graduate studies in Medicine, Medical University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland. Scholarship: \$2,000



**WOZNIAK, MONIKA** of San Diego, CA – for third year of graduate studies in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, University of California, Berkeley, CA. Scholarship: \$2,000

**KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**HOLGATE, JOHN** of Stanford, CA – for second year of graduate studies in Business Administration, University of California, Berkeley, CA. Scholarship: \$4,000 (\$1,000 from Nowak Fund)

**STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**LESNIEWSKI, MARTHA** of Atlanta, GA – for first year of doctoral studies in Bioengineering, University of California, Berkeley, CA. Scholarship: \$3,000



**POWANDA-WINBURN, ALLYSHA** of Gainesville, FL – for second year of doctoral studies in Forensic Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Scholarship: \$2,000





**DVORAK, ANNA** of Reseda, CA – for third year of doctoral studies in Environmental Geography, University of California, Los Angeles, CA. Scholarship: \$2,000



**MASTELA, PATRYK** of Sterling Heights, MI – for first year of graduate studies in Computer Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Scholarship: \$3,000

### REV. PAUL J. MISKOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**LENTNER, JESSICA** of Florence, MA – for second year of graduate studies in Architecture, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA. Scholarship: \$2,000

### THE JOSEPH NOWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**HOLGATE, JOHN** of Stanford, CA – please see KF Scholarship Fund.

**KRESLAKE, JENNIFER** of Cambridge, MA – please see Adrianowska Fund.



**PIESKI-ADAMS, MARIS** of Orlando, FL – for first year of graduate studies in Hospitality and Tourism Management, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL. Scholarship: \$1,000

### THE DR. EDWARD AND MARIA NOWICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**NOWAK, MICHAL** of New York, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Medicine, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY. Scholarship: \$4,000

### POPE JOHN PAUL II SCHOLARSHIP



**ROKICKI, SLAWA** of Watertown, MA – for second year of graduate studies in Global Health and Population, Harvard

University School of Public Health, Boston, MA. Scholarship: \$3,000

### THE ARTHUR AND GENEVIEVE ROTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**PIERCE, SHELLEY** of Bath, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Management, Keuka College, Keuka Park, NY.

Scholarship: \$1,000

### EDWARD J. SCOTT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**BIEGAJ, URSZULA** of Chicago, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, University

of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. Scholarship: \$2,000



**BROZYNA, JOZEF** of Roanoke, VA – for third year of graduate studies in Osteopathic Medicine, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, WV.

Scholarship: \$5,000



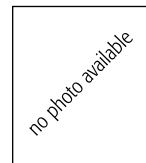
**HRYNKIEWICZ, BEATA** of Wethersfield, CT – for third year of doctoral studies in Physical Therapy, University of Connecticut,

Storrs, CT. Scholarship: \$2,000



**HUBERT-BROWN, DAGMARA** of New York, NY – for third year of graduate studies in International Finance and

Economic Policy, Columbia University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$4,000



**LORENCE, MICHAEL** of Brandon, MS – for first year of doctoral studies in Business Administration, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA. Scholarship: \$3,000

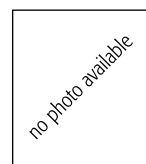


**MISTERAVICH, NATALIE** of Bloomington, IN – for third year of doctoral studies in Polish Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Scholarship: \$2,000



**NICHOLSON, WILLIAM** of La Mirada, CA – for third year of graduate studies in Theology and Philosophy, Biblical &

Theological Studies, Biola University, La Mirada, CA. Scholarship: \$2,000



**RACZEK, KATHERINE** of San Diego, CA – for first year of graduate studies in Emergency Medicine, Florida International

University, Miami, FL. Scholarship: \$5,000



**RIVARD, ELIZABETH** of Amherst, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Public Policy and International Development,

Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$4,000



**ROSE, JESSIANNA** of Silver Spring, MD – for second year of graduate studies in Health Care Administration,

Marymount University, Arlington, VA. Scholarship: \$2,000



**SZAFRAN, MARZENA** of Nokomis, FL – for second year of graduate studies towards a CRNA Certified Registered Nurse

Anesthetist, Wolford College, Naples, FL. Scholarship: \$2,000



**SZAFRAN, JESSICA** of Lemont, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Health Policy and Global Health Administration, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$2,000

### EDWARD C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**JANKOWICZ, NINA** of Skillman, NJ – for first year of graduate studies in Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$3,000

### RICHARD SOBIERAJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**SALOMON, BENJAMIN** of Charlottesville, VA – for second year of graduate studies in Business Administration, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. Scholarship: \$4,000

### ALBERT SPIEZNY SCHOLARSHIP



**ROZDEBA, SUZANNE** of New York, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Global Journalism and Russian and Slavic Studies, New York University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$4,000



**WOJCIECHOWSKA, IZABELA** of El Paso, TX – for third year of graduate studies in Creative Writing, Columbia University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$1,000

### MONIKA AND FRANK STANITSKI MUSIC FUND



**VANONI, MIRIAM** of Medford, MA – for second year of doctoral studies in Piano Performance, Boston University, Boston, MA. Scholarship: \$5,000

### JEROME AND MARY STRAKA SCHOLARSHIP



**KIEBALA, RICHARD** of Chicago, IL – for final year of doctoral studies in Pharmacology, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$2,000



**ZABLOCKI, TIMOTHY** of Hackettstown, NJ – for second year of doctoral studies in Pharmacy, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. Scholarship: \$1,000

### MICHAEL TWAROWSKI FUND



**FILOCHOWSKI, PIOTR** of Hamden, CT – for third year of graduate studies in Violin Performance, Yale University School of Music, New Haven, CT. Scholarship: \$3,000.

### THE JOSEPHINE WALL AND IGNATIUS WALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**BLASZKIEWICZ, JACEK** of Staten Island, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Music History, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY. Scholarship: \$1,000



**GRAJEWSKI, ROBERT** of Myrtle Beach, SC – for second year of studies towards a Masters in Business Administration and Master of Public Administration in International Development, a joint program at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA and Harvard University, Boston, MA. Scholarship: \$7,000

### TED AND WALTER WYSOCKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**DABSKI, MATTHEW** of Getzville, NY – for graduate studies in Medicine, Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland. Scholarship: \$2,000



**KRZYZAK, MICHAEL** of Brooklyn, NY – for third year of graduate studies in Medicine, Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland. Scholarship: \$2,000

### THE MICHALINA AND HERMAN ZIMBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**GLICKMAN, MICHAEL** of Annandale, VA – for third year of graduate studies in Medicine, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. Scholarship: \$2,000



**KACZMARCZYK, KATARZYNA** of Elmwood Park, IL – for third year of graduate studies in Medicine, Medical University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland. Scholarship: \$2,000



**HALIM, KAREEM** of College Point, NY – for first year of graduate studies in Medicine, Harvard University, Boston MA. Scholarship: \$4,000

### DR. MARIE ZAKRZEWSKA MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP OF THE MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF POLISH WOMEN'S CLUBS FUND



**PARZYCH, LYDIA** of Auburn, MA – for third year of graduate studies in Medicine, University of Massachusetts, Worcester, MA. Scholarship: \$3,500

## MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF POLISH WOMEN'S CLUBS FUND



**MARCHIE, JESSICA** of Chicopee, MA – for senior year of undergraduate studies in Management and

Marketing, Communication and Advertising, Western New England College, Springfield, MA. Scholarship: \$1,250



**STEFANOWICZ, MONIKA** of Springfield, MA – for junior year of undergraduate studies in Physical Therapy, Sports

Rehabilitation, Springfield College, Springfield, MA. Scholarship: \$1,250



**SIUZDAK, CHRISTOPHER** of Dudley, MA – for senior year of undergraduate studies in History and

Psychology, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$1,250

## POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND



**BATCHEN, HELEN** of Teaneck, NJ – for senior year of undergraduate studies in Russian and East Eurasian Studies,

Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. Scholarship: \$1,300



**CIECIERSKI, CAROLINE** of East Rutherford, NJ – for junior year of undergraduate studies

in Public Health, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Scholarship: \$1,700



**TROCHIMIUK, NATALIA** of Mahwah, NJ – for sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Systems Engineering,

George Washington University, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$1,100



**WIS, SANDRA** of Clifton, NJ – for junior year of undergraduate studies in Family and Child Studies, Montclair

State University, Montclair, NJ. Scholarship: \$1,200



**LAZAR, ALEXANDRA** of Belleville, NJ – for junior year of undergraduate studies in Biotechnology, Rutgers

University, New Brunswick, NJ. Scholarship: \$1,000

## POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BROOKLYN, USA, INC. FUND



**GUSTEK, JOANNA** of Little Neck, NY – for freshman year of undergraduate studies in Business Administration,

Baruch College, CUNY, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000



**SADOWSKI, MACIEJ** of Brooklyn, NY – for senior year of undergraduate studies in Biology, St. Joseph's

College, Brooklyn, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000



## DONATION OF PAINTINGS TO THE KF

The Kosciuszko Foundation would like to thank Joanne C. Wallace of Greenwich, Connecticut, for donating in memory of her late parents, Sophie E. and Joseph F. Czechlewski, several paintings by Stan Baginski and Eugeniusz Dzierzencki. Sophie and Joseph were great patriots of the United States and proud of their Polish heritage. They both took active part in numerous

American and Polish organizations. Joseph was National President of the Polish Singers Alliance from 1950 to 1992

and National Director of the Polish American Conference. Sophie was a Board member of the Women's National Republic Club and for many years served as Treasurer. A devout Catholic she was a member of the highest order of the Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



# THE YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM IN POLAND

## CENTER FOR POLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN THE WORLD 2011/2012



**ANISKIEWICZ, ALENA** of Okemos, MI – M.A. in Humanities, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Scholarship: \$1,350



**CROFT, JENNIFER** of Tiffin, IA – MFA in Literary Translation, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. Scholarship:

\$675



**SOUCIE, NICOLAS** of Milwaukee, WI – B.A. in Global Studies, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI.

Scholarship: \$1,350



**BRICKNER, JEANETTE** of Prescott, WI – M.A. in Foreign Language, Literature and

Translation, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI. Scholarship: \$1,350



**MIENTKIEWICZ, JASON** of Waterford, PA – B.A. in Art History, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Scholarship: \$675



**VAIL, MICHAEL** of Watertown, CT – B.A. in International Studies and French, Central

Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT. Scholarship: \$675



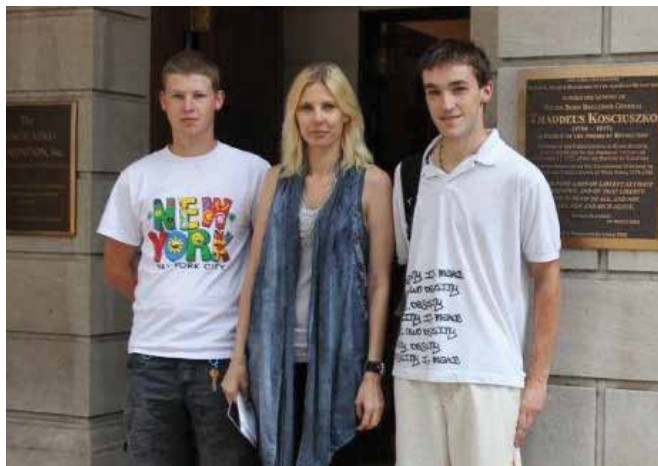
**BUSTAMANTE, ANDRES** of Eldersburg, MD – B.A. in Economics, University of Maryland, College Park,

MD. Scholarship: \$1,350



**PIERCE, JOHN** of Iowa City, IA – B.A. in Music and Philosophy, Indian University, Bloomington, IN. Scholarship: \$1,350

## THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION WELCOMES SOPHIE WOJCIECHOWSKI AWARD WINNERS



*L-R: Sophie Wojciechowski awards recipients visit the Foundation during their six week course at the English Language Institute at Pace University*

The Kosciuszko Foundation this summer welcomed two young promising Polish students to New York, both of whom hail from its founder's home town.

Mateusz Fus and Damian Calka, from the town of Rakszawa, Poland attended a six week summer program at Pace University's English Language Institute thanks to the Sophie Wojciechowski Endowment Fund for Gifted Polish Youth.

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

The two successfully completed the program, and also had the opportunity to do some sightseeing, which included the sights and sounds of New York and the tri-state area.

Both returned to Poland after the six week program with an experience of expanded horizons that will influence them for the rest of their lives.

Sophie Wojciechowski worked tirelessly during her life for the causes of immigrants and refugees. She held an undergraduate degree in Economics and a graduate degree in Social Work. In addition to her work with the Polish government in exile during World War II, she was involved with numerous programs to assist émigrés and their families after the war. Her years of hard work resulted in her receiving the Émigré Award for Distinguished Leadership by the Institute for Families and Children at Adelphi University in 1992. It was at the time that the Foundation announced the creation of the Sophie Wojciechowski Scholarships.

## 2011 PROFESSOR MICHAL SMIALOWSKI AWARD

The Kosciuszko Foundation selected Dr. Justyna Kuziak of Warsaw Polytechnic, Department of Building Materials Engineering to receive the 2011 Professor Michal Smialowski Award, based on her doctoral dissertation in the field of material science dealing with migrating corrosion inhibitors for steel in concrete.

The Foundation bestows the Award annually to a Polish citizen for a distinguished publication in the field of material science. Professor Susan Smialowska established the Award at the Kosciuszko Foundation 17 years ago, in memory of her late husband, a highly recognized authority in the world of material science. Professor Michal Smialowski founded the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw, serving as its

Director from 1960-1973. The Foundation selects the award recipient based on recommendations of the Award's Academic Advisory Committee, composed of several Polish academicians, all experts in the field of material science.

The Foundation presents the Award at a ceremony held in its Warsaw office during the annual Exchange Program personal interview sessions held in March. Alex Storozynski, President and Executive Director of the Foundation hosted the presentation ceremonies and Dr. Ronald J. Hagadus, Chairman of the Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship Committee presented the winner with a certificate and a Foundation check for \$2,000. Representatives of the Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Science also attended the ceremony.



*L-R The winner of the 2011 Michal Smialowski Memorial Award Dr. Justyna Kuziak, Professor Ellina Lunarska, Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, Dr. Andrzej Krolikowski, Institute of Chemistry, Warsaw University of Technology, Professor Zuzanna Smialowska. Professor Jerzy Bielinski, Institute of Chemistry, Warsaw University of Technology*

### GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND 2011/2012



**NELSON, KURT** of Manorville, NY. M.A. in Music Composition and Theory, Florida State University. To research

composer Tadeusz Baird who played a crucial role in the cultural thaw that began in the late 1950s, in order to promote his music through scholarship work and publication. Research to be conducted at the University of Warsaw, Institute of Musicology with Prof. Zbigniew Skowron. Scholarship: \$2,250



**NEWMARK, MICHAEL** of Brooklyn, NY. M.A. in History, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY. To research comprehensive

socio-political history of the Republic of Krakow, and the social evolution of the szlachta, intelligentsia and Jews as well as their interaction with the government and each other. Research will be conducted at the Jagiellonian University, Institute for American Studies and the Polish Diaspora with dr. hab. Jan Lencznarowicz. Scholarship: \$2,250

### IN MEMORIAM

## STANISLAW A. MILEWSKI, MD



Stanislaw A. Milewski, M.D., 80, passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. He is survived by his beloved wife Anita, son Andrew and his wife Meghan, daughter Teresa, son Mark, and two cherished granddaughters Hannah and Maya. Also his brother Andrzej and his wife Ewa of North Carolina, his sister Teresa Weiner of California, nieces and nephews, and family in Poland.

Stanislaw A. Milewski, M.D., M.A., F.A.C.S., practiced ophthalmology and specialized in retinal detachment surgery. He was formerly president of Retina Consultants P.C. and Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Connecticut.

With his wife Anita Dr. Milewski established the Milewski Scholarship Fund at the Kosciuszko Foundation and the annual Milewski Lecture in Polish Studies at Central Connecticut State University.

He served as past President of the Polish American Congress of Connecticut, Trustee Emeritus of the Kosciuszko Foundation, past Vice-President of the Pilsudski Institute, member of the Polish American Foundation of Connecticut, member of the Polish Cultural Club of Hartford, and sponsor of the Committee for the Blind of Poland in New York.

In 1996, he was presented the Cavalier Cross of Merit of the Republic of Poland by the President of Poland for his teaching and lectures at many Polish medical universities and for organizing the donation of thousands of dollars worth of surgical equipment.

Our deepest condolences to the entire family.

The KF Staff

# TOMASZKIEWICZ-FLORIO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER STUDIES AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, CRACOW SUMMER 2011



**BEKENY, JENNA** of Erie, PA – a senior at Mercyhurst Preparatory High School, Erie, PA. Scholarship: \$2,325



**CHMIELEWSKI, STEPHANIE** of Parma, OH – a junior majoring in Nursing at Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH. Scholarship: \$2,325



**CRANDON, LAUREN** of Lawrence, KS – a sophomore majoring in neurobiology at University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. Scholarship: \$2,325



**KAWASHIMA, LIDIA** of Sunrise, FL – a sophomore majoring in Graphic Design at University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL. Scholarship: \$2,325



**KRUSZEWSKI, ADAM** of Gaithersburg, MD – a sophomore majoring in biochemistry at University of Maryland, Gaithersburg, MD. Scholarship: \$2,325



**MAJCHERCZYK, MICHAEL** of Wallington, NJ – a junior majoring in Business Administration, Montclair University, Montclair, NJ. Scholarship: \$2,325



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**WASILEWSKI, WERONIKA** of Hoffman Estates, IL – a high school senior at Schaumburg High School, Schaumburg, IL. Scholarship: \$2,325

## KF HONORS MRS. HARRIET BARWICK

Mrs. Harriet Barwick received a garland crown of leaves for being a loyal member and supporter of the Kosciuszko Foundation during its Name's Day Party for Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Polish Heroes held in October of 2011. Mrs. Barwick is also a long time member of The Pro Arte League and its current Treasurer. The Pro Arte League of the Kosciuszko Foundation was organized in 1970 by a group of women Foundation members to help beautify and preserve the public rooms of the Foundation House. An annual Fall luncheon helps generate funding to maintain the Kosciuszko Foundation house. Among items purchased with the funds have been tablecloths, draperies, china, glassware, urns, dishwasher, vacuum cleaner, floral decorations, new entrance doors, and a replicated stair railing for a new spiral staircase which was installed during the Foundation's major house renovation.



*KF's long time Friend and Supporter, Mrs. Harriet Barwick getting her well deserved garland crown of leaves.*



*The Chicago Chapter held an afternoon of poetry of Ewa Chrusciel (third from left) with musical interlude by flutist, Joanna Turska (second from right) accompanied by pianist, Danuta Berger. (fourth from left)*

## CHICAGO CHAPTER

### CHICAGO CHAPTER IS BUSY PROMOTING POLISH CULTURE

With the largest Polish community outside of Poland, it's no wonder that the Chicago Chapter is one of the Kosciuszko Foundation's busiest affiliates. Dr. Lidia Filus has done a fantastic job hosting the annual October 28th Tadeusz Name's Day, *Imieniny Kosciuszko* parties at Northeastern Illinois University, including NEIU Department of World Languages and Cultures, and sponsoring poetry readings such as an afternoon of poetry by Ewa Chrusciel with musical interludes by flutist Joanna Turska, accompanied by pianist Danuta Berger.



*L-R: Jolanta Pawlikowski, Ewa Radwanska, Marysia Watson, Alex Storozynski, Lidia Filus, Czeslawa Kolak and Witold Pawlikowski.*

The Chapter also held a meeting with a KF Research Fellow from AGH, Krakow, Maciej Capinski who was conducting research at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Capinski was invited for a short visit to the Mathematics Department and the Student Center for Science Engagement at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) in Chicago. During his visit at NEIU he presented a workshop: "From Binomial Trees to Pricing of Financial Derivatives" and a seminar: "Predictability Leads to Chaos."

Prof. Filus was invited by the *Fundacja Kulturalna Pulsu Polonii* in Australia to



*Seated: Krzysztof Penderecki. Standing, l-r: jazz-vocalist Grazyna Auguscik, Consul Zygmunt Matynia, Chapter President Lidia Filus, Czeslawa Kolak.*

participate in the Kosciuszko Festival and Kosciuszko Run that took place on February 12-13, 2011 at Kosciuszko Mount in Australia, where she presented the organizers and participants with a letter from Alex Storozynski. The chapter also helped bring over a group of young musicians from the Music Academy of Paderewski Symphony Orchestra to Australia to perform at this year's Kosciuszko Run.

In cooperation with the Jagiellonian University Medical School, the Chicago Chapter helped facilitate interviews for US and Canadian students from the Jagiellonian University English Medical School program. The Chapter also assisted in organizing the Alumni Club for this program.

In September, the Chapter helped organize a concert of the Outstanding Pole in USA Award winner, jazz singer, Grazyna Auguscik. The concert opened the 2011-2012 Jewel Box Series at Northeastern Illinois University Recital Hall and was broadcasted live over WFMT Radio 98.7 FM.

### INTERNATIONAL PARTNER IN CIVIC EDUCATION

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in Krakow, Wawel Cathedral and Castle, Auschwitz concentration camp, and the Wieliczka Salt Mine. While visiting Wawel Castle, workshop participants laid a wreath at the tomb of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Polish patriot and American Revolutionary War hero. At Kosciuszko's tomb, the group sang the national anthems of both countries and read excerpts, in Polish and English, from Alex Storozynski's biography of Kosciuszko, *The Peasant Prince*. A highlight of the workshop was the opportunity to meet the US Consul General in Krakow, Mr. Allen Greenberg, at the American Independence Day Celebration hosted by the US Consulate in Krakow at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

During their stay in the United States, the Polish students learned that nothing is impossible and that by small steps, they can make a change in their society and in the world. Similarly, the Krakow workshop included a discussion of Margaret Mead's recommendation to "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Through the implementation of the proposed community service projects, the Polish and American students will have an opportunity to work through the inevitable obstacles and challenges encountered by committed citizens everywhere, but also to share in the satisfaction that comes from democratic action which positively influences the lives of others. In furtherance of its educational and cultural mission, the Kosciuszko Foundation is pleased to financially support the initiatives of these young citizens through small grants.

## NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

On Sunday, March 20, 2011 the Chapter hosted its **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Luncheon and Concert** at Mount Holyoke College. The event honors KF scholarship and grant recipients. Seven of thirteen New England area Kosciuszko Founda-



*Konrad Binienda, pianist, & Carolyn Topor*

tion scholarship & grant recipients and parents attended. Over 180 people attended the concert by The KF Chopin 2010 laureate, Konrad Binienda, a student of Prof. Wha Kyung at the New England Conservatory, who is pursuing a New England Conservatory and Harvard joint degree program.



*L-R: Peter Novak, KF Trustee; Andre Blaszczyński, recipient of the Distinguished Polish American Award for 2011; Stephen Jablonski, New England Chapter Director, and Carolyn Topor, New England Chapter President*

Our Distinguished Polish-American for 2011 was Andre Blaszczyński, a professor, author, economist and man who, in the 80's, worked tirelessly for the support of Solidarity in the USA and as President of the Polish American Congress of Connecticut, for Poland's accession to NATO.

**Katyn: Massacre, Politics, Morality**, the 44 panel exhibit was viewed at the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning in Chicopee, MA from Saturday, April 9 to Thursday, April 21 by about 1000 people. During this time we presented a play about, Janina Lewandowska the only woman killed in the massacre, and had a screening of the documentary *The Officer's Wife*, written and directed by Piotr Uzarowicz. Both of these events were held at Elms College. In cooperation with Westfield State University, we held a panel discussion with the son of a Katyn victim, several survivors of the deportation to Siberia, a historian, a Polish diplomat, and an ethics professor. There were 3 TV interviews and excellent newspaper coverage.

From April 25-29 the Exhibit was on display in the State House in Boston in Doric Hall. In attendance were Andrzej Pronczuk, Sc.D. President of the Polish Cultural Foundation and Past-President of the Polish American Congress of Eastern and Western Massachusetts; Sen. Richard T. Moore, D-Uxbridge, co-chairman of the Massachusetts Legislature's Polish Caucus; Marek Lesniewski-Laas, Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of Poland and co-chairman of the Massachusetts Legislative Polish Caucus. Rep. John Sciback, D-South Hadley cut the ribbon to officially open **Katyn: Massacre, Politics, Morality** on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. According to Marek Lesniewski-Laas, the State House is the most visited building in Massachusetts and everyone who walked through the Doric Hall stopped for at least a few minutes to look at the display.

**Irena Sendler Award for Courage & Excellence in Social Work**, gifted by the New England Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation was awarded for the first time to an Elms College senior, Wanda Rolon, who has shown these traits in her field work. In her day job, Ms. Rolon, has worked among the homeless people in nearby Northampton. She has been attending Elms as a weekend student for 2 full years after completing her associate's degree at Holyoke Community College. The annual award is for \$500.



*Wanda Rolon, Sendler Award recipient with directors of the New England Chapter: Ed Dzieleński, Grazyna Vincunas, Scott Hartblay, Joan Marsh, Wanda, Carolyn Topor, Elzbieta Swiercz, Stephen Jendrysik.*

The Chapter has contacted all the libraries in Western Massachusetts informing them that October is Polish-American Heritage Month and requesting that they present a display of books about Poland, about famous Polish and Polish American people, and books by Polish and Polish American authors.

Carolyn Czaja Topor,  
President, New England Chapter



## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

In January, 2011, the Chapter hosted **Kosciuszko Foundation grantee, Tomasz Rogula, MD, Ph.D.** for a talk. Dr. Rogula is a Staff Surgeon at the Bariatric and Metabolic Institute at the renowned Cleveland Clinic.

In March, 2011, the Chapter partnered with Holy Family University to bring the **Katyn exhibit** to Philadelphia. The Chapter hosted two separate events in relation to the exhibit: a talk by Dr. Marek Konarzewski of the Polish Embassy in Washington, DC called, “Katyn: 70 years later,” and the showing of Andrzej Wajda’s film, “**Katyn.**”

On Thursday, April 28, 2011, the Philadelphia Chapter and Villanova University hosted “**A Tribute to Pope John Paul II**” which included the showing of the film, “**Nine Days That Changed the World,**” produced in part by Newt and Callista Gingrich. The film chronicles Pope John Paul II’s pilgrimage to Poland in 1979. Before the film screening, members of the Chapter and representatives from the Villanova community enjoyed a reception and group photo with Mr. and Mrs. Gingrich. The Speaker and Mrs. Gingrich then autographed copies of their DVD and book before introducing the film.

In July, six students attending universities in the Philadelphia area volunteered as teaching assistants at the **Arts-Enriched Teaching English in Poland** camp in Załecze Wielkie: Stuart Simon, Karly Simon, Jonathan Dick, Julie Wojcik, Rachel Glogowski and Sebastian Wojnar.

Due to Hurricane Irene, the Chapter’s **Annual Summer Concert** had to be postponed until Sunday, October 9. This year’s concert featured extraordinary Polish pianist, **Mr. Krystian Tkaczewski.** A Silent Auction comprised of donated items such as Polish books, photo frames, and crystals accompanied the Summer Concert event.

The Chapter participated in the **Pułaski Day Parade** in Philadelphia on Sunday, October 2, 2011. The walking contingent included a high school student (Patrick Rojek) impersonating “Kosciuszko.” Frances E. Wyszynski scholarship winner, Karolina Wolnicki, rode in a convertible. The Kosciuszko Foundation received positive publicity because the television coverage of the parade featured the Chapter.

Following its annual tradition, the Chapter co-sponsored the **Annual Polish Poetry Reading of the Overbrook Poets Society** in November, 2011. This year’s reading featured the works of Nobel Prize Laureate (Literature, 1980) Czesław Milosz, in their original Polish as well as English translation.

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



*By partnering with Holy Family University to bring the Katyn exhibit to Philadelphia, the Chapter educated the public about this significant historical event.*



*Polish-born pianist Krystian Tkaczewski gave an outstanding performance for the Chapter’s Annual Summer Concert.*

*During the Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia, Chapter representatives, including “Kosciuszko,” stopped at the Kosciuszko monument at Logan Square.*



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## BEQUEST OF WINIFRED CETNAROWSKI



Winifred Cetnarowski was not a member of the Kosciuszko Foundation, but she was very proud of her Polish heritage. Her cousin, Dr. John Cetner, of Albany, New York, told Winifred about the good work of the Kosciuszko Foundation, and she left \$31,257 to the Kosciuszko Foundation in her will.

Winifred was an educator, a lady who loved her work, her family, her church, and her heritage. Her parents emigrated from the Galicia region of Poland, her father, Ludwig, from Kobylanka, near Gorlice, and her mother, Katarzyna, from Biecz. They met and married in Amsterdam, New York, where Winifred completed her primary and secondary education. She was a graduate of Oneonta Normal School, and she later completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Elementary Education at the State University of New York, Oneonta. At the time of her retirement she had completed thirty years of service with the Greater Amsterdam School System.

Winifred's niece, Dr. Barbara Rice, of Huntsville, Alabama served as a teacher in the Kosciuszko Foundation Teaching English in Poland program, and her son, Gordon Rice, was a student assistant in the program.

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### 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.”

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

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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 over 80% of the remaining benefits! If bequeathed to the Foundation, these funds would escape both income and estate taxes, and reduce your taxable estate.

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fields of dance and choreography, and, a longtime mentor, supporter, and volunteer with the KF.



**Friday, April 13, 2012, 3:00 PM \$20/ \$15 KF Members and students**

### CHOPIN PIANO COMPETITION FINALS

The Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Piano Competition was established in 1949, in honor of the hundredth anniversary of the death of Frederic Chopin. The inauguration took place at the Kosciuszko

Foundation House in New York City, with Witold Malcuzyński as guest artist, and Abram Chasins, composer and music director of the New York Times Radio Stations, presiding.



**Saturday, April 21, 4:00 pm \$20/ \$15 KF Members and students**

### ANIA FILOCHOWSKA & PIOTR FILOCHOWSKI

Critically acclaimed violinists Ania Filochowska and Piotr Filochowski to perform at the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York.



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