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IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE

A LETTER FROM THE *STUDENT* EDITOR

Congratulations! We have made it through another academic year and arrived at SUSK Congress in beautiful Banff, Alberta. These last few months have been busy with exams and preparing for Congress, but we are finally here! The year has had its share of highlights and to wrap up this volume of Student our Ukrainian Student Organizations across Canada have shared what has made their year memorable.

The five issues of Student released this year have taken us through the many decades that Student has been running. Beginning with the 1960s up until the 2000s, each decade held significance in that it enabled students to communicate and connect with each other throughout the country, as it still does today. Student is a platform in which Ukrainian Canadian Students have and continue to share their experiences and thoughts with a national audience.

The endless emails, late nights, and hours of editing that have gone into these issues have been rewarding to say the least. I'd like to thank both those who submit the content that comprise the issues and of course the readers. I hope that you all keep in touch and continue to share your experiences with Student as we love to hear from both past and current SUSK members. It has truly been a pleasure to put together Student for you all this past year, thank you and до побачення!

Zenia Michno

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Вітаю!



Welcome readers, to the special 2018 Congress issue! This year's Congress is being held in Banff from May 3-6, 2018. With the theme of "Rediscovering the Past," SUSK is seeing it's highest numbers of participation in Congress in the most recent years, by both delegates and guests. This year's participants will have an opportunity to learn about a part of Canada's hidden history — the internment of Ukrainians and other ethno-cultural groups people during World War I lasting until 1920. Thousands of people were wrongfully imprisoned because of their ethnicity stripped of their human rights. Public records of this dark moment of history were destroyed and SUSK along with our partners hope to raise awareness over this issue.

With a record level of speakers and inclusion of on-site excursions, students will gain the perspective of a wide variety of individuals of this injustice. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to grow personally and professionally. With leadership workshops and networking, SUSK Congress offers a unique experience for Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian students alike.

This issue also contains articles from our member Ukrainian Student Organizations (USOs), who will also have an opportunity to present the activities and events they have taken on over the past academic year. SUSK is only as strong as its membership, we hope that by building cohesion and providing support our USOs will grow and succeed. The ability to exchange best practices, gain new ideas, and the collegial environment, creates a sense of comradery amongst participants. With this being my fourth Congress, I am ecstatic for others to experience a conference like no other. There may be a serious lack of sleep over the few days, but the knowledge and friendships gained are priceless.

I want to thank everyone who helped made the 2018 SUSK Congress possible. We could not have done this without you!

Бажаю вам всього найкращого!

All the best!

Stephanie Nedoshytko

Стефанія Недошитко



RECAP OF 2017/18

SUBMITTED BY: UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA UKRAINIAN STUDENTS' CLUB

Another successful year is coming to an end for the Ukrainian Students' Club at the University of Toronto Mississauga. Immediately after our revival in October 2016, we were determined to bring Ukrainian culture back to our campus. We kicked off this year at our university's club fair. With generous support from Ukrainian Credit Union Limited and Buduchnist Credit Union, we were able to give out a variety of goodies that ranged from pens and notebooks to fidget spinners and bottle openers-exactly what every student needs for a successful school year. This helped grow our club and create interactive events.

With the financial help from SUSK, we held not one, but TWO varenyky making workshops on campus! Students (and staff) learned how to make traditional pota-

to and cheddar cheese varenyky. We held our second workshop as requested by popular demand. Three filling options were offered this time around- potato/cheddar, blueberry and sweet cheese varenyky. Overall, this event was always a success on our campus.

In November, we held our very first varenyky sale where we offered varenyky, borscht, kapusta, and pop. This sale was a fundraiser for our club to send some of our active members to the McMaster Ukrainian Students Club's Annual Volleyball tournament. We are very proud to say that after hours of laughter, sweat, and hard work, our team was awarded the first place medals in this amazing tournament. Go team!

Every year, our students' union organizes a week-long multicultural festival, where all the cultural clubs on campus have the chance to display their unique culture to



the UTM community. At this culture fest, we really wanted to make sure that students know that our club is very enthusiastic, active, and patriotic of our heritage, so we decided to share our love for varenyky so that every student on campus can have a taste of Ukraine for FREE!

Even though this year is coming to an end and with most of our executive team graduating, we remember all the fun we've had this year- working together, building a Ukrainian community on campus and teaching others to be proud of their heritage. We hope to see the

new executive have as much fun as we did. To celebrate the end of yet another successful year, for the first time EVER, we have teamed up with the Ukrainian Students' Club at Ryerson University to host a SPRING ZABA-VA!! Join us on May 11th to celebrate the end of the school year and to kick-off the summer break, we hope to see you there!!

Let's keep in touch!
 facebook.com/UTMUSC
 Instagram: @utmusc

Spring Zabava

May 11th, 2018
 9pm - 2am

DJ Buncha
\$15 from 9 - 11pm
\$20 after 11pm

Golden Lion
 15 Canmotor Ave, Etobicoke
 19+ wristband policy in effect

Celebrate the end of the school year with the Ryerson and UTM Ukrainian Students' Clubs!

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UTM UKRAINIAN STUDENTS CLUB



YEAR REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: CARLETON UKRAINIAN STUDENT'S CLUB

This year, the Carleton Ukrainian Students Club has been revived in the Ottawa community, and we could not be more excited to be back. Our year started off with a Pub Night, which not only offered an opportunity for prospective members to get together and get to know one another, but for other members of our community in Ottawa to join us for a night of fun and new friendships. We also worked together in finally designing a new official club logo, and subsequently, an official club sweater. Later on in November, we honoured the memory of the Holodomor by hosting a movie screening of *Bitter Harvest* at CYM Hall. To conclude the winter term and to kick off the New Year, we joined together with the amazing members of the Ukrainian Students Club of the University of Ottawa to go around the city for *Kolyada*, where we raised roughly \$800, and around \$400 per club.

With the coming of the spring season meant that it was time for our biggest event yet: the Carleton Ukrainian Students Club Third Annual Perogie Night. Once more at CYM Hall, the event was attended by more than a hundred people of people not only from the Ukrainian community, but of the greater Ottawa community as well. This itself was wonderful, since one of our main goals of the club is to promote Ukrainian culture in Ottawa. The event was wildly successful, raising upward of \$1,000 for the club.

Next year, the club hopes to continue working together with Ukrainian Students Clubs in the Ottawa region and further promoting Ukrainian Culture in the community and on campus. We look forward to what the new school year has in store for us.



A YEAR IN REVIEW

SUBMITTED BY: THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA
UKRAINIAN'S CLUB

The University of Ottawa Ukrainian's Club spent the fall semester regrouping a strong executive team, as sadly we lost many last year. The first event of the year we participated in was the Eastern European Block Party, where many cultural clubs come together to celebrate through music, dance, food and drinks! The OUSC and Polish Club collaborated and sold pierogis and the event featured specialty drinks custom for the night, including one called "The Baba"! This event is held in both the fall & winter semesters and was a success both times, we gathered Ukrainian students from Algonquin College/Carleton University & even tripled our pierogi sales from previous years. We kicked off the new year by teaming up with the Carleton University Ukrainian Club in our Koliada event. We had an absolutely joyful time singing with the community and sharing our culture, especially just before Christmas. In March, SUSK held a Congress in Montreal for Eastern

Ontario Clubs and we were able to meet so many great people from the McGill and Concordia clubs and trade experiences and stories. Later we held a Pysanky workshop at a local church to teach and make them just in time for Easter. Our grand finale event of the year was our second annual Verenyky and Vodka night! This is our most successful event of the year; guests can pay to make their own pierogis with five different pre-made fillings by the club all night long or are able to buy a ticket for all you can eat OUSC pre-made pierogis. Everyone had a great time and we ate and danced all night long! We look forward to the upcoming year and have already begun to think of new events for the future - we hope to continue working with clubs from all across Canada to celebrate and bring awareness to Ukrainian Culture. We are so excited to be joining other USOs at the 2018 SUSK National Congress in Banff, Alberta this May and look forward to making many more memories!



2017-2018 REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: MACEWAN UKRAINIAN STUDENTS CLUB

Over the last year the MacEwan Ukrainian students club has had four new presidents, and we currently have a good foundation of people and support for next year. Our first event of the year was club days, where we recruited new members. Our next main event occurred in January where we held our annual Malanka zabava. This event was co-hosted with our friends from the University of Alberta. The Malanka Zabava was a fun night out and was a great net-working event. Part of the proceeds from the event will go towards Help Us Help the Children (HUHC) charity. Our next event was a film event cohosted with a professor from MacEwan University and was about Chernobyl and the post-colonial landscape in Ukraine. At the end of the semester, we held another club days event, and once again we received lots of interest from students. Currently, we are in the planning stages of taking part in a Walkathon in mid-June in support of orphan children of Ukraine. This event will raise awareness for this grave issue in Ukraine and provide a great networking opportunity. Overall, this year provided challenges and opportunities. Many people in the club had a lot of fun and we are eager to expand the club. We are confident going forward that we will continue to grow the club and provide a fun and welcoming atmosphere for everyone.



YEAR IN REVIEW

SUBMITTED BY: THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG UKRAINIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The 2017/2018 school year marked the second full year where the University of Winnipeg Ukrainian Students Association was a recognized student group. We were excited to implement the skills we learned at Congress last year in order to make our club as successful as possible. Despite having a number of members graduate, we were pleased to see so many new faces at our first meeting of the year. They had heard about the club through our successful social media pages, and were excited to take part in events in an attempt to make a difference in the Ukrainian community.

This year our group not only organized, but also took part in many events around the University of Winnipeg. We arranged group outings to escape rooms and held trivia nights that were very well received. We also displayed a Holodomor installation which allowed students to recognize the horrific events of the Ukrainian famine. Staple events such as bake sales, and carolling during the Christmas season allowed our group to bond while giving back to the community.

We knew how difficult it was to create a brand new student organization. We wanted to think of ways of how we could help other groups grow and not get discouraged due to a lack of funding or support. So we sought out various up and coming University of Winnipeg student groups in an effort to support their events. We would organize our club members to attend other group events such as book drives and comedy nights. We were able to extend the reach of our club, meanwhile supporting other clubs around the university. This led to newfound friendships and bonds that otherwise would not have been possible.

Our club had a fantastic year. We are thrilled to see what our future holds as we continue to grow. We cannot wait for next year, so we can organize bigger and better events for the Ukrainian community.



HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR CLUB

SUBMITTED BY: MANITOBA'S UKRAINIAN CANADIAN STUDENTS' SOCIETY

This write up will be about the past two years on the academic calendar. This encompasses both years since last year was our first year as a group, and this is our first year attending the SUSK Congress. Over the past two years we have had many different events, all of which are highlighted on our website as well as our Instagram account. Our website is: www.manitobaucss.ca and our Instagram can be found at @manitobaucss!

Here is a list of events we held as well as a brief description of each event:

We held a free perogy lunch (in partnership with St. Andrew's College), this was to attract new members to our group as well as celebrate the new student group on the U of M campus.

We also had a Zabava celebrating 125 years of Ukrainians in Canada, there was approximately 500 people there and it was a huge success!

We created our website (again, www.manitobaucss.ca), this was created by two of our members who are in Computer Science and Engineering at the U of M.

At Christmas time we went carolling with the University of Winnipeg's Ukrainian Canadian Student Group (UWUKRSA), we were able to carol and brighten the days of many Ukrainian senior citizens.

We also partnered up with UWUKRSA and SUSK to organize and host the movie premier of *Bitter Harvest*. We had approximately 300 people from the community there, and they learned more about the Holodomor. Many of the people who were there were not Ukrainian but decided that they wanted to learn more and wanted to support our group.



Alongside of the movie premier we partnered up with UMSU (University of Manitoba's Students' Union) to run a water drive. We were able to collect over 25 flats of water which were then donated to a community in Northern Manitoba under a boil water advisory. We partnered up with UMSU since both groups are firm believers that water is a basic human right and no one should go without food or water. While we had our water drive, we also ran a Holodomor Information/Learning Centre in the middle of our University Centre. This was an area that had posters and information about the Holodomor, and allowed people to learn more about this tragedy.

Over the past two years we have also ran Paska Making Workshops for Easter. With these workshops we have raised over \$450.00, all of which has supported Winnipeg's Siloam Mission and their annual Easter Dinner. With the money raised about 150 homeless people in Winnipeg have been able to have a nice meal for Easter.

We have also branched out and partnered with other cultural groups on the U of M campus, such as the Manitoba Chinese Youth Committee. We participated in their 6th Annual Cultural Arts Night and members of our group taught others a few Ukrainian dance moves.

Members of our group have also used their time in the summer to go around to small Ukrainian churches throughout Manitoba, so we are able to remember the Ukrainian community in the future (pictures of all the churches are on our website, again www.manitobaucss.ca).

We were also fortunate enough to be able to create care packages full of toys and clothes that we sent to multiple orphanages in Ukraine. Donations were collected from all around Winnipeg.

As a group we have had an eventful two years, and we hope that we are able to continue to plan events. One of our goals is to be able to aide our hometown community as much as possible, and to help out those in need in Ukraine. As a group we are excited for what the future holds!



RECAP OF THE YEAR

SUBMITTED BY: THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH UKRAINIAN STUDENTS' CLUB

The University of Guelph (UofG) Ukrainian Students' Club aims to implement the knowledge of Ukrainian culture, to students of every nationality. The club established its roots in Guelph, a city located slightly north of Toronto. A thriving Ukrainian community welcomes both new members and alumni.

In the fall 2017 semester, the club's goals were to engage new members to join the club by actively participating at the University of Guelph club fair days which happened in September. This event was successful, with the club recruiting new members. Our first general meeting was a great way for the executive team to introduce themselves to the club, and to let everyone know what the club's plans were for the upcoming semester. The UofG Ukrainian Students' Club main event of the Fall semester was our 2nd annual Perogie Pre. Perogie Pre is open to all members, as well as their friends who would like to learn more about Ukrainian culture. For just a small donation, everyone was able to enjoy all you can eat perogies all night long. We were also excited to unveil our new logo for the UofG Ukrainian Students' Club, and began selling club long sleeve shirts that have our new logo on them.

In the winter 2017 semester, the UofG Ukrainian Students' Club organized two main events, Trivia Night and bowling night. Trivia Night happened around mid-

term season, and was a great stress buster and study break for all of our members. To conclude the year, a bowling night was planned for members to come out and have some fun bowling. We would like to thank everyone who made this year so successful, we hope to see everyone in the new school year!



YEAR REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
UKRAINIAN STUDENTS' SOCIETY

Привіт!

The Ukrainian Students' Society at the University of Alberta has been keeping busy with events this semester. In September, we hosted our annual Welcome Back BBQ for our members.

In October, we held our fall semester Pyrohy BBQ. As always, hungry students flocked to the pyrohy (and смерана) and left full, satisfied, and capable of saying 'dyakuyu'. In November, we raised awareness of the Holodomor by creating a display on our main quad, where hundreds of people walk by every day. We also hung wheat and info cards onto trees and lamp posts all around campus. At the end of Holodomor Awareness Week, USS attended the annual Holodomor commemoration at Edmonton's City Hall and laid a wreath in front of the world's first Holodomor monument.

In the winter semester, we teamed up again with the MacEwan Club for our Malanka at the Ranch! We participated at the International Fair at Oil Kings Game and proudly held the Ukrainian flag! Slava Ukraini! Our winter semester pyrohy BBQ was very successful. As in previous years, we had to push it back a week to



RECAP OF THE YEAR

SUBMITTED BY: MCGILL UKRAINIAN STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION

McGill Ukrainian Student's Association had an eventful year! The 2017-2018 year has proved to be excitingly fresh, from the numerous new members that joined us to the multitude of events planned for both McGill and the Montreal Ukrainian communities.

Following the bi-annual meet-and-greet, MUSA started the fall semester with a European trivia night, which was co-hosted with several other European clubs. Student's of all ethnicities participated to learn about the countries' heritage and culture. Strong cooperation between the European clubs lead to an apartment crawl event, where each nation's geography, language, music, and cuisine were on display. The week following, we cohosted a Holodomor memorial movie screening for the student's and the community.

The winter semester started off with caroling around Montreal followed by the annual CYM-Plast Malanka in January. Our club was generous enough to discount Zabava tickets to reward our members for their dedication to the Ukrainian club. In February, we had the

pleasure of being part of McGill's International Food Fair, where an estimated 5,000 people stopped by to grab a taste of the world. Serving borscht as our main dish was challenging, as many people had no idea what beets were (let alone what they tasted like). Following our successful caroling session earlier in the year, we performed at a Spilna Kutya at the UNO hall for the Ukrainian community.

Before the year could end, we had our much anticipated SUSK Eastern Clubs meet-up, which allowed the eastern clubs to brainstorm and share ideas for past, present, and future events. Finally, we had an end-of-the-year BBQ to get together one last time before the school year ended.

As always for MUSA, the 2017-2018 academic year was filled with opportunities and encounters, and we look forward to holding many exhilarating events next year!



ANOTHER YEAR IN THE BOOKS!

SUBMITTED BY: THE
UNIVERSITY OF
SASKATCHEWAN UKRAINIAN
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Yet another year has passed for the USUSA. With many long-term executives graduating in the previous year, this year was focused on fine tuning USUSA's events and working together as an executive. Our academic year began at the University of Saskatchewan's welcome week where we displayed our new banner (shown in picture) and had the opportunity to meet Ukrainian-Canadian students on campus. As a welcome back event we hosted Ukrainian Cartoon Night at our campus pub which featured various cartoons in Ukrainian with English subtitles. Many students from different ethnocultural backgrounds attended this event.

In October, we hosted the Holodomor National Awareness Tour. We were very lucky to have permission to park the bus in the bowl (massive green space in the middle of the U of S campus). Both 100 and 200-level Ukrainian language classes were able to take part in what the tour had to offer. The location of the bus gained a lot of attention by students and faculty! As well, we hosted Ukrainian Language Help Night for Ukrainian language students in preparation for their oral and written mid-terms.

In November, we commemorated the 84th anniversary of the Holodomor. As in previous years, we spread awareness of the tragedy with zip-tying three pieces of wheat with a informative message of the Holodomor around campus. A part of our Holodomor Awareness Week we hosted a screening of *Bitter Harvest*. This year, we decided to make social media a primary focus in spreading awareness. An infographic regarding basic



HOLODOMOR

Holodomor- noun (translation: death by starvation) 1. an act of genocide against the Ukrainian people committed by the Soviet Communist regime in 1932-1933.



WHAT HAPPENED

Through collectivization policy, Joseph Stalin, dictator of the Soviet Union, seized grain, land, livestock and other property from small, private, Ukrainian farmers. Some Ukrainians were forcibly removed from their homes and sent to Siberia, and others were executed. Those who were able to stay were starved to death.

THIS WAS A MAN-MADE FAMINE

7-10 VICTIMS OF THE FAMINE

million* TOTAL

30,000* PER DAY

*estimated



COUNTRIES THAT
RECOGNIZE
HOLODOMOR AS A
GENOCIDE

Some countries that do include, Canada, Portugal, and the United States



In August of 1932, Joseph Stalin made a law in which those accused of misappropriation of collective farm property were sentenced to death or 10 years of imprisonment. This led to the mass arrest of men, women, and children. This law was known as "Law of Five Ears of Grain"

" FIVE EARS OF GRAIN "

UNCOVERING THE TRUTH

In the 1980s, the truth of the Holodomor was finally uncovered after continuous denials of the Soviet government and a popular denial of New York Times writer, Walter Duranty. With the publication of Robert Conquest's "Harvest of Sorrows," reports of the US Commission on Ukraine Famine, and International Commission of Inquiry into the 1932-1933 Famine in Ukraine, among numerous media released did the Holodomor come to attention of the general public



#SHAREYOURSTORY #EMPTYHARVEST #HOLODOMOR

facts of the Holodomor was created (shown in picture). It has reached over 37,000 people internationally, including Ukraine and New Zealand, and has been shared 395 times by organizations such as the Canadian Embassy in Ukraine.

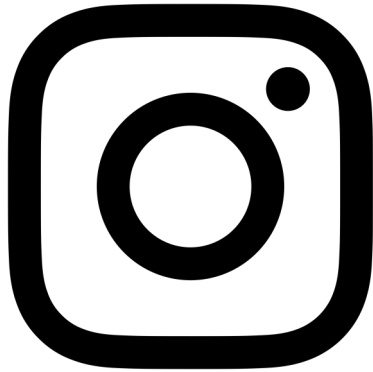
After a very eventful first term we kicked off 2018 with carolling during the Ukrainian Christmas season. A large group of students spread Christmas joy from January 6-11 in the greater Saskatoon area. During the midst of carolling we hosted *That Never Happened: Canada's First National Internment Operations* with director, Ryan Boyko at the Roxy Theatre in Saskatoon. Thanks to the hard work of our first year representative, Nykola Dovgvy, the event was at capacity with over 400 in attendance. Many people who were integral to the film were able to attend in at the Saskatoon screening. To cap off two very busy weeks we hosted our 2nd annual Ukrainian Studies Research Showcase that included a panel discussion of students who studied aboard during the spring in Ukraine and graduate students. To conclude January, the presidential Bulava changed hands.

We took February off to focus on our midterms but came back in March with one of our best months. We hosted our first ever Ukrainian Culture Week with three events taking place. To start our week off on Sunday we hosted the *Myth* Film in collaboration with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress- Saskatoon Branch. It was well attended with many new immigrants from the community in attendance. On Tuesday, we hosted our annual Pysanka workshop, we sold out well in advance! All profits were donated to Stream of Hope- an organization that benefits Ukrainian orphans. To conclude our week, on Thursday, we hosted our first ever Vinok Workshop with Vesna Festival- a Ukrainian event in Saskatoon. 25 attendees enjoyed a night of making Vinoks and appetizers.

We would like to thank all supporters of the USUSA and especially our grant partners- UCC- Saskatchewan Branch, Shevchenko Foundation, and Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage.



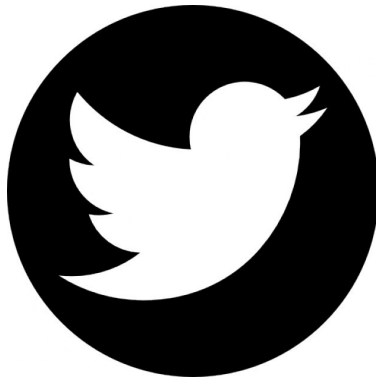
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