

President's Message

Dear Readers,

I'm thrilled to know that you're reading this while at SUSK Congress!! The 2015 National SUSK Congress is being held May 7-10, 2015 in Montreal. This year's Congress theme is "Vive le SUSK!" and its aim is simple, but bold: to provide students of Ukrainian heritage from across Canada the opportunity to deliberately meet, network, develop, and create tomorrow's community. This year's Congress offers a rich opportunity for Ukrainian Canadian students to further their skills for professional and community development, increase their knowledge and awareness of our community's reaction to and activities relating to current events in Ukraine, and take their place as active members of the Ukrainian Canadian student community.

Our member Ukrainian Students' Organizations (USOs) will also have the opportunity to present their activities over the last year. This exchange of information, ideas, and successes/challenges is always valuable. I invite you to read through the submissions in this special Congress issue of "Student" to learn about the activities of our various member organizations. SUSK is only as strong as our constituent parts, and as such, we actively work towards building cohesion, providing support, and facilitating cooperation among our member USOs.

SUSK National Executive elections will also take place at Congress, and I invite you all to review the available positions in the SUSK Constitution: http://susk.ca/about/susk-constitution/ Being a part of SUSK is an incredible opportunity, and one that should not be missed during one's student years. I





highly encourage all Ukrainian Canadian students to get the most out of Congress and consider becoming involved in our National Executive.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and successful Congress!

3 повагою - Regards, Christine Czoli SUSK President













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University of Manitoba

University of Manitoba Ukrainian Students' Association has been revived over a year ago after several years of inactivity. After its establishment and couple of small events, it was given an amazing opportunity to participate in the 2014 National SUSK Congress, where USO's delegates learned all the key procedures and guidelines to be able to run the association. As a result, during its first year after a revival, the association organized and participated in



around 20 events. These events included:

- Events on the national level (100th Anniversary of Canada's Interment Operations; SUSK National Networking Series; Hosting Serhii Kuzan, the coordinator of Ukrainian Volunteer Network "Free people"; exhibiting photos of Anatoliy Boyko dedicated to anniversary of Maidan)
- Events is support of Ukraine (raising awareness and commemorating Malaysia Airlines Crash as well as terrorist attacks in Mariupol; fundraising over \$2000 for Ukrainian wounded soldiers by participating in Vertep),
- Events that promote Ukrainian culture (День Молоді/Youth day; celebrating Taras Shevchenko 200th Anniversary, organizing semi-annual
- Jeopardy Games based on Ukrainian history, language, culture, literature, etc; organizing Ukrainian Karaoke and Movie Nights)
- Fundraising events such as bake sales, with Youth Day, Intellectual Games and a Networking event being the key events of the year.





University of Manitoba USO is planning to continue working in Ukrainian community as much as it did during 2014-2015 academic year. Aside of that, it is also very proud of the project it undertook to develop its own logo to use on the official letters, event posters, and pictures but most importantly on a large poster stand that would be used while hosting the events. The printing of this

poster stand CHOLKAN STEPCZUK

took place CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS BUSINESS ADVISORS

this spring through the greatly-appreciated financial assistance of Shevchenko Foundation.

University of Ottawa

The uOttawa Ukrainian Students' Club has had an inspired, innovative, and informative year. On October 28th, Ukrainian Day, its first major event, exposed the university community to many aspects of Ukrainian culture: Ukrainian dance and cartoons were projected on a big screen, varenyky and desserts were sold, and diverse attendees tried on traditional Ukrainian costumes and got their pictures taken in a photo booth. The Club's executive designed a large display highlighting the richness and dynamism of Ukrainian culture, and even taught interested passersby how to write their names in Ukrainian. Ukrainian Day at the U of O showcased Ukrainian culture in accessible ways to everyone who stopped by, whether they had been to Ukraine, had an interest in its culture, or had only heard about the country in passing. The uOttawa USC already has plans to build on this success for Ukrainian Day 2015!

Also in October, the Club had the honour and the pleasure to welcome Mr. Eugene Czolij, President of the Ukrainian World Congress, to the University of Ottawa. He addressed members of the Club along with the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program interns, speaking about the "World Crisis with Ukraine in the Forefront." Following an insightful speech, the group discussed events, views, and opinions pertaining to modern-day Ukraine. The evening proved very interesting and informative, and the University of Ottawa





Ukrainian Students' Club would like to extend thanks again to Mr. Czolij for his presence and presentation.

The Club's third major event this academic year took place on November 20th. To commemorate the Holodomor, the Club's executive council organized and hosted a "Holodomor: Ukraine's Genocide" movie screening, followed by an awards ceremony "For outstanding contributions in Holodomor recognition" to Mr. James Bezan, MP and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, and to Professor Dr. Roman Serbyn. Many members of Ottawa's Ukrainian community of all ages attended this important event, as did people outside of the city's Ukrainian community. The University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club executive is grateful for all of the support it received for this event as well as to all of the people who attended.

All in all, the uOttawa USC has had a very active, successful year. In addition to fundraisers, museum nights, movie nights, and two huge Eastern European Bloc Parties, these three major events have helped generate interest and involvement in the Club and raise its profile on campus. The Club's executive would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated and acted in its events and initiatives and is really looking forward to the new opportunities next year will bring!



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University of Toronto

Fellow SUSKites,

Celebrating our (approximate) 75th year, USC-UofT is one of the longest running clubs at the University of Toronto. Using St. Vladimir's Institute in downtown Toronto as our main base, we have many shenanigan-filled events as well as some more serious events.

Many of our events take place in the basement of St. Vlad's including our varenyky and pysanka making. With these events come many memories such as having 20 people crowded around a table making varenyky, dealing with a small pile of paper towels on fire at pysanka night, or spending an hour on the phone with Pizza Pizza customer service because of an order being messed up (but we got \$17 credited to our name! Take that society!). As well, we hold an annual Pre-Malanka Pub Night at the Brunswick House! Right by the subway! Only \$5 to get in! Skip the line with a prepaid ticket! I swear I'm not advertising anything...

Anyways, we do have some more serious events. We raise awareness about Holodomor by having a display at Robarts Library in order to have a lot of public exposure for the genocide that the global community has finally started to acknowledge. We aided in the local networking event that was held in partnership with local USOs and business associations, letting Ukrainians connect with Ukrainians. We also shipped over 500 kilograms of toys to Ukraine over the holidays in order to aid the children affected by the crisis in Eastern Region. We take pride in having a good balance between the fun and the serious. We make it our goal to engage the community, spread the Ukrainian culture, and throw some awesome events!

With all that being said, you MUST want to come join us for some events! So like us on Facebook, come have a beer (or juice if you're underage) with us! Join us! Make some varenyky, pysanky, or do I dare say.... Friends?

До зустрічі!

Андрій Коструба

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President



McGill University A Productive Year: Expanding Horizons

Loving and appreciating Ukrainian culture in a narrow circle of people of the Ukrainian community ceases to be enough even for a "cultural" association. Reacting to demolishing events in Ukraine and the hard times the country is going through, the McGill Ukrainian Students' Association (MUSA) set a goal to raise awareness about social, political and cultural issues throughout the whole 2014-2015 year of its activity. I specifically remember Leah Batstone, the President of MUSA, speaking from her heart to attempt to unravel the complexities surrounding Ukraine nowadays, in media and beyond, by making the association's year as active as ever.

Mrs Presidentka told the truth. There has indeed been so much liveliness during those 9 month that our calendars were always full and members stayed busy. We kicked off the year by having a press conference with Svyatoslav Vakarchuk right before his long-awaited Okean Elzy concert at Place des Arts in Montreal. As a pre-exam de-stressing activity we hosted our first "Ukrainian Week", which featured various social, cultural and educational activities Monday through Thursday. Among them were the film screening of "Genocide Revealed," Yurij Luhovy's film about Holodomor; a Ukrainian beading workshop hosted by Olesia Bilash, our resident expert gerdany-maker; and an update and discussion on the current situation in Ukraine with Professor Natalka Patsiurko at Thomson House, which was a huge success due to our members' smart marketing strategies!

As a true holiday season, January was filled with lots of culturally-oriented meetings like **a** *Rizdvo dinner* with all twelve courses and *Kolyadky signing* in Ukrainian households. Oh, and how could I forget? We got to meet <u>a *HeyDay* team</u> of clothing designers and to order some patriotic attire from them! What is a better addition to a Christmas holiday if not some new special presents for ourselves?

What else?

At the end of January we were honored to *lead a discussion on Euromaidan* and its consequences in a national interdisciplinary conference called "Combining two Cultures", presented by McGill's Bachelor Arts & Science Integrative Council. Very soon after that, MUSA hosted *a photo exhibit* (that had been travelling to different Canadian cities) on Maidan Revolution *by a Ukrainian photographer Anatoliy Boyko*. The article on the event has also appeared on The McGill Daily





newspaper soon afterwards. In mid-February we made some delicious varenyky for the McGill International Food Festival.

Although, the winter was tough and cold, we tried to make it as bright and multidimensional as possible. February had a wonderful musical ending as we organized *The Evening of Ukrainian Song*, where very talented music enthusiasts and McGill music students reminded us of the beauty of Ukrainian singing culture. In March, we engaged in another workshop, but this time *we made pysanky* in collaboration with the Concordia Ukrainian Students' Union to celebrate Orthodox Easter.

Last but definitely not least, we had our own grand success this year resulting from a fundraiser for the upcoming surgical mission to Ukraine, organized by Canada Ukraine Foundation (CUF) in April. The fundraiser was a chance for all invitees to enjoy a delicious dinner, participate in a silent auction and to hear special speakers Krystina Waler, CUF's program director for humanitarian initiatives, and Dr. Dan Deckelbaum, a trauma surgeon at the McGill University Health Centre and the director of the McGill Centre for Global Surgery. Not only the auction was comprised of many items that MUSA members themselves made and contributed, but two of our active members made the evening filled with live music along with a vocal trio Rossa. We are very proud to announce that we have raised about \$13,000 for the mission. We thank wholeheartedly everyone involved!

As a very busy year comes to an end, we are not sitting on our hands. Our former President Darya Naumova has been organizing **an annual National SUSK Congress** that is happening on May 7-10 in Montreal! It features many exciting workshops, lectures and entertaining events, such as Reception and Zabava. This is definitely an experience to be a part of and we are very happy to have it happening in our dear Montreal.

Ukraine for Everyone

We did our best to be diverse in our choices and to attract a wide audience of enthusiasts craving for knowledge on Ukraine at McGill and, generally, Montreal. To tell you the truth, I am convinced that we succeeded with this task. The turnout was higher than we could have expected, not to mention that we got plenty of new people interested in Ukrainian issues. Just to give you an example, at some point during our Maidan Exhibit in early February I was lucky to chat with a Law student at McGill who just happened to see the sign at the door that made him want to learn more





about the photographs. Well, guess what? He spent an hour talking to the club members and listening to our subjective opinions on Ukraine.

There is no way for us to stay inside our "Ukrainian bubble", and, honestly, we don't want to. MUSA has been striving to make itself as visible as possible with all kinds of engaging social and cultural events. Maybe it is worth thinking about the association as a community club, rather than a cultural society. We provide fun for students and a wider population by doing it in our own, Ukrainian way. This is how we are showing others that Ukraine matters and that people should care about it.

Kateryna Gordiychuk Vice-President

Ryerson University A Year in Review from RU

Keeping membership active can prove to be difficult for any organization. Whether it's a matter of members not having the time to participate in club events or that the events themselves are static and predictable, dwindling membership has adverse effects on the organization. Over the past year, USC@Ryerson has several successful events which were well attended, such as our Boat Cruise Dinner and Zabava, our first-ever Trampoline Dodgeball Tournament and Zabava, various pub nights and Perogie Barbecue. Here is what we learned:

1. The importance of keeping it fresh - Something new and unique goes a long way. A prime example of this was our Boat Cruise Dinner and Zabava. Planning this event was time-consuming, as planning any event is; taking the huge risk that attendance would be low was intimidating. However, because this was something completely different from the typical zabava or tournament, people were intrigued. The result was a fantastic night aboard a cruise ship



- overlooking the Toronto skyline with our finest Ukrainian Torontonians dancing away to the sounds of **Xлопці** 3 **Micta**.
- 2. An event with the intention of supporting a worthwhile cause People will come out and support something close to their heart. This was also demonstrated through our Boat Cruise Dinner & Zabava. In addition to the goal of hosting an exciting event, as a club, we decided to donate some of the proceeds to Ukrainian causes. After the event, the club donated \$1200 dollars in support of Ukraine through the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch. Those funds went towards defensive equipment for volunteer battalions, such as helmets, bullet-proof vests, and binoculars, as well as going towards aid for injured volunteers and soldiers. The club also donated \$500 locally, towards the rebuilding of St. Elias Ukrainian Catholic Church, which burnt down in a tragic fire a year ago.
- 3. **Keep annual events going -** Some things are expected. Members get disgruntled when an event they were looking forward to gets cancelled unexpectedly. This happened to us this year with our **Dynamo Cup Soccer Tournament**. Due to several issues, the event could not happen at the given time, and as a result, fans of the tournament were not happy. A substitute helps ease the tension a little, but the expectations are raised for the following year. Stay tuned for more details coming your way in **June 2015**!

Overall, I believe that the past year was a success. We've learnt from our mistakes, and rest assured, the upcoming year will be even better.

Until Next Time - До Зустрічі, Michael Jewczynko Vice President, USC@Ryerson



University of Saskatchewan

In recent years, the Ukrainian student presence on campus has been reinvigorated – a result of the revitalization of the University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students' Association (USUSA). The executive has doubled in size and the group is proud to have a total of 46 student members; the largest number to date. We have doubled the number of our events this year, which includes:

- Two varennyky sales;
- Holodomor Awareness Week, where we hosted a candlelit vigil to commemorate the millions of Ukrainians who perished due to Stalin's artificial famine, as well as hosting a film night to inform students about the Holodomor. Next year we plan on collaborating with the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (PCUH) to produce a discussion panel for this week as well:
- Our *Vusopad* fundraiser a Ukrainian Movember event featuring a *vusa* (moustache) judging panel with proceeds going toward prostate cancer research; The event, which hosted over 80 students, had four categories: Best Cossack-style, Best Regular, Best Effort and Best Fake Moustaches (for the ladies);
- Christmas carolling;
- A bottle drive;
- A clothing drive for an orphanage in Mariupol;
- A "Free Nadia Savchenko" rally;
- A Zabava that hosted over 200 people and raised \$6000 for humanitarian relief in Ukraine;
- Our SUSK Networking Series event with the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association;
- A variety of cultural workshops, including how to bake kolachi and write pysanky;





This year also marks the first time in decades that the USUSA will send representatives to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK) conference in Montreal. We have witnessed a lot of growth since we revived the group in 2011 and we are looking forward to another great year!

University of Western Ontario

Over the past year, Western Ukrainian Students' Club has organized a number of events centered around the ever-active Ukrainian Community of London. As the academic year started off, my fellow outgoing exec team of 2014-2015 has organized a New-Member BBQ night, where the club gathered and feasted while introductions and long-lasting friendships were formed.

In addition to the welcome BBQ and several general meetings, our USO has participated in the tradition of commemorating the 81st anniversary Holodomor, Our club has brought awareness to the event via several media: social networking campaigns of the genocide, the display of laminated information boards loaned from the Ukrainian Community Library of





London, as well as artistic representations of the key information in the University Student Center of Western.

Another community-focused event which has been held this year was an awareness event by Professor Marta Dyczok and the Political Science Association called "Reflections on Ukraine". Given the tragic events which unfolded in Ukraine this year, we felt that the university community should have a chance to hear a professional perspective on the sensitive situation.

By the time our fellow Ukie members returned from their winter break, we decided to go caroling as a club to the local Ukrainian residences. We were pleasantly surprised by the amount of culture and warmth of Ukrainian hearts welcoming us into their homes. Many London residents joined us in song and urged us to join them at the Sviata Vecherya feast. Our bellies full of *kutia*, we headed the rest of the homes on our route, knowing that despite the bitter cold our night would be fulfilled by the joy with which we would be received.

I have had the pleasure serving as VP of Communications during the 2014-2015 term and look forward to welcoming new members of the club next year.

Alex Prokopchuk

University of Waterloo

The Waterloo Ukrainian Students' Association: A Year in Review The Waterloo Ukrainian Students' Association (WUSA) is made up of students attending the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. This past year, membership consisted of approximately 16 students – although we're small, we're mighty.

The key event in the Kitchener-Waterloo community is our annual "Ukrainians







invade Oktoberfest". Every fall around Thanksgiving, we celebrate together, wearing our vyshyvanky and showing off our polka skills in this famous Bavarian festival (the largest one outside of Munich!). We invite all USOs in southwestern Ontario to join us next October for this amazing event! A big thank you goes out to all WUSA



members, particularly the Executive, for their dedication and support throughout the past year. WUSA would also like to take the opportunity to extend its best wishes to SUSK in light of the 2015 National SUSK Congress – bud'mo!

WUSA Executive 2014-2015

Grant MacEwan University

In its second year of operation, the Ukrainian Student Club of MacEwan University successfully expanded a membership base and gauged more interest and involvement of the university student body.

We participated in several events on campus including a cultural diversity day where we were not only able to showcase our club, but also the Ukrainian culture. During the beginning of the year, we were able to host two professors from Ternopil observing MacEwan's nursing program.

(Below: The Pysanka the bar made for our Malanka, wrong holiday lol)

Together with the Ukrainian Students Society at the University of Alberta, we collaborated on a Malanka fundraising event at a local club featuring the Ukrainian band "Euphoria." Additionally, we threw a second charity Malanka on our own, with all proceeds going to the Ukrainian army.

Our greatest achievement was the introduction of our own beginner Ukrainian language classes. We created our own course material and we were







Professors from Ternopil

able to have a retired teacher instruct the course to students for a small fee. MacEwan currently does not offer Ukrainian language classes and this was our step towards promoting some interest in the language.

A very exciting event for us this year was participating in a hiring committee in order to assess a potential professor to head the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre at MacEwan, who will be the first professor to teach courses on or about Ukraine.

We also organized/participated in several rallies/walks in addition to other events.

University of Alberta

This year has been super busy for the Ukrainian Student Society at the University of Alberta. The year started off with a bang with our Clubs Fair set up. Besides having memberships for sale, we had shots of zhyvchyk/kvas and various Ukrainian candies to give out. People also took pictures with their face placed into a kozzack cardboard cut-out. We also layed out a Ukrainian flag which many people signed. We even had some students sign in Hindi, Polish, and Mandarin wishing Ukraine well and expressing their support! Super cool. Our next event was our annual Welcome Back BBQ/AGM/Ukrainian September Smasher. We had over 60 students attend and despite our rental BBQ having no fuel, it was a very successful event. In November, along with placing a wreath at the Holodomor Commemoration downtown, we placed a definition of the Holodomor attached to a bundles of wheat around our entire campus. 6 months later the bundles of wheat were still there. Someone posted about it on the "Overheard at the University of Alberta" Facebook page! The Facebook comment unintentionally rose awareness and got people talking about the Holodomor! At the end of November we also held "Half Na Piv Ukrainian Week" Sponsored by St. John's Institute. Monday: Durak Night. Tuesday: Perervka. Wednesday: SUSK/USS Networking Event. Thursday: Perervka. Friday: "A Year Since the Beginning of Euromaidan" talk. On the last day of classes for the Fall Semester we had a charity bar night. There was free pizza, arcade games, and we had a perogy eating competition. A random non-Ukrainian (and may I add he was of a bigger build) decided he could take on the challenge. He ended up projectile vomiting a few minutes into the competition. It was really funny. Money raised from this event (and a few other events we collected donations at) went to support Nazar Barylko. Nazar lost his leg while defending the town of Shchastia in Ukraine. He is raising money for a new prosthetic leg.

Winter term. The winter term was very busy as well. Together with Grant MacEwan University, USS organized "Chasing Malanka" – a zabava in a country bar! We had Euphoria play sets of polkas and the entire bar was decked out in blue and yellow. The two Universities then organized "Nadiya Ye" – a walk/rally in support of Nadia Savchenko. During Reading Week, we hit the slopes of Banff for our annual USS Ski Trip. It was super nice weather

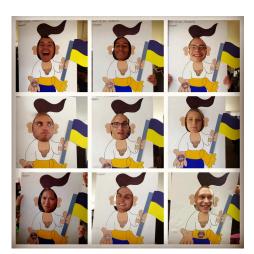




but there wasn't much snow. No pow? No problem. It was still a bumpin good time. (Looking into a future Mexico trip instead... global warming ya know). At the end of March we held Ukrainian Week. Monday/Tuesday we had our infamous campus perogy BBQs. Once of our BBQs set on FIRE and a bystander asked "... so can I still get some perogies?". It was really funny and despite that small mishap it was still a very successful perogy BBQ. The Wednesday of the Ukrainian Week we organized "Dewey's, Durak, and Dodgeball" (Dewey's is a bar on campus). We had a pretty large group so one game of durak was hard to run (#successfuleventproblems). We mainly mingled/chatted with cards on the table. The people who went to play dodgeball then brought back USS' first victory! Thursday of Ukrainian Week we held a movie night + pizza. We watched Ratatouille in Ukrainian with English subtitles. The last event of Ukrainian Week was the annual Paska, Pysanky, and Perohy Night at St. John's Institute. There were a lot of firsttimers this year which made the event especially successful in spreading and sharing our culture/traditions with others. Throughout the year we also competed in intramural sports. We had soccer (Kozak Thunder), ultimate Frisbee (dyki discs), volleyball (Sopilka Spikers), dodgeball (Dica's Dodgers), and basketball (LA Ozera). We wrapped up the year with our AGM and elections.

Overall, we were very proud of the various events we held including political, fundraising, cultural, athletic, and (of course) social.

Clubs Fair:























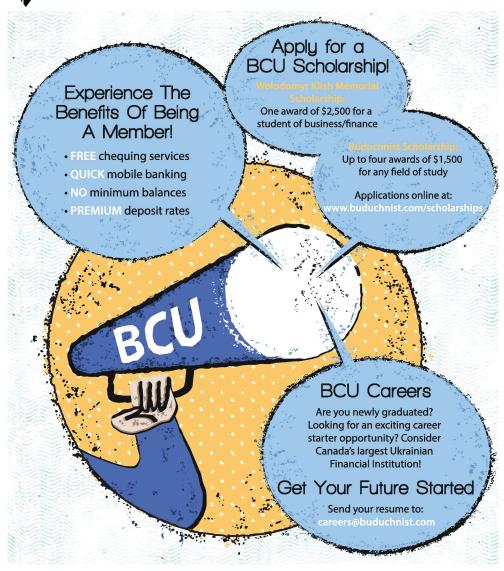


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Please continue to submit articles to Student even after you graduate, it's very interesting to all readers to see where different people's lives have taken them a few or many years after their SUSK-ing life.