

## President's Message



Welcome readers to this special “Student” issue curated for the 2017 National SUSK Congress. This year's SUSK Congress is taking place in Ottawa to commemorate the celebration of Canada's sesquicentennial. In this issue you will find many of our Ukrainian Student Organizations (USOs) describe what their clubs have done over the past 12 months. It is truly impressive with what our 20+ member organizations are able to achieve in such a short time span while still being full-time students.

The National SUSK Executive also made great strides this year and worked on a variety of different projects. The greatest change over the last year has been Connor Moen's work as SUSK's National Coordinator – a full-time staff position based in Ottawa. The addition of full-time staff to SUSK has allowed us to work more effectively and to take on projects that are more complex in terms of time, costs, and resources. SUSK also took part in the XXV Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians in Regina with 13 delegates out of the total 43 youth delegates. In regards to Ukraine, SUSK and its member USO's continued to provide support wherever possible, be it through petitions, fundraising, or government advocacy. I had the opportunity to represent SUSK as part of the official delegation accompanying Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on his first official visit to Ukraine. External Relations Director Stephanie Nedoshytko also travelled to Ukraine in September as part of commemorations of the 75th anniversary of the Babyn Yar (Babi Yar) atrocity. SUSK has also seen nothing but continued growth with the number of member USOs that collaborate and work with SUSK, including a newly formed organization in Vancouver established earlier this year.

I want to thank everyone who was part of the 2016-2017 National SUSK Executive. Your dedication and effort has helped ensure continued success for the future of SUSK. You are now all members of a 700+ person club of proud SUSK alumni, and I encourage you to stay in touch with SUSK and the Ukrainian Canadian community for years to come.

Cassian Soltykevych  
SUSK President



## Greetings from CUSU!

Just like all years, this year was full of interesting and original events. The school year began with a CSU Club Fair, where university clubs got an opportunity to present themselves to the students and staff. Just a week later, we participated in the Ukrainian Festival in Montreal. In October, our club, together with other members of the IEAC, took part in the Halloween Scavenger Hunt. Next on the list of our events was a food fair. The event was very successful as the food was gone in less than an hour, despite the participation of many different clubs. A gathering with Polish association ended the fall semester. The rest of the year was dedicated to Easter, networking, and socializing events. We are looking forward into expanding the circle of our friends and together, get to the organization of interesting and fun events on a large scale.

Denis But  
CUSU President

## Carleton Ukrainian Student Club

The Carleton Ukrainian Student Club had a successful 2016/2017 school year. The club continues to grow with new members with each coming year. The members of the club worked together this year to promote Ukrainian heritage to Carleton University and the surrounding Ottawa region. An annual Carleton Ukrainian Student Club meeting was held at the Carleton Students Pub in September for the opportunity for members to meet each other and discuss events for the coming year. Members of the Ukrainian club met twice a month to discuss Ukrainian events that were taking place in Ottawa and to plan our annual Varenyky Night. The annual Varenyky night took place on March 10, 2017 and consisted of a workshop where attendees learned from rolling the dow, to creating their very own varenyky. The event was very successful with more than 100 varenyky made and eaten. Attendees included non-Ukrainians and Ukrainians from the Ottawa region. Elections were held in April for the coming school year and Cassandra Allaire was voted in as Vice President and Kathryn Brechun was voted as the new President of the Carleton Ukrainian Student Club. We look forward to building the club and providing a space for Carleton Ukrainian community to interact, communicate and socialize.

Katya Brechun  
President – Carleton Ukrainian Student Club





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## McGill Ukrainian Students' Association

The McGill Ukrainian Students' Association has had a busy year! In the 2016-2017 academic year, we have organized and participated in several cultural events involving both the McGill and Montreal Ukrainian communities.

In the fall, MUSA hosted Ukrainian Language Awareness Week, which consisted of a different cultural event or activity every day. Among those events were Ukrainian Language Speed Learning where members of the McGill community were invited to learn fun and useful Ukrainian phrases. For promotion, an educational poster was shared on Facebook, reaching over 250,000 people! The week ended with a poetry night where students were invited to read poems in Ukrainian or their mother language, inciting discussions on culture, politics, and history. An important project for us in the fall semester was fundraising for the charity Eleos Ukraine, who organized a trip to Kyiv for displaced orphans with the \$300 we raised.

MUSA donated two gift baskets that were raffled off at the CUM/Plast Malanka in January. During McGill's International Week this winter, MUSA teamed up with several other Slavic student associations to collaborate on a variety of events including an Eastern European trivia night and a sports tournament. These events were followed by a launch for author Bohdan Kordan's book *No Free Man*, "an exploration of the 'enemy alien' experience in Canada during the Great War."

The year ended with a pre-screening of the much-anticipated film *Bitter Harvest*. Several hundred community members and students came to watch, sticking around afterwards to participate in discussions on the Holodomor. It was a pleasure to be a part of this nationwide effort to share our Ukrainian history with the greater Canadian community. The 2016-2017 academic year was a busy one for MUSA and we look forward to holding even more exciting cultural events next year!



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## University of Winnipeg's Ukrainian Student Association: Year at a Glance

The University of Winnipeg's student Association has had a very busy and successful first year. Our group was initiated in October 2016, and has built a steady following since.

The initial goal of the club was to connect student of Ukrainian descent, or non-Ukrainians who were interested in Ukrainian culture. Through various fundraisers, social events, outings, and installations we met



our goal of connecting students within the U of W, and surpassed it, by connecting our club with the greater Ukrainian community of Winnipeg.



We found the use of social media as an asset in further connecting ourselves with the national Ukrainian community. Whether it was keeping our members updated on events through Instagram, or sharing interesting facts and stories on Facebook, it enabled our group to expand to a wider audience.



The school year was full of activities for members of our club and community to participate in. During the fall, we held "Baba's Bake Sale" and a Share the Story Installation to commemorate the Holodomor. We picked things up in the Winter term starting with a caroling tour and mini Malanka. In February, we held a student led talk on the unrest in Ukraine in the past and present called



“Revolutionary Rundown”, that was well received. Participating in the Bitter Harvest Pre-Screening, holding a perogy sale, and a bowling night for members are just some of the ways of how we finished off the year.

We could not be happier with how successful our first year as a club has been! We look forward to starting up again in the fall, and presenting more exciting events for our community.

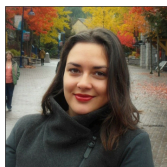
By Zenia Michno

### **Kitchener Waterloo Ukrainian Association of Students**

Throughout the 2016/17 school year, KWUAS held a number of events for it's members that presented bonding opportunities with other University students in the K/W area who are interested in continuing to grow and maintain close ties to Ukrainian culture during their time at school. The first event KWUAS held was a Welcome Pub night at Molly Blooms in September of 2016. Here we gathered for food, drinks, live music, but most importantly for an initial explanation of how the executive was going to organize the club and a discussion on future events. Our next event was to partake in the largest Oktoberfest celebration outside of Germany. A group of us went to the Muchen Haus for beer and bavarian treats. As the Canadian and American Badurist Capellas toured Canada, their stop in Waterloo was advertised by our group and we encouraged our members to attend. In November, the KWUAS executive asked Fr. Tataryn from the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Transfiguration to hold a Panakhyda for the University students in memoriam of the victims of the Holodomor Genocide that occurred in the years 1932-1933. To finish off the fall term, we held an Andrijivskyj Vechir where we read palms and played group games to destress before exams.

Beginning the winter term as a Ukrianian student is always a challenge because of the numerous holidays, gatherings, and events that last the entire month. This meant that our first event was to book a table at the Kitchener malanka, at which we drank, danced, and adng with the other parishioners. Not even two weeks later, we gathered a KWUAS team to head to Hamilton in order to partake in the annual MUSA volleyball tournament. Because the schools in KW have unique programs due to their coop programs, quite a few students spend a few summers taking courses which means our club doesn't break for the warmer months! We are currently planning a summer kick-off event that will be held next week on Thursday, May 11th. We look forward to growing our club in the next two years before the current executives graduate.

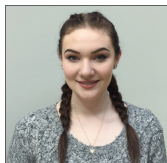




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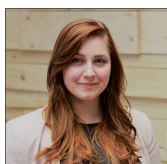
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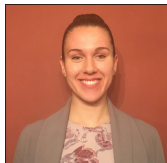
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## Ryerson Ukrainian Students Club

This past year has been a very eventful and fun year, for not only the executive members but also for the Ukrainian and Ryerson community!

### **The events that we hosted were:**

1. Boat Cruise: Our second time ever hosting this event, and it was a lot of fun!
2. Welcome Week: this is at our University in the first week that all the students come back from their summer vacation. WE do this to encourage anyone at Ryerson University to join, learn, and attend our events that we hold.
3. Army Posters: a member of the Ukrainian community approached us to host pictures of amputee survivors from Maidan at our University. First Pub Night: This is an annual pub night that we host at our University pub, to greet new members of the club and anyone that is interested.
4. Perogi BBQ: Another annual small event we have at our University to fundraise for our club.
5. Holodomor Commemoration: an annual event that we do at our University to raise awareness about the Holodomor.
6. Retro Zabava: This was a fundraiser for a member of our Ryerson Ukrainian communities' father, as he was a Ryerson alumni and underwent cancer treatment.
7. Dodge ball Tournament: Our annual dodge ball tournament was yet again another hit!
8. Beer Pong Pub Night: This was our first time coordinating with other Ryerson students groups for a 'beer pong pub night'. It went very well and we will be doing this annually.
9. Kozaky Night: An annual event we have for fun drinking games with old Ukrainian cartoon classics.
10. Networking Night(s): We had the chance to have 2 networking nights for our students and alumni.
11. Elections Night: This is an annual event that we host to hold our elections for new and older members. It is a fun night of voting, drinking, and getting to know each other
12. Dynamo Cup: An annual event that many people look forward to. Our soccer tournament and zabava is always a fun event to sign up for/go to.

Adriana Wasyluk  
Ryerson Ukrainian Students Club President







### **UOttawa Ukrainian Students' Club**

The UOttawa Ukrainian Students' Club has been busy in the last school year. Our Club works very hard, every year, to host as many events and keep in touch with the Ukrainian community as much as possible. A few events, such as cultural and social, were held to showcase what we're all about. One of the club's main goal is to showcase our culture to non-Ukrainian and as for our fellow Ukrainians, it allows them to gather with other Ukrainians.

Since September 2016, the Club has held a few events such as a commemoration day for Holodomor and a varenyky making evening, both took place at the University of Ottawa. We had a great turnout at the varenyky making evening where Ukrainian and non-Ukrainians were able to put their varenyky making talents to work. Not only we're the participants were able to make vsrenyky, but they also had multiple filling options, such as the traditional cheese and potato and fruit fillings. We also continued the tradition of the Kolyada event. Each year, the funds gathered during the event are sent to the Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre. Finally, like every semester for the last 9 years, the UOttawa Ukrainian Students' Club took part in the Eastern European Bloc Party, which is usually are biggest fund raising event, where 7 Eastern European Clubs get together and organise a fun filled evening which includes music, drinks and food, such as varenyky.

We're excited to take part in this weekend and we are looking forward to meeting all the other Ukrainian Clubs

The Uottawa Ukrainian co-presidents  
Solomiya & Jessica

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### **Western University**

This year at Western was a really exciting year as we brought new members into the club, and hosted a campus wide awareness campaign. At the beginning of the year we had our "Welcome BBQ" to meet new members and mark the start of the school year. We then participated in a Euro Bar Night with other clubs on campus, and had a great time meeting people from different groups on campus. This year we





wanted to do a bigger awareness campaign for the Holodomor, and we decided to invite the Holodomor National Awareness Tour to come visit Western University. They were parked on a central location on campus, and were visited by hundreds of students, faculty, and community members. The President of the university also came, and was happy to see we were running this important campaign on campus. We also set up a booth in the main building of the university and gave out black ribbons to mark this tragedy. In the new semester we went carolling. We saw some old faces, and met some new families that wanted carollers in London, and had a great time carolling with the club over a 2-day period. We also held a pub night at the campus pub, where we got students to come relax and ease into 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Later in the semester we hosted a panel discussion on the conflict in Ukraine. We had 3 speakers and it was very interesting to hear them discuss their take on how the conflict in Ukraine unfolded and what is next for Ukraine. Lastly we held elections to elect the new executive team and began planning for an even more amazing upcoming year!

### Ukrainian Youth in Vancouver



Ідея об'єднання та підтримки таких людей була одним з основних рушіїв створення нашої організації. Ще на стадії обмірковування ми розробили план, як нам зуміти зацікавити та стати корисними для молодих українців в Канаді, зокрема, у Британській Колумбії.

Якими досягненнями ми вже можемо похвалитися? Успішною реалізацією основних завдань, які ставимо перед собою: ми допомагаємо у вирішенні

питань та проблем новоприбулої молоді, організуємо та беремо активну участь у різноманітних культурних, освітніх, спортивних заходах та акціях громади, поширюємо імідж та новини про Україну через локальні засоби масової інформації, підтримуємо зв'язки з місцевими організаціями діаспори (зокрема з Конгресом Українців Канади) та студентськими комітетами в

університетах. Ми також є однією з гілок загальноканадського об'єднання - Союзу Українських Студентів Канади.

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інформаційних платформ, створенням різних заходів для молоді.

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Пасхальний пікнік для молоді, Ванкувер  
(квітень, 2017)





### **SUSK Regina**

Throughout 2016-17 Ukrainian Students' Association (SUSK Regina) worked closely with local community to become better and stronger. 2016-17 was a term that allowed SUSK Regina to enhance its leadership, managing and organizational skills.

Even though our club is relatively new we had already managed to participate in the national conference in Saskatoon last spring, Congress in Regina, and help in organizing the "Year of the Saskatchewan-Ukrainian Festival", which was provided in cooperation with First Nation communities in Saskatchewan. This event was very much successful and now we are planning to organize even more events by using the same format in the future.

During fall 2016 SUSK organized an event which aimed to commemorate victims of Holodomor. This event was part of the world-wide movement called "Holodomor Awareness". Our organization distributed information about man-made 1932-33 Ukrainian genocide which killed more than 7.5 million people in Ukraine and showed a movie illustrating this terrible time in Ukraine. This event was very special for SUSK Regina as our club managed to increase the awareness among students about that horrific event in Ukraine during that time.

During 2016-17 members of SUSK Regina also participated in a number of community events, including UCC Saskatchewan AGM and meeting with high-standing public servants. For instance, in March our members were awarded to meet with Canadian Minister of Defense and Minister of Public Safety. During that event SUSK members were able to ask Honorable Minister of Defense questions regarding Ukraine and Canadian military support to Ukraine.

In April SUSK Regina was happy to host its very first fundraising event "Pysanka Workshop". SUSK managed to provide this workshop as a result of the support of another Ukrainian Students' club "SUSK Saskatoon". This event went very well and received lots of positive feedback.

SUSK Regina is looking forward to organize more events that could help to popularize Ukrainian culture and heritage at the University and city.

Roman Matviichuk  
SUSK Regina President





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### **University of Saskatchewan**

The University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students' Association had a full and busy year. This year, the USUSA focused on working together as a group on smaller events, as we worked on integrating new additions to our executive. Our academic year began with our "Perogy Wasted" welcome back event, where we attended an All You Can Eat Perogy supper at a local Ukrainian church, followed by a social gathering hosted by one of our executives. At the annual Ukrainian Studies Reception, we received news that we had been officially incorporated as a student club of

St. Thomas More College, the home of Ukrainian Studies on Campus. In preparation for Holodomor Awareness Week, executive members placed wheat



bundles and sheet of information about the Holodomor tied with black ribbon, across the university campus. We also placed a display at the Lesya Ukrainka statue on campus, to create awareness for students, staff, faculty members and the general public. Unfortunately, our display was stolen mid-week. During Holodomor Awareness Week, we hosted a showing of the film "The Living" in one of the lecture halls on campus. Later on in the week, we hosted our annual Holodomor Vigil at the Lesya Ukrainka statue, which boasted a crowd of approximately 60 people. The vigil service was live and was posted on our social media account for members of the community who were not able to attend this event. We finished off the term with a successful study event for the Ukrainian language classes and an executive Christmas potluck.



We kicked off Term 2 with a successful round of Carolling on January 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. A large group of students visited and carolled for members of Saskatoon's Ukrainian community. At the end of January, as we entered midterm season, we destressed by hosting a cartoon featuring various cartoons in Ukrainian with English subtitles. The

highlight of Term 2 was hosting our first annual Ukrainian Studies Research Showcase in February. It was a wonderful evening of presentations from undergraduate and graduate students on Ukrainian based research projects, followed by a reception. We were chosen to co-host with SUSK a pre-screening of Bitter Harvest on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The event was highly successful with ~350 people in attendance, including three local MLA's, and concluded with an emotional audience the singing of Vichnaya Pamyat (Memory Eternal), lead by Soprano Katya Khartova. It is hoped that those attending will gain more knowledge about Holodomor. We finished off the year with a successful Pysanka Workshop in late March and our elected in a new executive at our AGM.

### **MacEwan Ukrainian Students' Club**

This past year our club has been really focused on its growth. We drafted a new constitution and were privileged to have many new faces wanting to take part in our executive. With this we created six new positions to accommodate our growing numbers.

Our club also tried to connect more with our internal school resources. In saying that, our club had collaborative events with the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre having a screening of "Searching 4 Opportunities," presentation by Dr. Oksana Udovyyk, a screening of "This is Gay Propaganda,"



presentation by Marusya Bociurkiw, and a presentation by Dr. Sergiy Kvit on the implementation of Educational Reform happening in Ukraine. Our club also collaborated with the Kule Folklore Chair, Svitlana Krys, and had a screening of "Dnieper on the River."

Another goal for the club this year was to have more events. Since the last SUSK Congress, our club hosted a meet and greet with pop sensation Ruslana. We also hosted student government leaders from Ukraine who were seeking to learn knowledge from our student government that they could then apply to their own. Our club also witnessed the passing of Alberta's Ukrainian-Canadian Heritage Day Act, which recognizes contributions of Albertans' of Ukrainian heritage. Other events we hosted for our members included: participation in Holodomor Awareness Week, a very successful Malanka – where some proceeds were donated to Help Us Help the Children – a Pysnaky making session, and two Pyrohy Paloozas where we doubled pyrohy sales from last year.

Our club was very fortunate this year to also receive a Hetman Award under the category of "Empowering the Community" at the [Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council \(UCC-APC\)](#) Hetman Award Ceremony; this year it was in celebration of the 125 years of Immigration to Canada.

Alicia Slusarchuk



Ottawa Branch





### University of Guelph Ukrainian Student's Club

Composed of 50 members, the University of Guelph (UOG) Students' Club aims to implement the knowledge of Ukrainian culture, to students of every nationality, as a non-profitable organization. The club established its roots in Guelph, a city located slightly north of Toronto. A thriving Ukrainian community welcomes both new members and alumni. Throughout the years the club has incorporated activities to involve members and the public, increasing awareness of Ukrainian politics, social reforms and cultural traditions.

Over the last year, UOG Ukrainian Students' Club created events by the executive team, composed of seven committed members. In fall 2016 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. This event was indeed a success with a totally of 50 members recruited to join the Ukrainian Students' club. Further along the semester, the University of Guelph Ukrainian Students' Club organized a table for Holodomor Awareness week. A creative and enthusiastic component was added to the clubs Instagram page with photo cut-outs for students to take pictures with in commemoration of Holodomor. This artistic aspect drew many more students and faculty members to stop by and view the Holodomor table.

In the winter 2017 semester, the UOG Ukrainian Students' Club organized two main events, a perogie night and a bowling night. Both of these events were successful with a good member turnout. The perogie night was open to all members and a small fee was asked to cover the costs. The night was so successful that it lead to an "after party" in which members participated. To conclude the year, a bowling night was planned for members to come out to have some figure food and enjoy a good bowling game. This was a successful way to end off the year, resulting in excitement for the upcoming fall semester.

Oksana Kaczala  
UOG President





## University of Alberta Ukrainian Students' Society

Привіт!

The Ukrainian Students' Society at the University of Alberta has been *slav-in* away for another unforgettable year. We began our new year even before the Fall Semester began, hosting a meet-and-greet with Ruslana in August at the University of Alberta. However, the time came to stop dancing with the wolves, and classes began. We kicked off the semester at Clubs Fair, where our Executive encouraged students to purchase memberships and/or sign up for our newsletters. In September, we hosted our annual "Welcome Back BBQ" for all paid members, which was another opportunity for students to purchase a membership. We also had two teams in intramurals: The Kozak Catchers for slow-pitch, and The Bumpin' Ukies for volleyball.

October was a successful month in terms of attending, planning, and hosting events. We had the opportunity to send a couple of our Executive members to the UCC Triennial Congress in Regina, SK, which was a fantastic experience for students across Canada. On October 4th and 5th, shortly after returning from a busy weekend in Regina, we held our annual Fall Semester "Perogy BBQ" fundraiser. As always, hungry students flocked to the perogies and left full, satisfied, and capable of saying 'dyakuyu'. Later in the month, USS received a Hetman Award from the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council in the category of "Empowering the Community." We would like to congratulate all past and current USS Executive Committees for their hard work and dedication!

November was a month dedicated to raising awareness. We raised funds and awareness for men's health by participating in our second annual Ukrainian version of Movember - vUSSopad (Thank you for the idea UofS!). Holodomor Awareness Week shortly followed. We had a display on our main quad, where hundreds of people walk by every day. We raised discussion on the topic, and noticed people walking around with black ribbons on their chests and backpacks. Our display was featured on Ukrainian media and shared over a hundred times on Facebook.

December was a quiet month for us and the whole campus as exams came earlier this year. Our Executive however did manage to keep things as jolly as possible by distributing Ukrainian candies to students studying in our campus libraries.

January started with a bang, as we co-hosted "Malanka at the Ranch" with the Grant Macewan Ukrainian Students' Club. We were thrilled to see members from





the USUSA! All tickets were by donation, and all funds went towards “Help Us Help the Children.” Our second event in January was held during the University of Alberta International Week. The aim of I-Week was to educate the general public about the issues in the international community. We screened the film “Winter on Fire - Ukraine’s Fight for Freedom,” which was presented by Dr. Ivan Kozachenko from the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies.

February was the month of our big “Kickin’ it in the Kanadian Karpaty” Ski Trip. All ski bunnies made it safely down the hill and back home.

March followed and brought about our busiest month yet. We screened “Bitter Harvest” in partnership with MacEwan univeristy and SUSK. Shortly after, we participated in an Oil Kings hockey fundraiser and bar night. Finally came the strongly anticipated “Ukrainian Week.” On March 21st and 22nd, we held our annual Winter Semester Perogy BBQ, the one we push back a week every year to avoid the cold. The Friday of that week is dedicated to all things Ukrainian that start with a P - Pasky, Pysanky, and Pyrohy.

The year was topped off in April with our AGM, which has left USS in promising hands for the next year!

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