





Messages from SUSK's president and VP National



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 2023 National SUSK Congress!

On behalf of the 2022-23

SUSK National Board of Directors, I would like to welcome all delegates, observers, speakers, guests, alumni and sponsors to Vancouver, B.C. Our theme "Vse Bude Ukraina" is centered around Ukraine's perseverance since February 2023. Each speaker session revolves around the word "perseverance." At Congress we will learn about Ukraine's perseverance during the war against Russia, within Ukrainian art, in the Ukrainian economy and the perseverance of SUSK, too.

I would like to congratulate my fellow executives for a successful year. Each of you played an integral role in supporting Ukrainian students during these unprecedented times. Your dedication and commitment to our community is humbling. A special thank you to Roman Grod, our past president, for your continued mentorship. To our donors and alumni, thank you for investing in SUSK's mission. Your contributions allow for SUSK to continue to be a highly effective organization in advocating for Ukraine, supporting students and effectively advocating for Ukrainian students in Canada.

Finally, I would like to thank our guests who are attending as speakers or observers. We are honored to welcome you to our annual Congress and are excited to gain some insight from you.

Wishing everyone a wonderful time at the 2023 SUSK National Congress!

> – Danya Pankiw 2022-23 SUSK President

Dear Readers,

Reflecting on the past year in my role as VP National, I am grateful for the Ukrainian Canadian community and all of the amazing people who continue to work endlessly on various support efforts during this difficult time. As students, we have a responsibility to bring organizations together and continue raising awareness for Ukraine, and anyone who has been affected by the full scale Russian invasion.

Throughout the year, SUSK and its USOs across the country have organized various events that uphold Ukrainian traditions such as pysanka and perogy making workshops, and Kolyada. In addition, students have organized fundraisers in support of Ukraine, including various social events, crocheting hats and a blue and yellow ribbon drive.

SUSK has also partnered with Halp, a coaching program for international students, in order to support post-secondary students from Ukraine.

I have had the privilege of working with students throughout our country who have led these initiatives. It has been motivating to be involved with such projects, as well as collaborating with other members of SUSK throughout the year.

The question is not if, but when Ukraine overcomes their aggressors, it will be more important than ever that our community continues their selfless efforts. We stand with Ukraine, and we always will.

Слава Україні!

– Marysa Fosty 2022-23 SUSK VP National







"Unissued Diplomas"

A global campaign launched by SUSK and Kyiv-Mohyla Academy students at U of T



60 Ukrainian students and graduates, together with SUSK, created the international project "Unissued Diplomas" to honour the memory of those Ukrainian students who were cruelly killed by the Russian invasion.

It all started in early January 2023 when a new cohort of 100 exchange students from Kyiv-Mohyla Academy arrived at the University of Toronto (U of T). We realized that apart from studying, our mission here is to remind the world about the ongoing war and the highest price we, as a nation, are paying daily.

We also wanted to commem-

orate our peers who postponed their studies, laid off their dreams and goals and sacrificed their lives for the sake of our country and its prosperous future. Our responsibility is to keep their memory everlasting and continue the fight they started.

Finally, we aimed to raise US\$10,000 to buy three DJI Mavic 3 drones and medical supplies for those students who are currently fighting and defending us.

That's why we turned this idea from a draft on paper into a worldwide project.

We collected 36 stories of students who were killed after the full-scale Russian invasion and created an exhibition of never-issued diplomas. We translated those stories into seven languages: Ukrainian, English, Japanese, French, Danish, Finnish and Welsh. The exhibition was held in more than 70 locations in 22 countries.

Apart from that, we also developed an English and Japanese versions of our website with digital diplomas and an audioguide, which was visited by more than 22,000 users. The project was mentioned in more than 85 international and Ukrainian media organizations.

Worldwide, exhibitions were visited by the former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the prime minister of Norway, as well as ambassadors of Ukraine to Canada, Australia, Germany and the Netherlands. In Australia, the exhibition was supported by the Embassy of Ukraine in Australia and the High Commission and Consulate General of Canada in Australia.

We surpassed our financial goal and collected US\$11,000, which enables us to buy four DJI Mavic 3 Fly More Combo drones and medical supplies for our peer-defenders.



The Canada-Ukraine Foundation is proud to support

The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK)

As we join together for the 2023 annual SUSK National Congress in Vancouver, B.C.



CONGRESS ITINERARY

Destination: Vancouver, B.C.

Staying period: May 4-7

Reason: SUSK's National Congress — Vse Bude Ukraina

*Please note: This is a condensed version of the Congress itinerary. The complete version can be found on our website: congress.susk.ca.



May 4	Time: 01.00 pm 05.00 pm 09.00 pm	Activity: Registration opens SUSK Welcome Reception & USO Reports Vyshyvanka Night (+ icebreaker games!)
May 5	Time: 08.45 am 09.15 am 10.30 am 01.00 pm 02.45 pm 07.00 pm	Activity: Opening Ceremonies + SPEAKER: Be Brave Like Ukraine! SEMINAR: Ukraine's resilience during the war against Russia SEMINAR: Expressing Ukrainian Culture through different forms of communication SEMINAR: Perseverance in Ukrainian economy (Online) From Idea to Success: How to Create a Winning Project Campaign SUSK x UCC Networking Night
May 6	Time: 08.30 am 09.25 am 10.30 am 11.30 am 12.00 pm 09.00 pm	Activity: SEMINAR: Future of Ukraine (Live from Ukraine) SEMINAR: Student activism in the time of war SUSK Executive Elections Leave for Granville Island EXCURSION: Explore Vancouver Zabava!
May 7	Time: 09.45 am 10.30 am 12.15 pm 01.00 pm	Activity: Resolutions SEMINAR: Panel on Ukrainian Community Engagement New SUSK Executive meeting End of SUSK Congress 2023
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Welcome to Vancouver!

UBC Ukrainian Student Union (UBC USU)

UBC Ukrainian Student Union (UBC USU) is a student-led organization dedicated to promoting the Ukrainian community at the University of British Columbia Vancouver campus. It is a place where students celebrate Ukrainian identity and history. We aim to provide a welcoming space to explore Ukrainian traditions and contemporary culture. With our advocacy and academic-focused initiatives, we strive to inform and hold discussions on the issues and concerns relevant to the Ukrainian community.

Our club was created as a reaction to the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022. In the following months, we quickly organized a team of dedicated club executives and committee members and were approved as an official UBC club. Since then, USU has been highly recognized on campus and beyond, winning an award for best new club of the year.



We have started a series of educational texts and videos on Tiktok and Instagram, gaining a following of more than 700 and almost 26,000 views on one of our videos. Our content team



is working on a podcast series, which started with an interview with Vinok Collective for the anniversary of the full-scale invasion; we'll continue doing more this summer.

In terms of advocacy, our team has played a vital role in pushing for better financial aid under the terms of the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET)

for Ukrainian UBC students. This year, we published an open letter to the UBC administration and the B.C. government in hopes for further support. The events

committee has also worked hard

to organize important events, such as a discussion with the Kyiv Independent's Anastasiia Lapatina and a lecture on Holodomor.

Some of our most outstanding achievements have been establishing a support group on campus for Ukrainians affected

by the invasion and a large campaign for the anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion on Feb. 24. We lit the UBC clock tower in blue and yellow and collaborated with the Alma Mater Society of UBC, our Student Union, on a cookie fundraiser.

We also organized

a protest on campus that was featured on CBC Radio Vancouver. Additionally, we've accumulated a large community campus on through fun events like a Eurovision party and an embroidery workshop. The USU

team is looking forward to the future and expanding our initiatives even further in our second year as a club.

This year we are excited to host the SUSK Congress "Vse Bude Ukraina." We really hope you enjoy your stay in Vancouver and exploring this wonderful city.

If you are a current student at UBC or thinking of applying, our team would be happy to answer any questions about navigating the university or joining the club. Feel free to contact us at ubcusu@gmail.com or @ubc_ usu on Instagram.





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PRAIRIE PROVINCES U of A Ukrainian Students' Society

During the past year, and since the full-scale invasion began, the University of Alberta and the Ukrainian Students' Society at the University of Alberta (U of A USS) have been working to accommodate over 100 Ukrainian international students seeking refuge from the war.

To give these students a voice on the USO executive team, our USO created three new positions including an International Student Liaison whose role was not only to represent these international students but also to facilitate their integration into the local academic and cultural community.

To give the newly arrived Ukrainian students opportunities to build connections within the local community, our club organized many events like Pyrohy BBQ fundraisers, Ukrainian game nights, rallies, vigils, Unissued Diplomas exhibits and cultural workshops. Our club also helped a group of Ukrainian international students organize their own cultural, academic and party events.

Through successful fundraising efforts, our USO was also able to raise hundreds of dollars worth of donations and support for Ukraine while still setting our USO up for a successful 2023-24 year with ample funds and a great new executive team.

Overall, the U of A USS has raised funds and awareness in support of Ukraine while also supporting the local Ukrainian community and promoting Ukrainian language, studies and culture.



USask Ukrainian Students' Association



We worked hard to bring Ukraine to the forefront of students' minds here at the University of Saskatchewan. In November, we participated in Holodomor awareness week by organising a rally and vigil on campus to stand with Ukraine and remember those who lost their lives, a viewing of the movie Mr. Jones and our members placed wheat sheaves throughout Saskatoon, Sask. with Holodomor information.

Throughout the year we hosted many fun

activities, including a cartoon night showing the *Ukrainian Cossacks*, going Christmas carolling and two pysanka and petrykivka painting workshops.

Most importantly we displayed an Unissued Diplomas exhibit. We were honoured to share this exhibit and astounded at the number of students who stopped to read the stories of each Ukrainian student that gave their lives defending Ukraine from Russian aggression.

We also took part in opportunities with other student groups on campus, including an event called Global Village where cultural student associations celebrated diversity and shared cultural knowledge through performances, interactive booths, and food selections.

Our biggest accomplishment this year was partnering with the USask Huskies to welcome the U25 National Men's Hockey team from Ukraine as they faced off against the Huskies. We did everything we could to give the players an enjoyable time in Saskatchewan, including collecting donations from local businesses for gift baskets, a traditional bread and salt welcoming, showcasing Ukrainian dance performances and organizing a reception following the game for all players and organizers involved. It was heartwarming watching the smiles on the player's faces and we were so excited to see a rink packed with fans standing for Ukraine.



The University of Winnipeg Ukrainian Students' Association

The University of Winnipeg Ukrainian Students' Association (UWUKRSA) has had a busy year full of member events and fundraisers for Ukraine.

In October, four members of our club were able to attend the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) Triennial Congress in Winnipeg on behalf of SUSK.

In addition to monthly general and executive meetings and hosting a bonfire for the club's fall outing, we went caroling for Ukrainian Christmas for the first time in many years. We had a great time connecting with our community once again.



a bowling event for our winter outing. After making and selling more ribbons at a Zrada concert we also partnered with local businesses at the end of February to once again raise money for the Canada-Ukraine Foundation through our ribbon drive.

Our club also held a year-end zabava with the University of Manitoba Students' Association to raise money to purchase school supplies for newcomer students for the upcoming school year.

We've had a very active year, and look forward to continuing our gatherings and fundraisers into the fall!

After Christmas, we organized

U of M Ukrainian Students' Association

After a challenging 2021-22 remote academic year, the University of Manitoba is back to on-campus studies. Our student club is happy to have gained momentum in the 2022-23 academic year.

We hosted a range of events this year, with most events taking place in the second term. Lowkey activities included club get-togethers, an ice-skating night, a movie night and a study night.

In November, we brought awareness to the Holodomor on campus by sharing informative visual banners. Some of our members participated in the German and Slavic Undergraduate Student Conference. To promote our culture, we gathered with university students to fortune-tell, a tradition that is part of the new year's holiday.

A more well-known tradition, an annual pysanka workshop, was held in March. We hosted some fundraising events as well, such as a varenyky sale and zabava.

Joint with the University of Winnipeg Ukrainian Students' Association, the zabava was the last event of the year. Proceeds from this zabava will support the Ukrainian newcomer students with back-toschool packages.

We are excited to host more events next year!





Meet our USOs

There are more than 20 Ukrainian Student Organizations across Canada affiliated with SUSK

British Columbia

- 1. University of Victoria Ukrainian Students' Society
- 2. University of British Columbia Ukrainian Students Union
- 3. Vancouver Ukrainian Students' Society

Alberta

- 1. University of Alberta Ukrainian Students' Society
- 2. MacEwan University Ukrainian Students' Club
- 3. University of Calgary Ukrainian Students' Society

Saskatchewan

1. University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students' Association

Manitoba

1. The University of Winnipeg Ukrainian Students' Association

2. University of Manitoba Ukrainian Students' Association



Ontario

- 1. Western Ukrainian Students' Association
- 2. Laurier Ukrainian Students' Association
- 3. University of Guelph Ukrainian Students Club
- 4. McMaster Ukrainian Students' Association

5. Ukrainian Students' Club at Humber College and Guelph-Humber University

- 6. University of Toronto Ukrainian Students' Club
- 7. Toronto Metropolitan Ukrainian Students' Club
- 8. Ukrainian Students' Club at York University
- 9. Ukrainian Student Union of Barrie at Georgian College
- 10. Trent University Friends of Ukraine Society
- 11. Queen's University Ukrainian Students' Association
- 12. Carleton Ukrainian Students' Club

13. University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club

Quebec

COURSES WAR

1. Association des Étudiants Ukrainiens de l'Université de Montréal

- 2. Concordia Ukrainian Students' Union
- 3. McGill Ukrainian Students' Association

We are always looking to expand our membership to post-secondary students at institutions across Canada. If you're interested in starting a Ukrainian club at your university or college, visit our website: susk.ca/for-uso or email internal@susk.ca for more information.

#Throwback to SUSK Congress 2022



#Throwback to last year's SUSK National Congress in Edmonton! Not pictured? Not to worry! You'll have plenty of chances to pose for the camera this weekend. Stay tuned for your feature in next year's issue!









ONTARIO: USOs TO DISCOVER

Western Ukrainian Students' Association

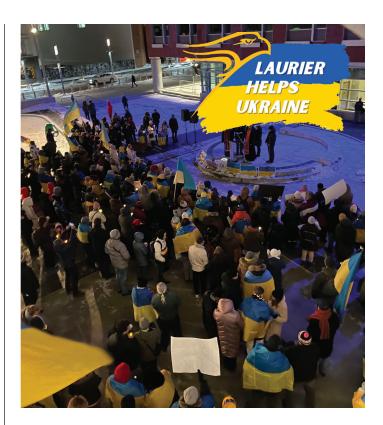
This year the Western Ukrainian Students' Association accomplished a lot as a USO.

Our club grew, nearly doubling our members and we saw greater engagement with the London, Ont. Ukrainian Canadian student community. We organized a number of events and initiatives starting with our Welcome Back Social in September to meet and welcome both old and new members to the club. We organized our annual Perogy Night in collaboration with Western Hillel and were able to share our traditions and eat delicious perogies!

In January, some of our members had the opportunity to attend the London malanka and celebrate the new year with the local Ukrainian community! In addition to social and cultural events, Western Ukies organized various awareness campaigns on social media and campus to inform the Western community, including Holodomor posters, How to Approach Anti-Ukrainian Sentiments on campus, Russian participation in the Olympics, as well as participating in the Unissued Diplomas campaign by creating a wall display in Weldon Library.

To end off the semester our club collaborated with other European clubs on campus for Euro Night, where we shared our Ukrainian pride with the Western community! We recently held elections for the upcoming year and welcome our new executive board who are excited to continue planning events and projects to keep the Western Ukrainian student community engaged, as well as working toward developing a stronger relationship with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress London branch and broader Ukrainian community in London by collaborating on community engagement projects.





Laurier Helps Ukraine

At LHU, we raised more than \$17,000 in humanitarian relief for Ukraine and partnered with local Ukrainian organizations.

We hosted events like the "Ukraine Benefit Concert," made possible with the help of Laurier's music faculty and a collection of Ukrainian and Canadian artists, including Victor Mishalow, the Juno award-winning Gryphon Trio and Penderecki String Quartet, among others.

We supported St. Sophia's Ukrainian Orthodox Church Ambulance Drive and helped send an ambulance filled with medical supplies directly to Ukraine. We organized a commemorative "One Year of War" Ukrainian dinner, where we brought students, faculty and the Kitchener-Waterloo community together, including Waterloo Mayor Dorothy McCabe. The evening featured a collaboration with the Conestoga Ukrainian Student Club, which created a video of Ukrainian President Volodymr Zelenskyy's speeches throughout the year. We navigated the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program for our families back home and their relocation to Canada.

We ran webinars, awareness campaigns, fundraisers and many Ukrainian events. Recently, we created an exhibit titled "The Things We Were Forced to Leave Behind" as part of the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Day at the Ken Sailing Waterloo Regional Museum based on interviews with local refugees.

Currently, we function as a Ukrainian cultural and humanitarian club with 48 diverse Laurier student members.



University of Guelph Ukrainian Students Club

The Guelph Ukrainian Club had a successful year filled with various social events that brought its members together.

The first event was a meet and greet that took place at the beginning of the year. The goal of this event was to introduce new members to the group and get everyone to know each other. The event featured icebreaker games and a discussion about the club's goals for the year. The members shared their thoughts and ideas, which helped the club's executive board plan future events.

Another notable event was the Perogy Night, which was a great success. This event was all about enjoying traditional Ukrainian cuisine and having a good time with fellow members. The night



featured delicious perogies, music, dancing and other fun activities. Everyone was able to enjoy the culture and traditions of Ukraine while having fun with friends. The event brought together a diverse group of people who shared a common love for

Ukrainian culture.

The Guelph Ukrainian Club also organized a number of educational events throughout the year. One of the most notable was the Ukrainian Language Workshop. This event was aimed at helping members improve their Ukrainian language skills. The workshop featured a series of lessons on grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Members were able to practice their language skills with each other and learn from experienced instructors.

Overall, the Guelph Ukrainian Club had a successful year filled with various events that brought its members together. From social events like the meet and greet and Perogy Night to educational workshops and fundraising activities, the club provided its members with opportunities to celebrate Ukrainian culture, make new friends and support important causes.

We look forward to continuing our positive work into the new school year in the fall!

McMaster Ukrainian Students' Association

McMaster Ukrainian Students' Association (MUSA) was finally able to bring back their 19th annual volleyball tournament and zabava. After months of planning, MUSA's tournament was a complete success and our champion winners were none other than MUSA alumni! Our zabava was filled with lots of dancing and live music from Tysk and LUX, both of which have MUSA executive and general members as part of the band.

In addition, MUSA hosted their annual pub night, which luckily landed on Emerson Pub's karaoke night! Our MUSA members were able to sing their hearts out to both Ruslana and the Backstreet Boys, while mingling with other general members and guests. We also began



our own Alumni Series where we feature some of MUSA's alumni, as well as their academic achievements, their involvement in MUSA and their current occupations. We co-hosted an event with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress — Hamilton branch where we invited a guest speaker, Bohdan Kupych, to discuss Ukraine's developing businesses in the tech sector. What started as a two-year deployment to Ukraine by one of the largest multinational IT companies to an emerging market to today's unjust war, he shared valuable insights he gained over the past 30 years.

We also collected canned food donations for Ukrainian newcomers and other items that were sent to the frontlines in Ukraine.

Throughout the year, we hosted booths in the McMaster University Student Centre commemorating Holodomor, Unissued Diplomas, Annual Mac Clubs Festival, and our Cultural Clubs Festival "Pangaea."

We ended the semester by co-hosting the McMaster Euro Night with the Italian and Polish clubs, where we had members from all other European clubs at McMaster.

MUSA was grateful to have such a successful year, and we're looking forward to what the next school year brings!



USC at York University & USC at Humber College and Guelph-Humber University

This year, the Ukrainian Students' Club at York University (USCY) and the Ukrainian Students' Club at Humber (USCH) spent time supporting fellow student clubs at their institutions in sharing events, activities and initiatives they were hosting to help raise awareness.

Members of the USCY and the USCH had the opportunity thanks to SUSK to attend the 27th Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians in Winnipeg, which further developed youth leadership and responsibility in the Ukrainian community. Following the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) Triennial Congress in October, the USCH officially joined as a member organization of the UCC — Toronto branch.



Both USOs also participated in demonstrations for issues such as the protests in Iran against the Islamic Republic State government that erupted after the death of Mahsa Amini. Some USCY members also consulted on how to establish clubs and fundraising initiatives on short notice with the Turkish Student Association at York University



to support those affected by the earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria earlier this year.

USCH, with the support of the SUSK Project Grant for USOs, IGNITE (Humber Students' Union), the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Demetrius and their parishioners, enable the USCH to host a twopart Ukrainian Market, where students worked collaboratively at a workshop to create Ukrainian art projects (using paints and pots & cork board, nails and threads to make Ukrainian-themed drawings), Ukrainian-themed bookmarks and postcards and USCH club executives baked traditional Ukrainian sweets to be sold at the market at St. Demetrius Church to support club efforts after church service. We then hosted a Ukrainian embroidery and vyshyvanka workshop to teach community members an art that has been used to embody the lives of Ukrainians, as well as significant events,

elements of nature and other cross-stitched embodiments.

The USCY was thankful to have had the opportunity to work collaboratively with SUSK and the USHC to advertise and host the Unissued Diplomas exhibit, with special thanks to the Fourth Wave Canada for lending us handmade ribbons to sell at the exhibit, with funds going toward ambulances and medical supplies for injured Ukrainians. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the annual Poker Night for this academic year had to be postponed, but plans are being

made to host it come the fall semester for all to attend. The USCY and USCH were given a special invitation to attend an upcoming soccer match hosted by the York United FC team and encouraged to attend to cheer on a fellow Ukrainian community member that is a football player on their team. The USCY are hoping to host a few other social events in the coming term. to which all students, both Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian, including those not attending York University, will be invited. Слава Україні! Героям Слава!





USC at U of T



In the summer leading up to the 2022-23 school year, execs from the Ukrainian Students' Club at the University of Toronto set a booth up at UCC Toronto's annual Ukrainian Independence Day Festival, where we welcomed students to join the club and had the pleasure of meeting U of T and USC alumni! Shortly after classes began, we held our first pub night, where ex-

ecs and members got acquainted with the newly arrived exchange students from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (KMA).

Late in November, NauKMA and USC collaborated in organizing Ukrainian Week, which included art and photo exhibits, a Ukrainian movie night and UA Party. After ringing in the new year, events took on a musical turn as USC and NauKMA students went carolling and raised \$3,000 — half of which was donated to purchase winter uniforms for Ukrainian soldiers. The eager NauKMA students enjoyed carolling so much that, with



our support, they organized a karaoke night filled with modern and Ukrainian folk songs. This musical streak of events continued, as the group hosted a UA-CA music concert at the end of April. What better way is there for Ukrainian students from Toronto and Ukraine to bond than through song, while donating proceeds to support Ukraine?

We couldn't be prouder of the NauKMA students and continuously support their initiatives — one of many being the "Unissued Diplomas" project. Pysanka Night was an egg-ceptional way to end the school year, made possible thanks to our execs, the hospitality of St. Volodymyr's Cathedral, and everyone who attended! If you're in Toronto and need a good laugh after exams, stay tuned for some stand-up comedy organized by our NauKMA peers!

TorontoMet USC

The Toronto Metropolitan Ukrainian Students' Club (TMUSC) has had many opportunities to engage with the Ukrainian student community on- and off-campus. Though we may have changed our name, we continue to standby our values, traditions and events we've held on an annual basis.

We became the TMUSC in May, shortly after Ryerson Uni-



versity changed its name to Toronto Metropolitan University. We quickly got to work in an effort to rebrand the club logo, website,



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social media pages and banner.

In September, we were able to unveil our renamed and rebranded club at the Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival by marching in the parade. This was a great way to spread awareness about our USO and inform community members about the name change and the reasoning behind it (the former namesake played a significant role in the development of Canada's residential

school system). We also participated in various club fairs and held a fall pub night to further engage with our members, new and old.

In October, we were finally able to hold our annual Dynamo Cup Soccer Tournament and Zabava for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, and just in time for the event's 10th anniversary.

As a club, we've managed to raise more than \$1,000 toward humanitarian aid efforts in Ukraine through various events including sunflower and ribbon sales, while also raising awareness about Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine and its past examples of aggression toward Ukraine. We look forward to the future executive team's leadership and continuation of upholding the TMUSC's cultural traditions, values and events in the upcoming academic year!





Queen's University Ukrainian Students' Association

The 2022-23 year was a success for QUUSA! We became a ratified club underneath the Queen's Alma Mater Society. Going forward, we now have access to additional club funding and support from the Queen's community. This year we were also lucky enough to grow our club to almost 50 members, many of which recently came to Canada after fleeing Ukraine from the war. Our club quickly shifted from small social events to becoming an advocate for the

war, hosting rallies and fundraisers to support our homeland. We became a tight-knit

community to support our new members, meeting almost every weekend to discuss new initiatives or simply just chat with each other. So

far, we have hosted a potluck, karaoke night (with over 60 people attending!), information sessions and a bracelet fundraiser.



As an exec, we also volunteered at Good Times Diner, where we made traditional Ukrainian food like holubsti and kapusta salad for Queen's students. This year was an amazing year for QUU-SA, which only makes us more excited for next year.

UOttawa Ukrainian Students' Club

The last year has been filled with remarkable initiatives for the University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club (OUSC) as our club and members were finally able to shift to mostly in-person events. Our club has had several focuses this year: advocacy and fundraising, cultural events, trilingualism, and social media.

We started off the year strong by hosting a zabava fundraiser in collaboration with the Carleton University Ukrainian Students' Club and Ottawa MYHO. During this event, we raised \$2,150 for Come Back Alive for humanitarian aid in Ukraine. This event allowed us to bring together the youth in the Ottawa-area Ukrainian community.

Another cultural event that we hosted was our annual pysanky workshop. During this



event, we were able to share our passion for this ancient form of art with members of our club as well as the general uOttawa student population. This event was also a fundraiser for the Café Ukraine in Ottawa and the Canada-Ukraine Foundation.

Our advocacy and awareness events included a Holodomor

exhibit of graphic art posters and a presentation of the short film and research project *Witness Eugenia* by Yuliya Fedorovych. This was presented alongside a poster series from the Ukrainian Canadian Advocacy Group on the current weaponization of food in the ongoing war. We also hosted our annual Holodomor vigil, where we walked from the Ukrainian embassy in Ottawa to the Canadian parliament to raise awareness of past and present genocides in Ukraine. Additionally, we hosted a webinar about how to fight disinformation with Marcus Kolga, a writer, cybersecurity and disinformation expert as our guest speaker.

Throughout the year, we also hosted several casual social events to bring our members and Ukrainian students across campus together. This included events such as a picnic, a board game night, a poker night and a cookie decorating and chai event. Finally, OUSC has maintained ties with the uOttawa Chair of Ukrainian Studies, and our members played an important role in volunteering at their annual Danyliw Seminar conference.



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