

# THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

*The American Center of Polish Culture*



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## **THE MISSION OF THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION**

Founded in 1925, the Kosciuszko Foundation is dedicated to promoting and strengthening understanding and friendship between the peoples of Poland and the United States through educational, scientific and cultural exchanges and other related programs and activities. It awards fellowships and grants to graduate student scholars, scientists, professionals and artists and helps to increase the visibility and prestige of Polish culture in America's pluralistic society by sponsoring exhibits, publications, film festivals, performing arts such as concerts and recitals, and assists other institutions with similar goals.

The Kosciuszko Foundation's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. This report covers activities and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.



## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

*Since 1926 the Kosciuszko Foundation's educational programs have reinforced bonds between the United States and Poland by facilitating an intellectual and scholarly exchange of ideas. Today, the Foundation's educational programs include Exchange Fellowships and Grants; Domestic Tuition Scholarships, Graduate and Postgraduate Study and Research Programs for Americans in Poland; Year Abroad Program, Special and Travel Grants; Summer Studies in Polish Language and Culture and Teaching English in Poland. These programs constitute the basis of all the Foundation's activities and account for the major portion of its program expenditures.*

### EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR POLISH CITIZENS

The Kosciuszko Foundation Fellowships and Grants are awarded annually to Polish citizens for advanced study/research and teaching at universities, institutions of higher learning and scientific/ medical centers in the United States. Under the program, Fellowships are awarded to postgraduate scholars, professionals or artists with degrees. Grants are awarded to those without doctoral degrees. Fellowships and Grants are awarded for 3-10 month periods depending on the nature and scope of the research project, the recommendations of the American institution and the U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committees.

**During fiscal year 2016, 42 Polish scholars and scientists successfully completed their scholarly and scientific projects, receiving \$476,225 in support from the Foundation.**

The Fellows and Grantees had been carefully chosen for the program in a highly selective screening process that included personal interviews in Warsaw. Among them were five Teaching Fellows – a part of the Foundation's ongoing support for Polish Studies programs at various American universities (since 1992). During the 2015/16 academic year,



the Foundation sponsored Teaching Fellowships at: The Brown University in Providence, RI, the Cleveland State University in Ohio, the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York; and Hunter College, City University of New York (as part of a separate domestic program).

In addition to funding, the Foundation provides support to Fellows and Grantees prior to their arrival and during their stay in the United States. Every effort is made to help the participants and their families with travel, housing, medical insurance, visa, and U.S. Homeland Security procedures. Foundation staff contact Fellows and Grantees frequently throughout their stay in the United States, and whenever feasible, conduct exit interviews and receive a final written activities report from each participant.

The Foundation would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to the members of the U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committees, whose members review and interview all of the applicants for the Fellowships and Grants Program.

**Members of the U.S. Academic Advisory Committee for the 2015-2016 Advanced Research/Study Program for Polish Citizens:**

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Ronald J. Hagadus, M.D.     | Associate Professor at Clinical Ophthalmology, New York Medical College;<br>Honorary Senior Attending Surgeon, New York Eye & Ear Infirmary, Glaucoma Service, New York, NY. |
| Hanna Chroboczek Kelker     | NYU Medical Center, NY,  |
| Marian A. Kornilowicz, Esq. | Partner at Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, P.C. - Philadelphia, PA.  |
| Prof. John S. Micgiel, Ph.D | President and Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation  |
| Ewa Radwanska, M.D., Ph.D   | Professor, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL.  |



**Members of the Polish Academic Commission for the 2015-2016 Advanced Research /Study Program for Polish Citizens:**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Alex Storozynski    | President & Executive Director Emeritus, Vice Chairman, The Kosciuszko Foundation, Boca Raton, FL  |
| Piotr Wilczek Ph.D. | Professor of the History of Literature and Culture, Head, Kollegium Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw. <b>Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation..</b> |

*Notes: A special effort was made to invite former Fellows of the Kosciuszko Foundation as members of the Polish Commission. Polish Committee members were present on days that coordinated with their academic area of focus.*

## EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR POLISH CITIZENS

### SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES

| Grantee                      | Position  | Subject of Research/Study   | Amount          | Fund                     |
|------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Chwedzuc-Szulc, Karol</b> | Academic Teacher at University of Social Sciences and Humanities (SWPS) | 5 month fellowship to conduct a comparative study of US and EU integration, from the perspective of social constructivism; a constructivist approach on forecasting in international relations in the context of comparative study at American University with Professor Patrick Jackson. | <b>\$15,000</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund |



| <b>Grantee</b>            | <b>Position</b>   | <b>Subject of Research/Study</b>   | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Fund</b>   |
|---------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|
| <b>Franaszek, Andrzej</b> | Assistant Professor at Pedagogical University of Cracow                           | 2 months to conduct research on the life and work of Zbigniew Herbert, including his relationships with American culture at Yale University with Merieta Bayati.   | <b>\$ 6,000</b> | Zelosky Fund  |
| <b>Gawlikowska, Anna</b>  | Ph.D. Candidate in American Literature, Jagiellonian University                   | 3 months to conduct research examining the claim that contemporary Jewish-American writers experience a cultural "absence" in their heritage, created by the Holocaust and in the pursuit of a sense of individual and collective identity; to untangle the variety of literary images of an Eastern-European pre-war Jewish town – the shtetl – within the broader consideration of the role this space has played in the literature of classical Yiddish and contemporary Jewish-American writers, at Loyola Marymount University with Professor Holli Levitsky. | <b>\$ 9,000</b> | Wanda Roehr Fund (\$7,000)<br>Dr. John A. Cetnarowski-Cetner Fund (\$2,000) |
| <b>Gora, Magdalena</b>    | Associate Professor, Institute of European Studies of the Jagiellonian University | 4 months to conduct research titled "In search of external legitimization: The European Enlargement and the European Neighborhood Policy from an American Perspective," dealing with the perception of the EU activities in its close neighborhood by American political actors, in connection with current developments in Eastern Ukraine, at New York University with Professor Larry Wolff.  | <b>\$12,000</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund  |



| <b>Grantee</b>                   | <b>Position</b>   | <b>Subject of Research/Study</b>  | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Fund</b>  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|--|
| <b>Guzowska, Joanna</b>          | Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy, University of Warsaw   | 5-months to conduct research on the problem of conceptually determined cognition versus conceptually undetermined thought as it is approached by Kant's Critique of the Power of Judgment (1790), and an early Chinese collection of philosophical writings known as the Zhuangzi (3rd century BC) at the University of Chicago with Professor Brook Ziporyn. | <b>\$15,000</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund   |
| <b>Jaworek, Anna</b>             | Senior Archivist, The State Archive in Siedlce  | 5 months to continue work on the archive collection and conduct research on comparative cartographic materials at The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America with Prof. Bozena Leven.   | <b>\$15,000</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund   |
| <b>Kunicki-Goldfinger, Jerzy</b> | Ph. D. in Art Sciences, Institute of Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, The Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun | 4 month fellowship to conduct an investigation into the relationship between origin, technology and durability of glass, with special focus on the late 17th and 18th century potassium glasses, at the Corning Museum of Glass with Stephen P. Koob, Chief Conservator.  | <b>\$11,200</b> | Zelosky Fund   |
| <b>Kurowicka, Anna</b>           | Junior Researcher at the Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences  | To conduct 4-month research on discourses about asexuality understood as a sexual identity and political choice, including the attitude to asexuality in second wave feminism and the impact of Protestantism on discourses about asexuality, at Emory University with Professor Lynne Huffer.  | <b>\$11,200</b> | Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Fund (\$9,000)<br>Dr. John A. Cetnarowski-Cetner Fund (\$2,200) |





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|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Kusiak-Corcoran, Joanna</b>    | Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Warsaw/Darmstadt University of Technology                                 | 5 months to conduct research on a body of literature toward the answer to a research question regarding Jonathan Edwards' writing on religious experience and the Fundamentalist-Modernist controversy in USA at Yale Divinity School with Kenneth P. Minkema.     | <b>\$15,000</b> | Zelosky Fund             |
| <b>Lewicki, Zbigniew</b>          | Professor, Uniwersytet Kardynała Stefana Wyszyńskiego   | 3 months to conduct research on the problem of a decreasing role of Central Europe in the U.S. foreign policy under Barack Obama at Georgetown University with Benjamin H. Loring  | <b>\$9,000</b>  | Stanislas Chylinski Fund |
| <b>Malecka, Magdalena</b>         | Ph.D. in Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences                      | 4 months to conduct research on the incorporation of scientific knowledge about human behavior into law and policymaking at Columbia University with Professor Axel Honneth  | <b>\$12,000</b> | Spiezny Fund             |
| <b>Niedzwiecka-Filipak, Irena</b> | Director of the Institute of Landscape Architecture, University of Environmental and Life Sciences, Wrocław | To conduct 3-month research on the importance of rural design and planning from a rural point of view; to identify the impacts of culture, climate, function, and place in determining rural futures at the University of Minnesota with Dewey Thorbeck, Director. | <b>\$8,400</b>  | Stanislas Chylinski Fund |



| <b>Grantee</b>            | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Subject of Research/Study</b>   | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Fund</b>                                 |
|---------------------------|--|--|-----------------|---|
| <b>Niedzwiedz, Jakub</b>  | Lecturer at Jagiellonian University                                      | To conduct 4 research on the relationship between Renaissance literature and cartography in Europe and Americas at University of California, Berkeley with Dr. Jeffrey A. Pennington.  | <b>\$12,000</b> | Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund |
| <b>Nowak, Ewa</b>         | Professor at Institute of Philosophy, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan | 5 month fellowship to conduct research on communication between doctors and patients through bio-medical technology at Cornell University with Dr. Dawn Schrader.  | <b>\$14,000</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                    |
| <b>Pachocki, Dariusz</b>  | Adjunct Professor, University of Opole                                   | To conduct 2-month research on the complicated fates of Polish intelligentsia and their relations with the United States at the University of Texas, Austin, with Professor Mary Neuburger   | <b>\$5,600</b>  | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                    |
| <b>Paczkowski, Szymon</b> | Assistant Professor, University of Warsaw                                | 4 months to conduct research on the American period in the career of the Polish harpsichordist and pianist Wanda Landowska, and her contribution when she lived in the USA to the creation and development of a movement for performing baroque music in accordance with the principles and aesthetics of its time; at the Graduate Center, CUNY, with Professor Norman Carey. | <b>\$12,000</b> | Sendzimir Fund                              |



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|--------------------------------|--|---|-----------------|---|
| <b>Samol, Dariusz</b>          | Professor, Art Academia in Szczecin                          | To conduct 2-month research on the most important figures of saxophone music in the first half and middle of the 20th century, and their role in classical saxophone development, at SUNY Fredonia, New England Conservatory and Ithaca College with Jean A. Morrow, Dr. Wildy Zumwalt and Dr. Steven Mauk.   | <b>\$5,600</b>  | Zelosky Fund                                |
| <b>Skorek, Marta</b>           | Ph.D. candidate in Applied Linguistics, University of Warsaw | To conduct 3-month research on the implication of science-policy interface for the legitimation of an integrated approach to Global Ocean governance from a discourse-analytical perspective; to answer the question of how scientific knowledge is produced, interpreted and integrated into the policy-making process of Global Ocean governance; at University of Massachusetts-Boston, with Dr. Maria Ivanovna. | <b>\$5,625</b>  | Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund |
| <b>Wagner-Saffray, Izabela</b> | Associate Professor, Warsaw University                       | To conduct 4-month research in scientific careers of Polish emigrants, especially in 1968 and post-1981; to conduct biographical interviews and consult archives, at the New School of Social Research with Dr. Jeffrey Goldfarb  | <b>\$12,000</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                    |
| <b>Warczok, Tomasz</b>         | Assistant Professor, Pedagogical University of Cracow        | Three months to conduct research on the movement of social scientific theory from the United States to Poland at the University of California, Berkeley with Professor Loic Wacquant.   | <b>\$9,000</b>  | Wojtkowski Fund                             |



| Grantee                | Position  | Subject of Research/Study   | Amount          | Fund                     |
|------------------------|---|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Wysmulek, Jakub</b> | Assistant Professor at the National Library of Poland           | Four months to conduct research on the history of emotions and "emotional turn" in humanities and social sciences during the Late Middle Ages at Loyola University Chicago, with Professor Barbara H. Rosenwein                         | <b>\$12,000</b> | Zelosky Fund             |
| <b>Zaprucki, Jozef</b> | Associate Professor, Institute of History, University of Warsaw | To conduct 4-month research on the shift in the attitude of late antique Christians toward dead saints' bodies, and particularly the rise of the habit of touching relics at Princeton University with Professor Anne Marie Luijendijk. | <b>\$11,200</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund |

**Total Amount: \$237,825**

## SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE SCIENCES

| Grantee                 | Position  | Subject of Research/Study  | Amount          | Fund           |
|-------------------------|---|--|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Banasik, Natalia</b> | Ph.D. Candidate in Psychology, University of Warsaw | To conduct 4-month research on non-literal speech comprehension and its relation to Theory of Mind in English-Polish bilingual children living in the U. S. and to explore the role of culture and bilingualism in irony comprehension and Theory of Mind at Harvard Graduate School of Education with Catherine Snow. | <b>\$12,000</b> | Sendzimir Fund |



| <b>Grantee</b>                   | <b>Position</b>   | <b>Subject of Research/Study</b>  | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Fund</b>   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|---|
| <b>Brzezicka, Aneta</b>          | Assistant Professor at University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw           | To conduct 6-month research on the development of an index of memory efficiency based on the trajectory of eye movements that will provide a method for assessing the strength of memories and accompanying confidence level at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center with Dr. Ueli Rushauser | <b>\$18,000</b> | Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund (\$12,000), Bryzinski Fund (\$6,000) |
| <b>Czeszczewik, Dorota</b>       | Associate Professor at Siedlce University of Natural Sciences and Humanities            | Two months to develop general models to predict the occurrence and average abundance of cavity-nesting bird species in north temperate, mixed forests at Wellesley College with Dr. Nicholas L. Rodenhouse  | <b>\$6,000</b>  | Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund                                      |
| <b>Domaszewska-Szostek, Anna</b> | Research Assistant at Mossakowski Medical Research Centre, Polish Academy of Sciences   | To conduct 3-month research on the human epineural jacket as a new, potent technology for inhibiting neuroma formation at University of Chicago, Illinois with Dr. Maria Z. Siemionow., Lincoln with Professor Daniel R. Claes  | <b>\$9,000</b>  | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                    |
| <b>Geras, Antonina</b>           | Ph.D. Candidate at the Warsaw University of Technology, Institute of Electronic Systems | Two months to develop a carbon isotope sensor platform that measures 13C/12C in methane at the Rice University with Frank Tittel.   | <b>\$5,600</b>  | Sendzimir Fund  |
| <b>Haman, Ewa</b>                | Researcher/Lecturer at the Faculty of Psychology, University of Warsaw                  | Three months to construct a new assessment tool of language disorders in bilingual children, an American English version of the Cross-linguistic Lexical Task, at Pennsylvania State University with Dr. Judith F. Kroll.   | <b>\$8,400</b>  | Bryzinski Fund (\$2,400), Frees Fund (\$6,000)              |



| Grantee                  | Position  | Subject of Research/Study   | Amount          | Fund  |
|--------------------------|---|---|-----------------|---|
| <b>Jankowska, Joanna</b> | Ph.D. Candidate at the College of Inter-Faculty Individual Studies in Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Warsaw    | To conduct 4-month research in quantum chemical simulations of light-harvesting and charge-transfer dynamics in nanoscale materials for solar energy applications at University of Southern California with Dr. Oleg V. Prezhdo   | <b>\$12,000</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                |
| <b>Kalus, Kajetan</b>    | Ph.D. Candidate at Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences, Department of Environment, Animal Hygiene and Welfare | To conduct 3-month research in air quality measurements in livestock environments, and to familiarize himself with multidimensional Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry/Olfactometry and Solid Phase Microextraction techniques at Iowa State University with Dr. Jacek Koziel   | <b>\$8,400</b>  | Sendzimir Fund  |
| <b>Krauze, Kinga</b>     | Researcher at the European Regional Centre for Ecohydrology, Polish Academy of Sciences   | To conduct 3-month research in water-land-energy nexus management by analyzing Colorado Range Boulder and Central Poland Plains at University of Colorado at Boulder with Dr. Patrick S. Bourgeron.   | <b>\$8,400</b>  | Bryzinski Fund  |
| <b>Nyk, Lukasz</b>       | Assistant Professor at European Health Centre Otwock  | To conduct 6-month research on lymph node dissection in prostate/kidney/bladder cancer surgery; management of elderly cancer patients in regard to radical therapy; prostate/kidney/bladder sparing protocols and perioperative chemotherapy in cystectomized patients at University of Chicago with Dr. Arieh Shalhav. | <b>\$18,000</b> | Repeczko (\$4,500), Stanislas Chylinski Fund (\$13,500) |



| Grantee                                | Position  | Subject of Research/Study   | Amount          | Fund                     |
|--|---|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Ogonowska-Slodownik, Malgorzata</b> | Assistant at the Jozef Pilsudski University of Physical Education in Warsaw | To conduct 4-month research on exoskeleton and aquatic exercise impact on sitting balance in individuals with chronic motor incomplete spinal cord injury at the University of Maryland School of Medicine with Dr. Paula Richley Geigle. | <b>\$12,000</b> | Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund   |
| <b>Olszewska, Magdalena</b>            | Assistant Professor at University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn           | 6 month research on the importance of Listeria monocytogenes in biofilms in processing environments, an important topic in food safety, at the University of Georgia with Dr. Michael Doyle.  | <b>\$16,800</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund |
| <b>Wiorogorska, Zuzanna</b>            | Ph.D in Librarianship and Information Science, University of Warsaw         | To conduct 3-month research in information needs of doctoral students in psychology; comparative study on academic users' information behavior and information literacy at University of California, Berkeley with Dr. Rich Ivrr          | <b>\$9,000</b>  | Frees Fund               |

**Total Amount: \$143,600**

## SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE ARTS

| Grantee                    | Position                               | Subject of Research/Study  | Amount          | Fund                     |
|----------------------------|--|--|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Kosmecka, Agnieszka</b> | Ph.D. Candidate in Musical Performance | To conduct 5-month research on Johann Peter Emilius Hartmann and August Freyer's pipe organ works, record those compositions, and practice them as concert pieces at the University of Texas, Austin with Professor Matthias Maierhofer. | <b>\$14,000</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund |



## SCHOLARSHIPS IN LAW & ECONOMICS

| Grantee                 | Position  | Subject of Research/Study  | Amount          | Fund   |
|-------------------------|---|--|-----------------|--|
| <b>Golinski, Tomasz</b> | Ph.D. Candidate, Poznan University of Economics     | To conduct 5-month research on the possibilities of technology implementation based on generation of energy from renewable sources and potential of commercialization at Stanford University with Professor Michael D. Lepech. | <b>\$15,000</b> | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                       |
| <b>Kuisz, Jaroslaw</b>  | Adjunct, University of Warsaw                       | 5 month fellowship to conduct research to describe the non-democratic legal culture on the basis of cultural texts, using Poland under communism as an example at Columbia University with Professor A. Rapaczynski.           | <b>\$15,000</b> | Basista (\$10,000), Tarski (\$4,000), Sendzimir Fund (\$1,000) |
| <b>Kurek, Bartosz</b>   | Assistant Professor, Cracow University of Economics | 4 month fellowship to study the impact of equity block trade transactions on stock prices of the Warsaw Stock Exchange at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with Professor A. Rashad Abdel-Khalik                     | <b>\$11,200</b> | Cetnarowski (\$8,200), T. Sendzimir Fund (\$3,000)             |

**Total Amount: \$41,200**





## POLISH STUDIES SCHOLARS

| <b>Grantee</b>                 | <b>Position</b>   | <b>Subject of Research/Study</b>   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Fund</b>              |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Harrison,<br/>Magdalena</b> | M.A. in Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto – 2005 Ph.D. in Slavic Linguistics; Second Language Acquisition, The Ohio State University – 2010   | Extension to conduct 10-month program teaching Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at Brown University, Providence, RI.   | \$25,500      | Stanislas Chylinski Fund |
| <b>Markiewka,<br/>Tomasz</b>   | M.A. in Polish Philology, Catholic University of Lublin – 1995; Ph.D. in Polish Philology, The Silesian University – 2002 Adjunct Professor, Department of Literature and Polish Culture, University of Bielsko Biala | To conduct 5-month program with a series of lectures and classes on Polish culture, history, literature, and art as a part of the Polish Studies Initiative at Cleveland State University. | \$14,100      | Stanislas Chylinski Fund |

**Total Amount: \$39,600**



## SPECIAL AND TRAVEL GRANTS 2015/2016

| Amount   | Purpose  | Fund  |
|----------|--|---|
| \$17,948 | To Professor Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern for teaching at the University of Warsaw   | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                |
| \$17,804 | For the 2015/2016 Extension of the Hunter College Polish Studies Program to Czeslaw Karkowski, program lecturer.   | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                |
| \$8,355  | To Ewelina Basak for PACE tuition, Flight Reinbursement, 92Y Housing and Stipend during Pace University ELI program.   | S. Wojciechowski Fund (\$7,355), Bauer Fund (\$1,000)   |
| \$5,000  | To Mr. Slawomir Grunberg in support of the "Karski & The Lords of Humanity" movie in Oscar promotion   | The Maria J. Hagadus and James Hagadus MD Memorial Fund |
| \$5,000  | To Dagmara Barna (Poland) from funds donated by Ann Cox Zagoreos for the Moniuszko Vocal Competition's Carlo Maria Giulini Prize in female vocal category for a performance of profound musical expression drawing on the essence of humanity. | The Maria J. Hagadus and James Hagadus MD Memorial Fund |
| \$5,000  | To Kacper Szelazek (Poland) from funds donated by Ann Cox Zagoreos for the Moniuszko Vocal Competition's Carlo Maria Giulini Prize in male vocal category for a performance of profound musical expression drawing on the essence of humanity. | The Maria J. Hagadus and James Hagadus MD Memorial Fund |
| \$5,000  | To Jakob Jozef Orlinski, for first place in the 2015 KF Marcella Sembrich International Vocal Competition.   | Marcella Sembrich Voice Competition Fund                |
| \$3,000  | To Cantores Minores for conductor's chair, printing and costs associated with choral festival in Poznan.   | Sendzimir Fund  |
| \$3,000  | To the Centre for the Thought of John Paul II for a study tour for 5 academics at Brown University.  | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                |



| <b>Amount</b> | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Fund</b>   |
|---------------|--|---|
| \$3,000       | To Zbigniew Lewicki for the publication of Vol. 4 of your History of American Civilization   | Marcinkowski Fund                                       |
| \$3,000       | To Leon Kosavic (Croatia) from funds donated by Ann Cox Zagoreos for the Moniuszko Vocal Competition's Jan and Edward Reszke Prize for the best performance of a Polish work by a foreign entrant. | The Maria J. Hagadus and James Hagadus MD Memorial Fund |
| \$2,500       | To Piotr Buszewski, for second place in the 2015 KF Marcella Sembrich International Vocal Competition.   | Marcella Sembrich Voice Competition Fund                |
| \$2,134       | To reimburse Ron Hagadus for travel costs associated with U.S. Academic Advisory Committee participation in Warsaw   | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                |
| \$2,002       | To support the production of the documentary film 303 Squadron by Tomasz Magierski   | The Maria J. Hagadus and James Hagadus MD Memorial Fund |
| \$2,000       | To Krzysztof Bączyk (Poland) from funds donated by Ann Cox Zagoreos for the Moniuszko Vocal Competition's Marta Eggerth and Jan Kiepura Prize for the most promising Polish voice.                 | The Maria J. Hagadus and James Hagadus MD Memorial Fund |
| \$1,873       | To reimburse Alex Storozynski for travel costs associated with U.S. Academic Advisory Committee participation in Warsaw  | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                |
| \$1,709       | Jozef Szuda – Optical Society  | Mrozowski Fund  |
| \$1,669       | To reimburse Ewa Radwanska for travel costs associated with U.S. Academic Advisory Committee participation in Warsaw   | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                |
| \$1,500       | Travel Grant to Monika Rice for "15th International Conference of the German-Polish Society for the History of Medicine" in Warsaw.  | Bauer, Adolf and Stephanie Educational Fund             |
| \$1,500       | To Katharine Dain, for third place in the 2015 KF Marcella Sembrich International Vocal Competition.   | Marcella Sembrich Voice Competition Fund                |



| Amount  | Purpose   | Fund  |
|---------|---|---|
| \$1,500 | Travel Grant to Marta Marciniak for conference on "Oral History in Central-Eastern Europe: Current Research Areas, Challenges and Specificity" at University of Lodz. | Bauer Fund  |
| \$1,270 | To reimburse Hanna Kelker for travel costs associated with U.S. Academic Advisory Committee participation in Warsaw   | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                |
| \$1,239 | To reimburse John Micgiel for travel costs associated with U.S. Academic Advisory Committee participation in Warsaw   | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                |
| \$1,121 | Travel Grant to Antoni Tomecki, guest speaker for the Summer Session Reunion at the Kosciuszko Foundation   | Roehr Fund  |
| \$1,081 | To reimburse Wlodek Manddecki for travel costs associated with U.S. Academic Advisory Committee participation in Warsaw   | Stanislas Chylinski Fund                                |
| \$1,000 | To the Polish American Arts Association for the publication of a children's book.   | Marcinkowski Fund                                       |
| \$500   | Bridging Urban America, the story of Ralph Modejski – the production of a documentary film  | The Maria J. Hagadus and James Hagadus MD Memorial Fund |

**Total Amount: \$100,705**



## KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR AMERICANS

The Kosciuszko Foundation's scholarships and grants for Americans are known informally as the Foundation's "domestic scholarships". Four distinct scholarship programs fall under this category. They include:

- Tuition Scholarships
- Summer Study Abroad Program
- Year Abroad Scholarships
- Graduate / Postgraduate Studies and Research in Poland

Kosciuszko Foundation Tuition Scholarships are available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents of Polish descent primarily for graduate studies in any field at colleges and universities in the United States. Tuition Scholarships are also awarded to Americans of non-Polish descent whose studies at American universities are primarily focused on Polish subjects. Scholarships may be awarded to Americans of Polish descent for studies at English Schools of Medicine in Poland and for Central European studies at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow.

A number of undergraduate scholarships are also awarded under the Tuition Scholarship program. All tuition scholarship awards are competitive and are based on academic excellence with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and involvement in the Polish American community.

**In 2015-2016 academic year, \$314,750 was awarded to 121 scholars under the Domestic Programs which include: Tuition Scholarships, Year Abroad, Studies and Research in Poland, and Summer Study Abroad.**

### TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kosciuszko Foundation's tuition scholarships and scholarships administered on behalf of other organizations for the 2015-2016 academic year are presented here and are based on the following:

1. **Tuition scholarships** are awarded to U.S. citizens and permanent residents of Polish descent for graduate



studies at colleges and universities in the United States and to Americans of non-Polish descent whose studies at American universities are primarily focused on Polish subjects; Scholarships are also awarded to Americans for medical studies in Poland. A small number of scholarships are awarded for undergraduate students.

2. **Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Scholarships** are awarded to U.S. citizens of Polish descent residing in Massachusetts and to Polish citizens who are legal permanent residents of the US residing in Massachusetts – scholarships are awarded for undergraduate studies in any field at colleges and universities in the United States;
3. Kosciuszko Foundation administers **the Polish American Club of North Jersey Scholarships and the Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn USA Inc. Scholarships** on behalf of the above named organizations; Awards are for undergraduate studies in the US;

**For the 2015-2016 Academic Year, 91 undergraduate and graduate students received \$264,875 in Tuition Scholarships.**

| Name   | Purpose   | Fund                                     | Amount         |
|--|---|--|----------------|
| <b>Hartsell, Tyrene</b><br>Brownsburg, IN    | For second year of graduate studies in School Counseling, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN.                                  | Kazimiera Adrian Adrianowska Scholarship | <b>\$1,000</b> |
| <b>Odyniec, Krzysztof</b><br>Kensington, CA  | For fifth year of doctoral studies in History, University of California, Berkeley, CA.  | Kazimiera Adrian Adrianowska Scholarship | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <b>Cashman, Jacob</b><br>Orland Park, IL     | For second year of graduate studies in Business Administration, Roosevelt University, Chicago,                                  | Leon A. And Pat Babula Scholarship Fund  | <b>\$2,000</b> |
| <b>Durka, Malgorzata</b><br>Libertyville, IL | For third year of studies in Comparative and International Law, Chicago Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL.                       | Leon A. And Pat Babula Scholarship Fund  | <b>\$2,000</b> |
| <b>Szot, Jr., Charles</b><br>Greer, SC       | For second year of graduate studies in Biblical and Theological Studies, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY. | Leon A. And Pat Babula Scholarship Fund  | <b>\$1,000</b> |



| <b>Name</b>                                       | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Fund</b>   | <b>Amount</b>  |
|---|---|---|----------------|
| <b>Wilczek, Margaret</b><br>Elmwood Park, IL      | For fourth year of graduate studies in Optometry, Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, IL.             | The Leon A. And Pat Babula Scholarship Fund             | <b>\$4,500</b> |
| <b>Bartolik, Justyna</b><br>Waukegan, IL          | For second year of graduate studies in School Psychology, National Louis University, Skokie, IL.          | Mary B. Calka Fund                                      | <b>\$3,000</b> |
| <b>Bujno, Aneta</b><br>New York, NY               | For second year of graduate studies in Social Work, Hunter College, New York, NY.                         | Mary B. Calka Fund                                      | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <b>Milaniak, Izabela</b><br>Clifton, NJ           | For second year of graduate studies in Clinical Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. | Mary B. Calka Fund                                      | <b>\$2,000</b> |
| <b>Sarnek, Anna</b><br>Mansfield Center, CT       | For first year of graduate studies in International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC.    | Chylinski-I Fund  | <b>\$4,500</b> |
| <b>Pieta, Anna</b><br>Park Ridge, IL              | For first year of graduate studies in Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.            | Dr. Raymond Dziejma Scholarship Fund                    | <b>\$2,000</b> |
| <b>Strzalkowski, Alexander</b><br>Schenectady, NY | For second year of studies in Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA.                    | Dr. Magdalena Maria Gaweska-Tolscik Medical Scholarship | <b>\$2,500</b> |
| <b>Kantorowska, Agata</b><br>Glendale, NY         | For third year of studies in Medicine, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY.                            | Sophia Grodzicka Scholarship Fund                       | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| <b>Oleskiewicz, Julia</b><br>Riverwoods, IL       | For fourth year of studies in Medicine, Medical University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland.                     | Sophia Grodzicka Scholarship Fund                       | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <b>Wrobel, Katarzyna</b><br>Ridgewood, NY         | For second year of graduate studies in International Studies, The New School, New York, NY                | Sophia Grodzicka Scholarship Fund                       | <b>\$2,500</b> |



| <b>Name</b>                                   | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Fund</b>                                  | <b>Amount</b>  |
|---|---|--|----------------|
| <b>Duszyk, Margaret</b><br>Wallingford, PA    | For first year of studies in Dental Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.                                       | Edwin L. Harasimowicz Scholarship Trust Fund | <b>\$7,000</b> |
| <b>Kowalczyk, Karolina</b><br>Palos Hills, IL | For second year of graduate studies in Linguistics and Teaching English as a Second Language, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL | John C. Kierzkowski Scholarship Fund         | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <b>Hrabia, Joanna</b><br>Granada Hills, CA    | for first year of studies in Medicine, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland  | Victoria Kokernak Scholarship                | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <b>Kapalczynski, Anna</b><br>San Antonio, TX  | For third year of graduate studies in Finance, University of Texas, San Antonio, TX   | Victoria Kokernak Scholarship                | <b>\$1,000</b> |
| <b>Michalik, Daniel</b><br>Orland Park, IL    | For second year of studies in Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI.  | Victoria Kokernak Scholarship                | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| <b>Musielewicz, Michael</b><br>Woodbury, MN   | For second year of doctoral studies in Philosophy, John Paul II Catholic University, Lublin, Poland.                              | Victoria Kokernak Scholarship                | <b>\$1,000</b> |
| <b>Ocetek, Dariusz</b><br>Washington, DC      | For first year of doctoral studies in Vocal Performance/Opera, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC                     | Victoria Kokernak Scholarship                | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| <b>Pawelek, Konrad</b><br>Chicago, IL         | For second year of graduate studies in Clarinet Applied Pedagogy, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL                   | Victoria Kokernak Scholarship                | <b>\$1,000</b> |
| <b>Wieczorek, Mark</b><br>Philadelphia, PA    | For first year of graduate studies in Central and Eastern European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland               | Victoria Kokernak Scholarship                | <b>\$1,000</b> |
| <b>Badon, Sylvia</b><br>Seattle, WA           | For third year of graduate studies in Epidemiology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA   | Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund                  | <b>\$3,000</b> |





| <b>Name</b>                                   | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Fund</b>   | <b>Amount</b>  |
|---|--|---|----------------|
| <b>Danko, Joseph</b><br>Shrewsbury, MA        | For second year of doctoral studies in Geography, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.                       | Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund   | <b>\$3,500</b> |
| <b>Garbowski, Magda</b><br>Fort Collins, CO   | For third year of graduate studies in Ecology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO                     | Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund   | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <b>Kolak, Marynia</b><br>Phoenix, AZ          | For second year of doctoral studies in Geography, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ                          | Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund   | <b>\$3,000</b> |
| <b>Zydzik, Magda</b><br>Westfield, MA         | For first year of graduate studies in Materials Science and Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, CA     | Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund   | <b>\$3,000</b> |
| <b>Kapusta, John</b><br>Brooklyn, NY          | For final year of doctoral studies in Music, University of California, Berkeley, CA                            | Floyd and Irene McKain/<br>John and Helen Genza<br>Scholarship Fund | <b>\$4,000</b> |
| <b>McCafferty, Elaine</b><br>Sandy Hook, CT   | For third year of studies in Law, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA                                 | Floyd and Irene McKain/<br>John and Helen Genza<br>Scholarship Fund | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| <b>Parzygnat, Isabelle</b><br>Durham, NY      | For third year of graduate studies in Technical Design in Theater, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY              | Floyd and Irene<br>McKain/John and Helen<br>Genza Scholarship Fund  | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <b>Pogodzinski, Patricia</b><br>Baltimore, MD | For second year of graduate studies in Illustration Practice, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD | Floyd and Irene<br>McKain/John and Helen<br>Genza Scholarship Fund  | <b>\$4,500</b> |
| <b>Szczesna, Martyna</b><br>Brooklyn, NY      | For second year of second year of graduate studies in Photography, University of California, Los Angeles, CA   | Floyd and Irene<br>McKain/John and Helen<br>Genza Scholarship Fund  | <b>\$3,500</b> |



| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Fund</b>  | <b>Amount</b>                    |
|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Tarnowski, Carissa</b><br>Columbia, MO          | For first year of graduate studies in Law, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL  | Floyd and Irene McKain/John and Helen Genza Scholarship Fund | <b>\$2,000</b>                   |
| <b>Drygas, Brittany</b><br>Nanuet, NY              | For second year of graduate studies in Public Policy and Administration, Columbia University, New York, NY.                                    | Rev. Paul J. Miskowicz Fund<br>The Edward C. Smith Fund      | <b>\$2,000</b><br><b>\$3,000</b> |
| <b>Sieradzki, Amanda</b><br>New City, NY           | For first year of graduate studies in Business Administration, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  | Mizwa Scholarship Fund                                       | <b>\$6,000</b>                   |
| <b>Bacza, Timothy</b><br>Bloomfield, NJ            | For sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Aeronautical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY                            | Jeanette K. Nieciecka Fund                                   | <b>\$4,000</b>                   |
| <b>Brazinski, Paul</b><br>Basking Ridge, NJ        | For fourth year of graduate studies in Church History, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC  | Jeanette K. Nieciecka Fund                                   | <b>\$5,000</b>                   |
| <b>Ciecierski, Caroline</b><br>East Rutherford, NJ | For second year of graduate studies in Public Health, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ   | Jeanette K. Nieciecka Fund                                   | <b>\$1,500</b>                   |
| <b>Nicewicz, Karolina</b><br>Bayonne, NJ           | For second year of graduate studies in School Psychology, St. John's University, Queens, NY  | Jeanette K. Nieciecka Fund                                   | <b>\$3,500</b>                   |
| <b>Niebylska, Irmira</b><br>Hamilton, NJ           | For second year of graduate studies in Physical Therapy, Arcadia University, Glenside, PA  | Jeanette K. Nieciecka Fund                                   | <b>\$3,000</b>                   |
| <b>Ostrzycki, Wesley</b><br>Edison, NJ             | For third year of graduate studies in Physical Therapy, University of Miami, Miami, FL   | Jeanette K. Nieciecka Fund                                   | <b>\$3,000</b>                   |
| <b>Pawlowska, Dorota</b><br>South River, NJ        | For third year of doctoral studies in Pharmacy and graduate studies in Public Administration, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Park, NJ | Jeanette K. Nieciecka Fund                                   | <b>\$4,000</b>                   |
| <b>Zelenka, Ann</b><br>Baltimore, MD               | For second year of graduate studies in Negotiations and Conflict Management, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD                            | Joseph Nowak Scholarship Fund                                | <b>\$1,000</b>                   |



| <b>Name</b>                                 | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Fund</b>  | <b>Amount</b>                    |
|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Walska, Joanna</b><br>New York, NY       | For fourth year of studies in Dentistry, Columbia University, New York, NY.  | Dr. Edward and Maria Nowicki Memorial Scholarship Fund | <b>\$6,000</b>                   |
| <b>Antkowiak, Peter</b><br>Northborough, MA | For fourth year of studies in Medicine, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY   | E. J. Scott Fund                                       | <b>\$6,000</b>                   |
| <b>Haranczyk, Krzysztof</b><br>Glendale, NY | For first year of graduate studies in Public Administration, Baruch College, New York, NY                          | E. J. Scott Fund                                       | <b>\$2,000</b>                   |
| <b>O'Rourke, Andrew</b> Los Angeles, CA     | For first year of graduate studies in Entertainment Technology, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA         | E. J. Scott Fund                                       | <b>\$5,000</b>                   |
| <b>Romanowski, Thomas</b><br>Chicago, IL    | For first year of graduate studies in Business Administration, Stanford University, Stanford, CA                   | E. J. Scott Fund                                       | <b>\$6,500</b>                   |
| <b>Wenderski, Robert</b><br>Livonia, MI     | For second year of doctoral studies in Systematic Theology, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.        | Edward C. Smith Fund<br>Richard Sobieraj Fund          | <b>\$3,000</b><br><b>\$1,000</b> |
| <b>Maye, Monica</b><br>Stamford, CT         | For final year of graduate studies in Public Health Policy and Management, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY. | Richard Sobieraj Fund                                  | <b>\$1,500</b>                   |
| <b>Dieckman, Emily</b><br>Seymour, CT       | For first year of graduate studies in Social Work, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.                   | Polish Heritage Society Fund<br>Of Connecticut         | <b>\$3,000</b>                   |
| <b>Mehlenbacher, Kurt</b><br>Corvallis, OR  | For fourth year of doctoral studies in Music Composition, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO                      | Monica and Frank Stanitski Music Fund                  | <b>\$3,000</b>                   |
| <b>Walczyk, Thomas</b><br>Oxford, CT        | For third year of graduate studies in Pharmacy, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT                              | Jerome And Mary Straka Scholarship                     | <b>\$2,500</b>                   |



| <b>Name</b>                                       | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Fund</b>  | <b>Amount</b>                    |
|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Robak, Tomasz</b><br>Chicago, IL               | For third year of graduate studies in Piano Performance, Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, MD              | Michael Twarowski Fund                                       | <b>\$4,000</b>                   |
| <b>Kaminska-Palarczyk, Natalia</b> , Brooklyn, NY | For second year of graduate studies in Music Performance, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT                | Irena and Damian Wandycz Fund                                | <b>\$1,000</b>                   |
| <b>Tomaszewski, Joanna</b><br>Chicago, IL         | For first year of studies in Medicine, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT                                      | Irena and Damian Wandycz Fund                                | <b>\$2,000</b>                   |
| <b>Chrusciel, Michael</b><br>Riverview, MI        | For first year of studies in Medicine, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI   | Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Fund                        | <b>\$1,500</b>                   |
| <b>Karlin, Samantha</b><br>New Fairfield, CT      | For first year of graduate studies in International Relations, Tufts University, Medford, MA                       | Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Fund                        | <b>\$4,000</b>                   |
| <b>Skrenta, Mary</b><br>Hebron, OH                | For second year of graduate studies in Fine Arts, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH                 | Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Fund                        | <b>\$3,500</b>                   |
| <b>Wolter, Teagan</b><br>Oakdale, MN              | For first year of doctoral studies in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL | Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Fund                        | <b>\$5,000</b>                   |
| <b>Bell, Connor</b><br>Granite Bay, CA            | For third year of studies in Law, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.                                       | Wasil Scholarship Fund                                       | <b>\$5,000</b>                   |
| <b>Klosowiak, Emil</b><br>Glenview, IL            | For first year of studies in Medicine, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL   | Wasil Scholarship Fund<br>Pope John Paul II Scholarship Fund | <b>\$4,000</b><br><b>\$3,000</b> |
| <b>Gawlak, Troy</b><br>Canton, OH                 | For second year of graduate studies in Political Science, University of Akron, Akron, OH.                          | Zielinski Family Scholarship Fund                            | <b>\$1,000</b>                   |



| <b>Name</b>                                   | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Fund</b>   | <b>Amount</b>  |
|---|--|---|----------------|
| <b>Migala, Matthew</b><br>Glenview, IL        | For first year of graduate studies in Political Theory/Philosophy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL                                    | Zielinski Family Scholarship Fund                     | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| <b>Polak, Klaudia</b><br>Riverside, CT        | For fourth year of graduate studies in Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA                                 | Zielinski Family Scholarship Fund                     | <b>\$5,500</b> |
| <b>Satola, Christopher</b><br>Los Angeles, CA | For first year of graduate studies in Cinematic Arts, Film and Television Production, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA | Zielinski Family Scholarship Fund                     | <b>\$3,500</b> |
| <b>Szczepanik, Katya</b><br>Hobson, TX        | For fourth year of studies in Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS  | Zielinski Family Scholarship Fund                     | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| <b>Garczynski, Jeremy</b><br>Cambridge, MA    | For fourth year of graduate studies in Architecture, Boston Architectural College, Boston, MA.   | Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund            | <b>\$2,500</b> |
| <b>Janicki, Sylvia</b><br>Madison, WI         | For first year of studies in Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Washington, Seattle, WA                            | Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund            | <b>\$3,000</b> |
| <b>Orwał, Gregory</b><br>Chicopee, MA         | For third year of graduate studies in Architecture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  | Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund            | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| <b>Rolinski, Nicholas</b><br>Holland, MI      | For second year of graduate studies in Architecture, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.   | Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund            | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| <b>Chojnowski, Robert</b><br>Brooklyn, NY     | For third year of studies in Medicine, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA   | Michalina and Herman Zimber Scholarship Fund          | <b>\$5,500</b> |
| <b>Kubiak, Aleksander</b><br>Somerset, NJ     | For third year of studies in Medicine, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA   | Michalina and Herman Zimber Scholarship Fund          | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| <b>Gancorz, Caitlyn</b><br>Palmer, MA         | For junior year of undergraduate studies in Psychology, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH                                | Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Fund | <b>\$1,250</b> |



| <b>Name</b>                                     | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Fund</b>   | <b>Amount</b>                |
|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Szczepankiewicz, Daniel</b><br>Hopkinton, MA | For sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Chemistry, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.                                       | Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Fund                 | <b>\$1,250</b>               |
| <b>Wolanski, Natalie</b><br>Southwick, MA       | For junior year of studies in biology, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT  | Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Fund                 | <b>\$1,250</b>               |
| <b>Agas, Jessica</b><br>Wallington, NJ          | For sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.                               | Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund<br>Stanislas Chylinski Fund | <b>\$400</b><br><b>\$100</b> |
| <b>Amiaga, Morgan</b><br>Franklin Lakes, NJ     | For senior year of undergraduate studies in Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD                                     | Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund                             | <b>\$625</b>                 |
| <b>Bazel, Nicolette</b><br>Wallington, NJ       | For junior year of undergraduate studies in Global Public Health, George Washington University, Washington, DC                      | Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund                             | <b>\$575</b>                 |
| <b>Cieslar, Olivia</b><br>Westwood, NJ          | For third year of undergraduate studies in Bio-Behavioral Health, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA                  | Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund                             | <b>\$650</b>                 |
| <b>Galka, Emilia</b><br>Wallington, NJ          | For sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Chemical Engineering, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA.                              | Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund<br>Stanislas Chylinski Fund | <b>\$400</b><br><b>\$75</b>  |
| <b>Kaczor, Maya</b><br>West Caldwell, NJ        | For freshman year of undergraduate studies in Writing, Literature and Publishing, Emerson College, Boston, MA.                      | Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund                             | <b>\$600</b>                 |
| <b>McCormack, Joanna</b><br>Westifled, NJ       | For third year of studies towards a doctoral degree In Pharmacy, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, MA. | Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund                             | <b>\$525</b>                 |
| <b>Plucinski, Philip</b><br>Fort Lee, NJ        | For freshman year of undergraduate studies in Computer Science, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ                                  | Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund<br>Stanislas Chylinski Fund | <b>\$400</b><br><b>\$50</b>  |



| <b>Name</b>                                | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Fund</b>  | <b>Amount</b>  |
|--|---|--|----------------|
| <b>Ruszala, Dominique</b><br>Fairfield, NJ | for junior year of undergraduate studies in Animal Behavior, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA             | Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund            | <b>\$675</b>   |
| <b>Sokolski, Karol</b><br>Kinnelon, NJ     | For senior year of undergraduate studies in Public Health Education, William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ | Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund            | <b>\$550</b>   |
| <b>Kohan, Justin</b><br>Orchard Park, NY   | For senior year of undergraduate studies in Trumpet Performance, New England Conservatory, Boston, MA       | Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc. Fund | <b>\$2,000</b> |
| <b>Zakrzewski, Sara</b><br>Brooklyn, NY    | For first year of studies in Earth Science, Fordham University, New York, NY                                | Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc. Fund | <b>\$2,000</b> |
| <b>Zysk, Kacper</b><br>Middle Village, NY  | For freshman year of undergraduate studies in Computer Science, City College, New York, NY                  | Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc. Fund | <b>\$2,000</b> |

**TUITION SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL: \$264,875**

## **SUMMER STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS 2016**

**AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, CRACOW**

Scholarships for Summer Studies in Poland are awarded to U.S. citizens and permanent residents of Polish descent for language and culture studies at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow. Awards are made from the Tomaszkiwicz-Florio Scholarship Fund (since 1995), the Wisconsin Study in Poland Scholarship and the Constance Gray Scholarship Fund. Scholarships cover the cost of program fees for Session A, a 4-week program and Session B, a 2-week program. Students study Polish language, history, culture, and visit historical sites in and near the city,



and take sightseeing trips on weekends. A Jagiellonian University Polish Language Certificate is awarded to all students who pass their final language exams. Students who have intermediate or advanced language skills may take the State Certification Exam of Polish as a Foreign Language. The exam is recognized as the test of Polish language proficiency worldwide.

The Foundation awarded a total of **\$36,375** for Polish language and culture studies in Poland to 20 students.

### **TOMASZKIEWCZ-FLORIO SCHOLARSHIPS**

| <b>Name</b>                                       | <b>Status</b>   | <b>Amount</b>  |
|---|---|----------------|
| <b>Adamczyk, Marlena</b><br>Athens, GA            | Junior majoring in Biology/ Pre-Dental at University of Georgia, Athens, GA. to attend Session B                              | <b>\$1,250</b> |
| <b>Berry, Marianna</b><br>Raleigh, NC             | Sophomore majoring in Biological Science at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.                                     | <b>\$1,250</b> |
| <b>Biernat, Isabella</b><br>Elk Grove Village, IL | Freshman majoring in Liberal Arts at Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL.   | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Drash, Michael</b><br>Charlottesville, VA      | Junior majoring in Linguistics and Russian Language & Literature at University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.              | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Drozd, Charlotte</b><br>Maspeth, NY            | Freshman majoring in Liberal Arts at City University of New York, Hunter College, New York, NY.                               | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Franaszczuk, Monika</b><br>Superior, CO        | Sophomore majoring in Russian and Eastern European Studies/ Musical Studies at Oberlin College and Conservatory, Oberlin, OH. | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Herold, Emily</b><br>Belle Vernon, PA          | Junior majoring in Pharmacy at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA.   | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Jansen, Gerhard</b><br>Williamsburg, VA        | Senior majoring in Sociology of Religion at College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.                                    | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Kozminski, Kacper</b><br>Niagara Falls, NY     | Sophomore majoring in International Business at Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY.   | <b>\$1,250</b> |





| <b>Name</b>                                     | <b>Status</b>   | <b>Amount</b>  |
|---|---|----------------|
| <b>McGinley, Erin</b><br>Dorchester, MA         | Junior majoring in Political Science at University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA.          | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Mokrzan, Theresa</b><br>Hilliard, OH         | Junior majoring in Psychology at Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH.                       | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Olechno, Natalie</b><br>Chicago, IL          | Senior majoring in Liberal Arts at St. Ignatius College Prep High School, Chicago, IL.    | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Pac, Wiktor</b><br>Philadelphia, PA          | High school senior at Central High School, Philadelphia, PA.                              | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Polanski, Rachel</b><br>Clarence Center, NY  | Junior majoring in Applied Mathematics at University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.             | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Szczepankiewicz, Daniel</b><br>Hopkinton, MA | Sophomore majoring in Chemistry at University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.                    | <b>\$1,250</b> |
| <b>Szelest, Michael</b><br>Acton, MA            | Freshman majoring in Engineering at University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.             | <b>\$1,250</b> |
| <b>Wolanski, Natalie</b><br>Southwick, MA       | Junior majoring in Physician Assistant at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT.              | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Zmijewski, Claudia</b><br>Brooklyn, NY       | Senior majoring in Biology/ Children and Youth Studies at Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY. | <b>\$1,925</b> |

**Total Amount: \$31,275**



### WISCONSIN STUDY IN POLAND SCHOLARSHIPS

| Name  | Status   | Amount         |
|---|--|----------------|
| <b>Burzynski, Peter</b><br>Milwaukee, WI    | Graduate student majoring in Creative Writing at University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI  | <b>\$1,925</b> |
| <b>Boryczka, Bartlomiej</b><br>Appleton, WI | High school senior majoring in Global Studies at Appleton West High School, Appleton, WI | <b>\$1,925</b> |

**Total Amount: \$3,850**

### CONSTANCE GRAY SCHOLARSHIP

| Name                                 | Status  | Amount  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------|
| Klatka, Karolina of Rock Springs, WY | undergraduate freshman majoring in Dance and Journalism at University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY | \$1,250 |

**Total Amount: \$1,250**

**Scholarships for Summer Sessions Programs Total Amount: \$36,375.**

## KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION AND POLISH MINISTRY EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO POLAND 2015/2016

The Kosciuszko Foundation's Exchange Program with Poland provides US citizens with opportunities to study Polish language and culture and to conduct studies and research at various universities in Poland. Awards are made through the Year Abroad Program and the Graduate/Postgraduate Studies and Research in Poland Scholarships. Candidates receive funding from the 2016 Kosciuszko Foundation Annual Report



Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education and the Kosciuszko Foundation. The Ministry provides tuition waivers and a modest stipend for housing and living expenses. The Foundation provides each candidate with subsidies for living expenses. The Kosciuszko Foundation awards **\$300 per month** to candidates in the Graduate/Postgraduate Studies and Research program for a period not to exceed nine months. Year Abroad candidates receive subsidies of **\$900 per semester (equivalent to \$200 per month)**. Awards are made for one semester or a full academic year. Funding is provided by **The Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund**.

Graduate/postgraduate candidates must provide a clear and well-defined proposal for study/research in Poland as well as an invitation from the Polish educational institution where studies/research are to be conducted. Year Abroad applicants must demonstrate motivation for pursuing studies in Poland as related to their educational and professional goals.

## YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM

*At Jagiellonian University Center for Polish Language and Culture in The World, Cracow*

| Name   | Status   | Amount         |
|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Burch, Matthew</b><br>New Paltz, NY         | Undergraduate senior majoring in Spanish and Latin American Studies, State University of New York, New Paltz, NY | <b>\$1,800</b> |
| <b>Deptula, Marta</b><br>Norfolk, VA           | Undergraduate senior majoring in Art at Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk, VA                                   | <b>\$900</b>   |
| <b>Gorzewski, Alexander</b><br>Northampton, MA | B.A. in Political Economy and Political Theory, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA                                   | <b>\$1,800</b> |
| <b>Padilla, Alysse</b><br>New York, NY         | Fourth year doctoral student majoring in Music, New York University, New York, NY                                | <b>\$900</b>   |
| <b>Straub, Adam</b><br>East Rutherford, NJ     | Undergraduate senior majoring in Urban Studies/ Education, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY                      | <b>\$900</b>   |

**Total Amount: \$6,300**



## GRADUATE - POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND PROGRAM 2015/2016

In cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education, the Foundation selects and recommends American students and scholars to study and undertake independent research projects in Poland towards Master, Ph.D. and post-doctoral degrees. The program is also open to University faculty who wish to spend a sabbatical conducting research in Poland. Participants receive housing and a stipend for living expenses from the Polish Ministry. Grantees also receive funding from the Kosciuszko Foundation to subsidize the modest overall grants from the Polish Ministry. Funding is provided by the Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund.

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Amount</b>  |
|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Rossmiller, Elizabeth</b><br>Arlington, VA        | Doctoral student majoring in International Relations, American University, Washington, DC. To investigate the interaction between collective memories and reparations laws targeting martial law-era abuses. Research conducted with Dr. Hab. Piotr Kwiatkowski, Dr. Marcin Napiórkowski, and Dr. Joanna Wawrzyniak, at the Institute of Polish Culture, Jagiellonian University, Cracow – 5 month grant | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <b>Welle, Mitchell</b><br>Eau Claire, WI             | Graduate student majoring in Philosophy, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. For studies in the Methodology of Science, Department of Philosophy with dr hab. Agnieszka Lekka-Kowalik, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin – 5 month grant  | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <b>Wenz, Michael</b><br>Bloomington, IL              | Wenz, Michael of Bloomington, IL – Associate Professor of Economics, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL. To measure the socioeconomic impacts of casino gambling in Poland. Research conducted with Prof. Zbigniew Krysizk at the Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw – 5 month grant  | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <b>Wojciechowski, Amalia</b><br>Claranston Hills, IL | Graduate student majoring in History of Art, Bryn Mawr University, Bryn Mawr, PA. For research on the role of Catholicism, art and nationality in the work of the Młoda Polska and the maintenance of Polish identity. Research conducted with Prof. Irena Kossowska, Department of Art History, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun – 9 month grant   | <b>\$2,700</b> |

**Total Amount: \$7,200**



### Total Scholarships for Studies & Research and Year Abroad Programs: \$13,500

The total expenditures for Kosciuszko Foundation's Domestic Programs namely, Tuition Scholarships awarded to Americans, summer study abroad scholarships, and Exchange programs to Poland including the Year Abroad Scholarship and the Graduate/Postgraduate Studies and Research in Poland Scholarships for academic year 2015-2016 is **\$314,750**.

## TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND PROGRAM

By Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D.

The summer of 2016 marked the **twenty-sixth** anniversary of the *Teaching English in Poland Program* (TEIP), an innovative and highly effective cultural and educational exchange between the United States and Poland. This summer program is cosponsored annually by the Kosciuszko Foundation and independent, educational, nonprofit organizations and is under the honorary patronage of the Polish National Commission for UNESCO. This year, 78 American teachers and teaching assistants from 20 states volunteered for the program, which served over 300 students from throughout Poland. The Teaching

#### TEIP Program-summer 2016

|     |                                |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| 43  | Teachers                       |
| 35  | Teaching Assistants            |
| 7   | Staff Leaders                  |
|     | 4 Peer Tutors                  |
| 20  | American States<br>Represented |
| 573 | Polish Students                |

#### Since 1991

|        |                              |
|--------|------------------------------|
| 2,200  | American Volunteers          |
| 13,600 | Polish Students              |
| 140    | Education Camps in<br>Poland |



The Kosciuszko Foundation and our Polish partners offered seven choices to students: four **English Language/American Culture Camp Programs** and two **Arts Enriched English Language Camp Programs**. The programs included students ages seven to eighteen. As a result of this expansion, a larger number of Polish students and American teachers and assistants had the opportunity to share in cross-cultural experiences.

1. **English Language/American Culture Camps** were held at the following locations: ZHP “Nadwarcianski Grod,” Zalecze Wielkie, The District Center for Culture, Education, Kraków, Minsk Mazowiecki and our newest site, Krynica Zdrój. All sites conducted a two-week English language emersion experience for Polish students. The Polish hosts at each site also offered a cultural tour of Poland for American teachers and assistants who volunteered their time to the program. The purpose of **the English Language/American Culture Camp Program** is to provide Polish students, who demonstrate intermediate to advanced levels of proficiency, with opportunities to improve their conversational skills. The method of language emersion is employed during four daily class periods, in extracurricular activities, on field trips, and during meals and periods of free time. At the same time, participating volunteer American teachers and teaching assistants are exposed to the culture, history, language, traditions, and people of Poland. **Ms. Dawn Woyak** from Albuquerque, New Mexico served as the American Staff Leader in Załęczce; **Ms. MaryAnn Stefko** from Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania served as the American Staff leader at the Krakow Elementary Camp; **Dr. Gretchen Espinetti** from Palm Coast, Florida served as the American staff leader at the middle school camp in Krakow and **Ms. Dorothy Parker**, Fairport, New York served as the staff leader in Minsk Mazowieki and **Ms. Jacque Brown- Williams** from Tyron, North Carolina served at the camp in Krynica Zdrój.
2. **The Arts Enriched English Language Camp Program** celebrated its seventh year since its inception in 2009 in Załęczce Wielkie. The second Arts Enriched English Language Camp in Otwock celebrated its third year. Both programs held four classes per day and emphasized the importance of art, music, theatre, drama, and other creative forms of expression. The purpose of the Arts Enriched English Language Camp Program is to strengthen students' appreciation for creativity and the innovation that art provides. The program in both Załęczce Wielkie and Otwock invited students to gain a deeper appreciation for the arts, to learn about American culture, and to foster creative growth through a strong personal and global sense of identity. Toward the end of the experience, Polish students demonstrated their artistic abilities through an Art Expo. The exposition was open to students' family members, friends and showcased their creative works and talents. **Ms Joanne Beard from New York Mills**, was the American Staff at Załęczce and **Mr. Thomas Rusnak from Brookfield, Illinois** served as the American Staff Leader at Otwock.



**Mary Kay Pieski Ph.D.**, Director of the TEIP, together with **Teresa G. Wojcik Ph.D.**, Assistant Director, facilitated the American aspects of the program; supervised the implementation of the program at each Polish campus site. Cooperating Polish directors included **Ewa Barbara Musiejko** (*Powiatowy Młodzieżowy Dom Kultury i.m. Michała Elwiro Andriollego w Otwocku*), **Krystyna Mikita** (*Ósrodek Szkoleniowo-Wypoczynkowy ZHP "Nadwarciański Gród"*), **Anna Krzemińska-Kaczyńska** (*VIII Prywatne Akademickie Liceum Ogólnokształcące IB World School-Krakow*).

The Kosciuszko Foundation and the Polish National Commission for UNESCO cooperate to prepare and implement specific components of the TEIP Program. The Foundation recruits and selects American teachers and assistants; organizes the staffing of each camp; provides training sessions for American participants; facilitates the educational aspects of the program as outlines in the curriculum guide. In addition to preparing lessons and activities, the participants are encouraged to raise funds, solicit donations of equipment, educational materials, and books to be shipped to Poland.

The TEIP Program has been awarded grants and in excess of **\$14,000** from **Delta Kappa Educational Foundation** to help purchase equipment for the Arts Enriched English Language Camp Program. **Mr. Al Koproski**, Trustee of the Kosciuszko Foundation and member of the board of the Polish National Youth Baseball Foundation facilitated the donation of baseball equipment to the new camp in Krynica Zdrój.

This summer a total of **573** Polish students attended the camps located in Załęczce Wielkie, Otwock, Mińsk Mazowiecki, Krynica Zdrój, and Kraków. The Foundation selected seven group leaders, twenty-two American teachers and twenty-three teaching assistants to participate in the TEIP Program. Participants hailed from the following twenty-one states included: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont. and one teacher from Canada.

The Kosciuszko Foundation expresses its gratitude to:

1. **Dr. Joseph Polizzi** at Marywood University (Scranton, Pennsylvania)
2. **Dr. Patricia Grutzmacher**, at Kent State University, (Kent, Ohio), for assisting with recruiting volunteer teachers and teaching assistants.
3. **Mary Kay Pieski, PH.D.**
4. **Ms. Sally Coveleskie-Blair**, Marywood Alumnae, established an award in honor of Sister Benedicta Berendes I.H.M., for the profound and lasting impact she had on their lives.



5. **The Kosciuszko Foundation chapters:** New England, Philadelphia, and Chicago

**Catherine Owens** and **Joseph Buderwitz** were the second recipients of the award and received financial support for the cost of the airfare to Poland.

In its first quarter century, the TEIP program under the aegis of the Kosciuszko Foundation has hosted 130 camps throughout Poland at twenty-two locations: Łomża, Ustka, Kraków, Płock, Gdańsk, Iława, Olsztyn, Zakopane, Puławy, Przytok at Zielona Góra, Myślenice, Tczew, Warszawa, Gołdap, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Limanowa, Załęcze Wielkie, Barlewiczki, Otwock, Pińczów, Mińsk Mazowiecki and Krynica Zdrój. More than **13,600** Polish students and almost **2200** Americans have benefited from this program.

**The American volunteer participants in the TEIP program** are vital in effecting the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission of promoting educational and cultural exchanges between the United States and Poland and of increasing American understanding of Polish culture and history.

Heartfelt thanks to **our partners in Poland** who have participated in and supported the Teaching English in Poland Program: The Polish National Commission for UNESCO for promoting the program under its patronage and the Polish Ministry of National Education for providing funds in Poland for camp sites (1991-2008) and their operation, for hiring Polish staffs, and for providing funds for the stipends and end-of-program tours for American participants.

The following foundations and organizations in the United States and Poland that contributed to the functioning and development of the TEIP program include: Educational Enterprise Foundation, The Kosciuszko Foundation Wysocki and Frees Funds, The Polish American Teachers Association, Marie Skłodowska Curie Professional Women's Association, Nidzicka Fundacja Rozwoju, Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, Chicago, Ohio, New England and Philadelphia Chapters of the Kosciuszko Foundation, Polish National Youth Baseball Foundation, the Cleveland Society of Poles, The Pulaski Association of Professional Men etc. and individual donors.

We extend warmest thanks to the Polish Directors and staffs for their hospitality and efforts in introducing Kosciuszko Foundation American volunteers to "everything Polish"; and soliciting funds to make the camps affordable for Polish students by partnering with community leaders and organizations.

A special thank you the administrators and Trustees of the Kosciuszko Foundation for their foresight and trust by enabling





an atmosphere of viable outreach in accepting TEIP as a vital component in promoting the mission of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Heartfelt thanks to **Mrs. Christine Kuskowski, Director Emerita** for her visionary leadership and steadfast commitment to the program's success. The organizers of Teaching English in Poland Program look to the future, building on the achievements of the first twenty-five years to even greater successes in years to come.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND BALL

On Saturday, April 30th, 2016 at the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in NYC, the Kosciuszko Foundation held **the Amber Ball - the 81st Annual Dinner and Ball**.

We had the honor of recognizing **Martha Stewart**, a visionary and entrepreneurial mogul, who proudly spoke about her Polish heritage when accepting the KF Medal of Recognition, and Professor Piotr Chomczynski, renowned biochemist, researcher, and the generous benefactor to the KF. The Ball was chaired by a longtime Trustee – Prof. Waldemar Priebe.

We were honored by the presence of both Polish and American dignitaries including Ryszard Schnepf, Ambassador of Poland to the USA, Urszula Gacek, Consul General of Poland in NY, and Audrey Zibelman, Chair of the New York State Public Service Commission.

Highlights of the evening included live music by the Gerard Carelli Orchestra and performances by Met Opera singer – Edyta Kulczak, Mezzo Soprano, jazz singer Kelley Suttentfield, dances by the Polish American Folk Dance Company and special performance of the traditional Polish song “Hej Sokoły” by Alex Storozynski and friends.

The KF 81st Annual Ball has been a celebration of a mission fulfilled and the benefactors who made it possible. The Foundation awards on average \$1 million in fellowships, grants and scholarships to students, scholars and artists. Nearly 200 people benefit from the Foundation on an annual basis.

Proceed from the Amber Ball supported the Foundation's initiatives including the renovation of the impressive KF House, cultural programming, outreach to children and scholarship support.



## **AFFILIATE GROUPS**

Affiliate Groups play an important role in furthering the Kosciuszko Foundation's goals. They comprise of individuals who are focused on certain special interests within the broader activities of the Kosciuszko Foundation, and often feature their own membership rosters and officers, addressing many of the Foundation's specific needs.

### **The National Advisory Council**

The National Advisory Council is composed of several individual members of the Kosciuszko Foundation, as well as presidents of the Kosciuszko Foundation's nine Chapters. The Council is designed to benefit from broad representation throughout the United States providing the Board of Trustees with valuable advice on how to expand membership and donations, by highlighting and discussing current trends amongst the Foundation's target groups, and developing ideas on how to attract new membership and donations given these trends. Its members are longtime Foundation members who have their finger on the pulse of the Foundation, its philosophy, and its future.

### **Chapters of the Kosciuszko Foundation**

The Kosciuszko Foundation chapters play a vital role in maintaining the Foundation's reputation as a nationwide organization. Run strictly by local volunteers who commit considerable time and effort to the task of soliciting members in their geographic areas, organizing local concerts, awards banquets, and other key fundraising events, representatives of nine Kosciuszko Foundation Chapters act as local ambassadors, promoting the Foundation's mission in local regions.

Through the participation of local chapter presidents on the National Advisory Council, chapters also help keep the Board of Trustees, officers, and staff informed of local trends in local communities.



## **The Pro Arte League**

For all those visitors to the Foundation House who find it an aesthetic and hospitable place to visit, they can thank the Pro Arte League.

Founded by women members of the Kosciuszko Foundation in 1970 with a mission to raise funds for the preservation and beautification of the public rooms for the Kosciuszko Foundation house, the Pro Arte League has played an indispensable role in keeping the Foundation House in its current pristine condition. Beginning with fashion show fundraisers in the early part of its history, the League now uses its annual fundraising luncheon as a showcase for young Polish-American musicians and other fine Polish and Polish American performing artists.

## **The Polish American Teachers Association**

Polish American Teachers Association (PATA) was founded in 1973 in order to help accurately inform the American public about Poland and the role and contributions of Polish Americans in American society. PATA's relationship with the Kosciuszko Foundation began shortly after formation.

PATA sponsors a rich schedule of events and activities, including essay and visual arts competitions. One of its more popular programs include a storytelling competition, during which students of Polish heritage who attend Polish supplementary schools gather at the Kosciuszko Foundation in March to tell stories from Polish folklore.

PATA also holds the popular Annual *Mikolajki*/St. Nicholas Day celebration, which teaches children about traditional Polish Christmas celebrations. PATA has also been a reliable supporter of the Foundation's Teaching English in Poland Program, through regular cash contributions as well as Program volunteers.