

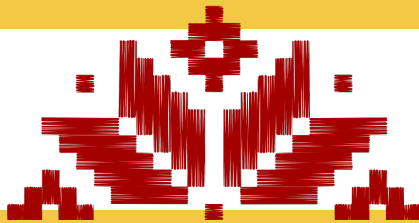
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MOHYLA INSTITUTE

NEWSLETTER



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Mohyla Institute has been a bustling place of late! From the kids camp this summer, to fall resident move in, the Holodomor Awareness Exhibit, and our first Christmas Market! We have been filled to capacity with residents for our core school terms, and the residents are a great group of active and engaged students. Please see the articles about Kamenari, our upcoming alumni social, and scholarships on pages 8, 9, & 16.

We will be starting up our conversational Ukrainian language classes this coming January. There is detailed information on the classes on page 7. We also had a special Christmas themed Ukrainian Language Class on Dec. 19 which was a fun way to learn/remember Christmas specific words and phrases. I am excited to see what our new instructor brings to the classes!

This year we once again partnered with UCC Saskatoon for their Ukrainian Day Camp for a week in July, and we are also hosting and providing instruments for their beginner bandura classes which begin in January.

A great deal of time and energy has been spent working on a new business model for Mohyla Institute, please see pages 12 & 13 for details.

We are most grateful to the individuals and organizations who have chosen to donate to SPMI this past year (pg. 10). Thank you for your support.

I hope you enjoy this years edition of the Mohyla Christmas newsletter. May the happiness and good cheer of the holiday season be yours throughout the new year. Merry Christmas!

Sara Detenshen



Chervona Kalyna - Saskatoon Bandura Ensemble

Featuring the Mohyla Institute Bandura instructor, Oksana Hushlia! She is teaching beginner lessons starting in January. Contact uccsaskatoonbranch@gmail.com for more information!

Christmas Greetings from the Board Chair

Вітаємо Вас з Різдвом Христовим
і Новим 2025 Роком!

В імені Дирекції Інституту, бажаю Всім Вам найкращі побажання з нагоди Різдва Христового та нового року! Христос Родиться! Славімте Його!
Нехай буде спокій на землі!

Christ is born! Let us Glorify Him! May there be peace on earth!

I am very pleased to inform our Mohyla members, supporters and friends that our 2024-25 academic program year commenced at full capacity of student residents along with a waiting list for others should vacancies occur.

Our keen residents are doing well in their studies, and we are proud of their involvement in making Mohyla's living and learning environment inclusive, stimulating, accommodating, and a safe home away from home. Please take time to visit St. Petro Mohyla Institute Facebook for updates on interesting events, programs and services.

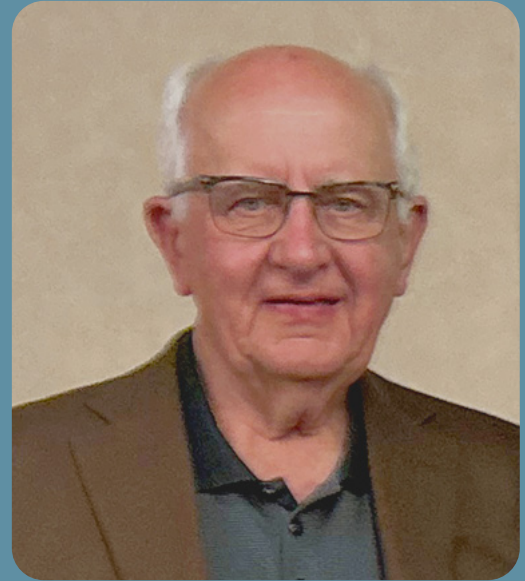
I wish to take this opportunity to focus attention on Mohyla's steadfast service to our Ukrainian community. The

engagement and service to people has been and continues to be central to its work over the past 109 years. There were times when the environment around us changed on a dime creating setbacks while also opening new challenges and opportunities. Our members stepped forward with "yes I can help; here is what I can do and am prepared to do." One thing we know for sure is that as a not-for-profit institution, Mohyla operates in an ever challenging and an increasingly competitive and diverse environment, an environment that requires leadership and dedication on the part of the board and management to ensure Mohyla's sustainability, growth and development. We know that the status quo is not an option. There is so much more we can and must do.

Reflecting on the past for a moment, it took seven years of fund raising campaigns and collaborative planning to launch the construction of the "New Institute" which was officially opened in August 1965. It was a gem indeed, and it served its purpose well. It is still in service; however, with each passing year it requires more and more costly maintenance, repairs and replacement of worn-out equipment. After all, the current, well used facility is 59 years old. It is functionally dated. It is in need of replacement. Yes, we need to focus on new ways and means to develop and ensure Mohyla's viability well into the future with the construction of a new facility, a facility designed for contemporary and foreseeable emerging needs and services going forward.

Towards this end, and after considerable board deliberations to start the process, a Conceptual Plan for a new facility was drafted by the Board and its Executive Director. The pace of the development process was slowed by COVID and all the uncertainties and necessities that came with it, such as limitations on the number of residents that could be accommodated, budget cutbacks and staff reductions due to revenue losses. While the process was bumpy and delayed, we wanted to get things right and it did get done. The Conceptual Plan was presented for the first time at the triennial convention of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (USRL) where it received positive and supportive comments, and again via Zoom at the Mohyla AGM on March 9, 2023, which voiced encouraging and supportive comments for the Conceptual Plan.

Since then, consultations have taken place with stakeholders, and efforts are underway to recruit additional board members, and members to serve on an advisory committee to the board. Also, work on the development of a new



Board Chair, Stephen Senyk

five year strategic plan is scheduled to commence this spring along with the transitioning of the Conceptual Plan to a fully detailed business plan for the new facility. It is estimated that the cost for the development of the business plan will be in the order of \$150,000. I am very pleased to report that the board has allocated \$200,000 to a restricted reserve account for this purpose. We were able to achieve this well earned sum of money thanks to the excellent leadership and management of Mohyla operations, under less than ideal conditions, by our Executive Director, Sara Detenshen. We are off to a good start. The promise for Mohyla's future looks bright. There is lots of room to join in and become part of the planning and development process.

I invite you to request a copy of the Conceptual Plan by email to info@mohylainstitute.ca. Peruse it and send us your comments. Building a new Mohyla state-of-the-art facility will depend on your support. Your support may be expressed through generous annual or more frequent tax deductible donations; by volunteering to serve as

a dedicated member on the board of directors; by volunteering to serve on special committees of the board; and by demonstrating your interest and general support by renewing your membership or becoming a new member of Mohyla. As a member, you will have the opportunity to help shape and ensure the future of Mohyla. Encourage others to join you in becoming members of Mohyla. Together, as an active and dedicated membership we can achieve many things. The annual tax deductible membership fee is \$35, payable by cheque or preferably by e-transfer to info@mohylainstitute.ca.

Turning to world affairs, our Ukrainian community in Saskatchewan, Canada and the World is living in an unprecedented time of turmoil and change. As of February 24, 2025, three horrific years of unconscionable war crimes and destruction will have passed since Putin's evil, genocidal regime invaded Ukraine – the largest unprovoked war on an independent European country since World War II. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas and the New Year, a traditional a time for sharing and giving, let's reinforce our resolve in support for our relatives and all people of our beloved homeland, Ukraine - the sacrificial crucible of Europe and the world as it so galantly fights on for its coveted independence, democracy, freedom and peace. We offer a special prayer and Christmas greetings of hope and peace to all in Ukraine, and to new arrivals throughout Saskatchewan and elsewhere in Canada in need of our understanding and support. Let's be generous and unequivocal in our support of Ukraine.

During this very special season, I also appeal to you to be geneous in support of Mohyla. Your financial help is needed. No amount is too small. Please also note that estate and memorial donations in blessed memory of deceased family members, alumni, and friends of Mohyla are always welcomed and will be put to good use.

On behalf of the board, management and staff, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to our individual and organizational donors for the financial and moral support received during the past year. Нехай народження малого Ісуса та початок Нового Року принесуть Вам радість нового життя та ентузіазм свіжих почувань та успіхів у всіх Ваших особистих та спільних справах! Христос Ражадається! Славімте Його!

In conclusion, I wish to thank fellow board colleagues and our chaplain Father Taras Makowsky for volunteering their valued time, skills, and talents to serve Mohyla during the past year, and to thank our Executive Director, Sara Detenshen and her staff for their dedicated and valued services.

Let's be thankful for our many blessings. May the Christ child bless each of you with good health, love, happiness, prosperity and peace throughout the New Year.

With good cheer, warm wishes and best regards - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Stephen Senyk
Board Chair

СЛАВА УКРАЇНІ! ГЕРОЯМ СЛАВА!

GLORY TO UKRAINE! GLORY TO HER HEROES!

Oksana Hushlia & Oksana Duboshovska

Mohyla Institute's Bandura Instructor, teaching Mohyla's former Ukrainian Language Instructor during a short master class. Taken at the first annual Mohyla Institute Christmas Market on November 16, 2024.



Різдвяний Привіт Отця Настоятеля Дорогі возлюблені у Христі браття і сестри Христос Народився! Славіте Його!



**Rt. Rev Mitred Archbishop
Taras Makowsky
& Dobr. Joanne Makowsky**

“Небо і земля нині торжествують. Ангели й люди весело празнують” співаємо в коляді на Свято Різдва Христового і знову радіємо радістю Різдвяних свят. В цей радісний і світлий різдвяний час вітаю всіх Вас зі святами і бажаю Вам і родинам Вашим веселих свят Різдва Христового і щасливого Нового Року. Щоб ці святочні дні дали Вам натхнення і наснаги далі молитись для свого спасіння, наснаги працювати на українській ниві і щоб милосердний Господь обдаровував Вас Своїм милосердям. Нехай Дитячко, яке народилося у Вєфлеємі більше як дві тисячі років тому, надалі благословляє всіх нас.

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!



“God is with us, understand, O nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us.”

Once again, we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We are reminded of the teachings of St. Gregory the Theologian ...“this is what we are celebrating today: the coming of God to man, that we might go forth, or rather that we may go back to God, that putting off the old man we might put on the new, and that we have died in Adam, so we might live in Christ...”

This is a great gift that the Heavenly Father has given us on Christmas, the Nativity of our Savior. As practicing Christians it is important to respect and honour this Holy Day. As parents teach our children that this Holy day is more than a statutory holiday.

Luke 2:11-14 ...“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord...Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill towards men”... Jesus Christ is one with God, His only begotten Son. In the Creed we

pray..." and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, Light of Light, True God of True God. Begotten not made. Of one essence with the Father through whom all things were made"... The Gospel of John 1:1, which is read on the Nativity Feast..."In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"... The Divine Son of God was born in the human flesh for the salvation of the world..."for us men and our salvation"... (the Creed).

During this Holy season let us reflect on how glorious God is! Yes we face tremendous challenges today, right now. But we have our Church, our family, our physical and mental health, and most importantly- love of God. Our Cathedral, our home Church, our personal family prayer will keep us strong. Let us stand firm in our faith, in the Holy Trinity, there is no obstacle that we can not overcome. We pray that any misunderstandings in our Church community be reconciled in peace and love. We pray that we do not repeat our mistakes, respect everyone's

feelings, needs and concerns. With love and joy embrace in our hearts the true meaning of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Look to the Star of Bethlehem, and like the Wise Men, guide us to Glorify Him.

St. John of Kronstadt (sermon on Nativity of our Lord)..."and the Word became flesh, in order to make us earthly beings into heavenly ones, in order to make sinners into saints; in order to raise us up from corruption, from earth to heaven; from enslavement to sin from the devil- into glorious freedom of children of God; from death- into immortality, in order to make us sons of God and to seat us together with Him upon the throne as His royal children, O boundless compassion of God! O inexpressible wisdom of God! O great wonder, astounding not only the human mind, but the angelic as well!"...

Rt. Reverend Mitred Archpriest Taras Makowsky



In Memorium

Вічна їм пам'ять!

Mohyla Institute notes with sadness the passing of the following people in 2024. We acknowledge that we may have missed an important name on this list and we apologize for anyone we have neglected to acknowledge in this newsletter.

Lesya Foty

Dr. Rudolph 'Rudy' Hrycaj

Albert Kachkowski

Pearl Darcy Syrnyk

Adult Ukrainian Language Classes

January 14
to
May 9



Classes will be held either online or in-person, please indicate your preference when signing up.

There will be 15 classes, cost is \$150/person. Classes are free of charge for Mohyla residents.

Classes will begin the week of January 13, 2025 and end the week of May 5, 2025. There will be two weeks without classes. A break for reading week / Family Day, from February 17 - 23. There will also be a break the week of Easter, from April 18 - 27. As two Fridays are off for Easter, the Friday Intermediate II class will not end until May 16.

Required competencies:

- Beginner I: none
- Beginner II: basic vocabulary; basic knowledge of the Ukrainian alphabet
- Intermediate II: some reading and writing skills; create sentences and conversations

A course textbook is recommended; the textbooks are Mohyla property and are loaned out for each class. There is a deposit required of \$85 for the textbook loan, fully refundable upon return.

For those participating from out of city, electronic materials will be provided.

We are accepting registrations from anywhere in Canada. Register for your class today!

Email: info@mohylainstitute.ca

Phone: 306.653.1944

Class Schedule



Beginner I

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30pm CST



Beginner II

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30pm CST



Intermediate II

Fridays, 6:30 - 8:30pm CST

Greetings from the Kamenari at Mohyla!

Христос Родився!

2024 has been a vibrant and unforgettable year for the residents of Mohyla! This year has been packed with events for residents that have been put together by the Kamenari at Mohyla. Our goal has always been to bring the residents of Mohyla together through meaningful events and activities that create memories that last a lifetime, and friendships to extend beyond our time at school. From our spectacular Casino Night to the spooky fun of the Halloween Party and the warmth of our Christmas Gift Exchange, Kamenari has worked hard to create events that bring everyone together.

We've also proudly celebrated our Ukrainian heritage by supporting the events Mohyla Institute puts on, like the Holodomor Awareness Exhibit and the Ukrainian Christmas Market. These events not only honor our roots but also educate the broader Mohyla community on what Ukrainian culture looks, feels, and sounds like. Looking ahead, we're excited to bring even more cultural festivities into the new year, with Malanka as one of the major events already in the works. We are also looking forward to the reveal of the Kamenari art donation, to be held at the upcoming Alumni & Kamenari Wine & Cheese that underscores our commitment to leaving a lasting legacy for Mohyla and future residents.

As President of Kamenari, one aspect of my role I've been very passionate about is fostering leadership development among our members. This year, we are launching professional development initiatives to empower Kamenari members with skills and experiences that will serve them in their careers. By attending upcoming conferences and professional development events, we're helping to prepare future leaders while strengthening the skills they have today to further enhance the impact Kamenari has on the residents of Mohyla.

Beyond our structured events, the everyday life at Mohyla has been just as lively. Whether it's a spontaneous game of ping-pong or pool, a shared movie night, or quiet study sessions in our common areas, there's always a sense of connection and activity. This constant buzz is a testament to the strong community spirit we've built together. As we step into 2025, my vision as President is to continue leading with enthusiasm and dedication. I aim to ensure that Kamenari remains a source of joy, growth, and support for every resident. From our exciting upcoming events to our ongoing leadership-building activities, Kamenari is committed to creating a space where everyone feels valued, connected, and inspired.

From all of us at Kamenari and Mohyla, we wish you a joyful Christmas season and a New Year filled with new memories, friendships, and successes. Here's to another incredible year together!

Luke Rybalka
Kamenari President



Wine & Cheese

Alumni & Kamenari Event
February 7, 2025

Join us on February 7, 2025 for a social Wine & Cheese!

Mohyla Institute was gifted a painting by artist Julian Krajkiwsky depicting Ivan Franko's poem "Kamenari". We will be unveiling the art at the Wine & Cheese and would love for you to join us.

All alumni and friends of Mohyla Institute are invited to attend! Our current Kamenari executive are working with Mohyla employees to put a great event on that has many generations sharing in camaraderie and spirit.

Please register to attend this event by emailing info@mohylainstitute.ca. There is no cost to attend, but a donation to cover any drinks is appreciated.

Save the date!



Oksana Chetverikova, Mariana Stickwood, Sara Detenshen, and Luke Rybalka. Kamenari Executive Members and Mohyla Employees celebrating the University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students' Association 95th Anniversary.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Please be advised that the AGM for St. Petro Mohyla Institute is scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 7:00pm via zoom. To attend the meeting, please RSVP to Mohyla Institute Administration by email info@mohylainstitute.ca or by telephone 306-653-1944.

A current membership is required to participate in annual general meetings. Membership must be current a minimum of two weeks prior to any general meetings.

AGM,
Jan 30 - 7PM



Thank You!

To those who give so generously throughout the year, thank you for thinking of Mohyla Institute.

Thank you to the following who donated to St. Petro Mohyla Institute from December 23, 2023 - December 23, 2024:

Personal Donations

> \$2,500

Dr. Denis Roy Cullimore - Regina, SK

Stephen & Sandra Senyk - Regina, SK

In memory of James & Anna Darcovich

In memory of Dr. Rudolph (Rudy) Hrycay

In memory of Albert Kachkowski

In memory of Wasyl & Michaelena Senyk

In memory of Pearl Darcy Syrnyk

\$500 - \$2,499

Stefan & Roma Franko - Toronto, ON

In memory of Albert Kachkowski

Marianne Makowsky - Edmonton, AB

In memory of Mitch (Dmetro) Makowsky

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Rebecca Day - Minneota, MN

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Emelia Samcoe - Saskatoon, SK

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Larry Balion - Saskatoon, SK

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Dr. Robert Chayka - Saskatoon, SK

Alicia Danylchuk - AB

Cheryl Fedusiak - Saskatoon, SK

In memory of Albert Kachkowski

Mary Graham - North Battleford, SK

Wayne Hydeman - Regina, SK

Cecilia Kachkowski - Saskatoon, SK

Larry & Alicia Klopoushak - Saskatoon, SK

Taras & Dorothy Korol - Canora, SK

In memory of Albert Kachkowski

In memory of Rudy Hrycay

Lilia & Patrick Livingstone - Norquay, SK

Gerald & Cathy Luciuk - Regina, SK

Elaine Maksymiuk - Saskatoon, SK

Memberships are eligible for Income Tax Receipts. Donation receipts are issued electronically.

Please verify your email address, mailing address, and phone number when sending in your membership or donation.

Donations can be made to St. Petro Mohyla Institute via e-transfer, cheque, Flywire (credit card), or PayPal.

To donate via credit card, select Mohyla Institute as a payee on Flywire's website.

To donate via e-transfer or PayPal, send it to
info@mohylainstitute.ca.

To donate via cheque, please make the cheque out to Mohyla Institute and mail to
1240 Temperance Street, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 0P1.

Thank you for your continued support!

Natalie Maruschak - Alvena, SK

Nadia Maruschak-Clay - Saskatoon, SK

Anne Metrunc - Leoville, SK

In memory of Albert Kachkowski

Daria Michayluk - Saskatoon, SK

C. Mervin Ozirny - Melville, SK

Lesia Perritt - Edmonton, AB

In memory of Albert Kachkowski

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Don & Joan Popowich - Cochrane, AB

Tom & Nadine Potts - Saskatoon, SK

In memory of Albert Kachkowski

Donald Purich - Saskatoon, SK

Dena Rak- Saskatoon, SK

Linda Rudachyk - Rosthern, SK

Moira Stoll - Melville, SK

Dr. Bernie & Mary Ann Trischuk - Yorkton, SK

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Evelyn & Edward Wojcichowsky- Saskatoon, SK

In memory of Albert Kachkowski

Martin & Gloria Zip - Saskatoon, SK



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Saskatchewan Lotteries - Regina, SK

\$4,320 PNPCG Funding

Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Choir - Saskatoon, SK

\$550 Honorarium

Ukrainian Society of Prosvita - Regina, SK

\$500

Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Saskatoon Branch

\$200 Honorarium

Ukrainian Canadian Professional & Business
Association - Saskatoon, SK

\$200



**Ukrainian Canadian Professional &
Business Association of Saskatoon**



St. Petro Mohyla Institute

future building

St. Petro Mohyla Institute's mandate is to serve the Ukrainian community through post-secondary student housing, providing cultural programming, and acting as a resource to Ukrainian organizations.

Unfortunately, Mohyla Institute is located in an ageing building unable to compete with modern apartment buildings and without the space to offer the cultural programming we would like to. The Mohyla Institute Board of Directors and Executive Director recognize this and have developed a revised business model that reflects our shifting Ukrainian community needs: a multi-generational residence for students and seniors incorporating daycare, office, meeting, and performance spaces.

The development of a shared community space for different generations to facilitate social interaction and cultural education recognizes current community needs, as well as future housing trends.

Throughout its impressive 109-year history, Mohyla Institute has been at the forefront of meeting the needs of the Ukrainian community.

The proposed business model is predicated on the concept of community building through an intergenerational living environment and shared spaces. The financial viability of the senior and student housing spaces, along with the daycare space, will enable Mohyla Institute to facilitate the shared community spaces.

This focus on multiple generations constitutes the social and cultural impact Mohyla Institute would like to provide for the Ukrainian community.





Mohyla Institute Conceptual Plan

The Mohyla Institute Board of Directors and Executive Director have developed a new Conceptual Plan for Mohyla Institute, respecting and building on our history (1916-) while innovating for a new generation. This began with us trying to answer the question: How can an innovative business model be developed with key stakeholder support for Mohyla Institute to better serve the Ukrainian community? Our answer: Develop a multi-generational Ukrainian centre.

Senior and student housing incorporating daycare/preschool, office, meeting, and performance spaces along with a grocery/convenience store and restaurant/pub (the latter two dependent on location need).

Mohyla Institute has allocated **\$200,000** to the process of developing the conceptual plan into a business plan with architectural renderings. We look forward to sharing progress as we move forward. The dedicating of funds is a strong commitment to see this project through and we welcome any and all additional support from our community.

Call for Board Members

We are looking for community members who would like to sit on the Mohyla Institute Board of Directors.

If you have the following skillsets and a desire to see Mohyla move forward, we would love to hear from you!

- Relevant Industry Experience
- Accounting / Financial / Fundraising
- Marketing
- Strategic Direction
- Community Outreach

If you are interested, please send an email to sdetenshen@mohylainstitute.ca with your resume, stated interest, and if you wish to be considered for the Advisory Board or the Board of Directors. We are looking forward to hearing from you!



Setting up an Advisory Committee

We are in the process of finalizing our Advisory Committee Members to advise the Mohyla Institute Board of Directors with their expert knowledge and guidance as the conceptual plan moves forward. The next step for the advisory committee will be to help the Executive Director shape the RFP for the Business Plan development. This will be approved by the Board of Directors and sent out for proposals.

A Former Newcomer

My experience 3 years later, on war, Ukraine, Canada, and community



War. A word that once seemed like something from history books and I did not think would happen again in my country. The morning of February 24, 2022, changed the perception not only of this word, but also the lives of all Ukrainians.

I remember that for the first 2 weeks I didn't sleep at all, I just watched the news. We ran to shelters during every air raid, where it was damp and wet, because no one expected this to happen, and no one was prepared for it. Our shelter was the basement in my parents' house, which was intended for storing vegetables. I will never forget the feeling when my whole body clenches with fear because the walls are shaking because a missile flew over my house, or even worse when it hits someone's house, even if it's a few kilometers away from mine. And I was in a safer city at that time. At the moment, there is no safe city in Ukraine that is not hit by enemy missiles.

Everyone hoped that it would end in a few weeks. But time passed, and news about Kyiv, Irpin, Bucha, Mariupol, and other cities killed faith. Of course, I lost my job as a school employee. My savings were dwindling, and the fear was growing that one day the pharmacies would run out of the life-saving insulin which my husband needed. We decided to leave the country. The hardest decision of my life and the hardest part was saying

goodbye to my family. Because at that moment I understood that this could be the last hug and I wanted to remember this feeling, the scent of my mother...

It was a strange feeling when we crossed the border of Poland on the bus, from where we had already left for Canada. The sky was the same as in Ukraine but peaceful, and it was easy to recognize Ukrainians in the crowd because the planes flying overhead scared only them. Even a year after being in Canada, this sound scared me. It was scary, a foreign country, no acquaintances or friends, and we didn't know where we would live either.

Halfway through the trip, we received a message from the Ukrainian Canadian Congress that Mohyla Institute was ready to host us for the first few months while we looked for housing and work. I do not have words to describe how happy and grateful we were. This gave us the opportunity to recover from everything that had happened and the long, difficult journey. Mohyla Institute became our first home in Canada. And who would have thought that in 1.5 years I would return here as an employee! Therefore, I can definitely say that Mohyla Institute has played a big role in my life lately. I will always remember and appreciate this.

In the summer of 2025, it will be 3 years since I have lived and worked in Canada. I have the opportunity to help my relatives who cannot leave, to help the Armed Forces of Ukraine by sending donations, I can talk about the beauty of Ukrainian culture to people who may not have heard of it before. Can I say that since I arrived here, the war does not bother me anymore? No, it is probably even more than before. After all, I continue to follow the news, I still have applications on my phone that notify me of an air raid, and if my parents do not respond at that moment, my heart stops.

But I learned to live with it and despite this, look for the positive. I thank God for new acquaintances and new friends that I met in the Ukrainian community, at meetings for newcomers, in church, the Ukrainian Museum and the Ukrainian Day in the Park where I participated by selling my polymer clay products. My hobby, which I call on Instagram @Gift_Town_handmade, helped me get through an emotionally difficult period, so I am grateful to those who supported me when I just started to resume my activities in Canada.

Thank you to those who loved my cups, spoons, polymer clay accessories. I am glad that I was able to make about 30 cups for teachers at Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School in my first year here in Canada, about 50 pairs of earrings for the Lastiwka choir to go with one of their wonderful costumes celebrating their 40th anniversary. Thank you to everyone who believed in me and continues to order original gifts, this helps me donate to the Ukrainian Army or urgent volunteer gatherings in Ukraine, because I give a percentage of my earnings to this very cause.

Now Canada is no longer a foreign country. It is a country that I have come to love and see my future here, but my love for Ukraine will never be less.

On behalf of all the newcomers after the start of the full-scale invasion, I thank our large community for all the help, support, and continued assistance to the Ukrainians who remain in Ukraine and the Ukrainian Army.

Oksana Chetverikova



2024 - 2025 Scholarships

The following scholarships were awarded to our deserving scholarship recipients.

Paraska Beahun Scholarship

2024 recipient: Clayton Dubiel - \$400

"This is awarded to students who achieve above average academic standings at the University of Saskatchewan."

John Fedan Scholarship

2024 recipient: Clayton Dubiel - \$800

"The candidate for this scholarship should be between the ages of 19 and 25, have an academic average standing of at least 75% and be in their second year of attendance at the university. Other factors that are given consideration are leadership, wholesome participation in co-curricular student activities at the Institute and financial need."

Sophie Greschuk Award

2024 recipient: Petro Lazurko - \$800

"The Greschuk award is offered to students who develop fluency in spoken and written Ukrainian, demonstrate appreciation of the value of Kamenari student club, have at least an average achievement and may have financial need for assistance."

Nicholas & Olga Hawrysh Memorial Scholarship

2024 recipient: Petro Lazurko - \$200

"To be awarded to a post secondary student of Ukrainian descent. The student must demonstrate average or above average academic achievement, and be actively involved in Ukrainian cultural activities. This award is open to residents of Mohyla Institute."

Connie, Olga & Ludwig Kaye Jubilee Scholarship

2024 recipient: Luke Rybalka - \$800

"This scholarship was set up to encourage students to develop leadership in Ukrainian Community Work. The student must



demonstrate an average academic achievement level but wholesomely and successfully be involved in cultural co-curricular specific activities. The applicant for this scholarship should have demonstrated leadership qualities and continued interest in the future."

Prokop Kindrachuk Award

2024 recipient: Petro Lazurko - \$800

"The Kindrachuk award is to recognize the Mohyla Institute resident who took the objectives of the Institution seriously, was involved in student organizations, was competent in the Ukrainian language and achieved academically on at least an average level."

Mr. & Mrs. George M. Kotelko Scholarship

2024 recipient: Nicole Eley - \$200

"This scholarship is preferably awarded to a student pursuing a career in nursing."

Marie Kotelko Scholarship

2024 recipient: Luke Rybalka - \$200

"This scholarship is offered to assist academically successful students and leaders in student affairs to pursue their higher education objective."

Kraynick Leadership Award

2024 recipient: Mariana Stickwood - \$600

"This award is presented to students who demonstrate exceptional leadership and involvement at the Institute. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of fulfillment of requirements for good leadership, combined with their being judged for leadership potential."

Doreen Machula Pharmacy Scholarship

2024 recipient: Nicole Eley - \$600

"This scholarship is awarded to a University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian pharmacy student."

Pitts Scholarship

2024 recipient: Clayton Dubiel - \$300

"This scholarship is awarded to a University of Saskatchewan student of Ukrainian origin and a resident at Mohyla Institute. (At least one parent should be of Ukrainian Descent). It is to be based upon academic achievement primarily and secondarily upon financial need."

Christa Potts Memorial Scholarship

2024 recipient: Mariana Stickwood - \$200

"This is awarded to a female University of Saskatchewan student who serves on the executive of the Kamenari Student Society or who makes major contributions to the activities sponsored by the Society."

John Rudewsky Award

2024 recipient: Mariana Stickwood - \$400

"This award is to recognize leadership qualities in the cultural-educational activities at the Institute."

Semeniw Leadership Award

2024 recipient: Luke Rybalka - \$600

"This award is presented to students who demonstrate leadership qualities and involvement in Canadian Ukrainian student affairs."

Sorokan Memorial Scholarship

2024 recipient: Luke Rybalka - \$400

"This scholarship is awarded to a University of Saskatchewan student who achieves average or above average academic standing and participated in cultural activities at the Institute."

Taras & Myron Stetzenko Scholarship

2024 recipient: Rio Mota - \$300

"This scholarship is awarded to students who are culturally aware and are in financial need to pursue academic goals."

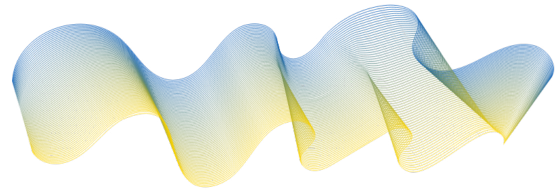
Zacharuk Scholarship

2024 recipient: Rio Mota - \$100

"This is an open scholarship to residents of Mohyla Institute."

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Membership matches our fiscal year, September - August. All memberships expire annually on August 31.



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Vision

To serve as a premiere student residence and cultural centre that promotes the highest ideals of Ukrainian culture and Orthodox spirituality within a global community.



Mission

To provide a supportive and inclusive living and learning environment for our residents and community at large.



Values

- Orthodox world view in the Ukrainian cultural tradition
- Education
- Leadership
- Stewardship
- Social Responsibility
- Inclusivity
- Integrity



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