

# THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

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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.



## U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committee

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.

### The 2013 U.S. Academic Committee is composed of:

Prof. M.B. Biskupski	Department of History, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut.
Prof. Janina Brutt-Griffler	Professor and Associate Dean for Curriculum and Global Initiative, Director of Polish Studies, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York.
Marian Kornilowicz, Esq.	Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, P.C.
Ewa Radwanska, M.D., Ph.D.	Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

### Members of the Polish Academic Commission for 2012/2013 Advanced Research/Study Program for Polish Citizens include:

Dr. Maria Brewinska	Curator, Zacheta National Gallery of Art in Warsaw. Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.
Prof. Slawomir Jozefowicz	Assistant Professor, Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, Institute of Political Science, University of Warsaw. Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.
Dr. Jaroslaw Kusmierczyk	Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology. Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.



## EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR POLISH CITIZENS

**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, the Foundation awards Fellowships to postgraduate scholars, professionals, or artists with degrees. Grants are awarded to those without doctoral degrees. Fellowships and Grants are awarded for 3, 5, or 10-month periods, depending on the nature and scope of the research project, the recommendations of the American institution of higher learning, and the U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committees.

During fiscal year 2013, 24 Polish scholars and scientists successfully completed their scholarly and scientific projects, receiving nearly **\$300,000** in support from the Foundation.

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

During the 2012/13 academic year, the Foundation sponsored Teaching Fellowships at: the University of Indiana at Bloomington; 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.



## SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Subject of Research/Study</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
BRZozowski, Grzegorz	Ph.D. candidate in Sociology, University of Warsaw	Three month Grant to conduct research towards his doctoral dissertation entitled: <i>Performance Sacred: Modern Festivity. Between Ritual and Spectacle</i> at Yale University with Professor Jeffrey Alexander.	\$7,650	Henry and Ludmille Wojtkowski Scholarship
CAP, Piotr	Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Lodz	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the evolution of the US-anti-terrorist rhetoric in the last 10 year, from G.W. Bush's announcement of the war-on-terror on the night of the 9/11 attacks, to the present policies of the Obama administration at Boston University with Prof. Bruce Fraser.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
CHELSTOWSKA, Agata	Ph.D. candidate in Applied Social Sciences, University of Warsaw	Three month Grant to conduct research towards her Ph.D. thesis on <i>Discipline, resistance, agency: Study of work and trade union activism of female supermarket employees in Poland</i> at the New School University for Social Research with Professor Elzbieta Matynia.	\$7,650	Walter Jarzembski Fund



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CIZEWSKA, Elzbieta	Assistant Professor at the Department of History of Ideas and Anthropology of Culture, University of Warsaw	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on social movement theory with special emphasis on the role of culture in creating and directing the dynamics of a social movement at Columbia University with Prof. John S. Micgiel.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
DESZCZ-TRYHUBCZAK, Justyna	Assistant Professor, Department of English Studies, University of Wroclaw	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on utopianism in recent American radical fantasy literature for children and young adults at Rutgers University with Professor Daniel Hart.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
JAWOREK, Anna	Archivist, State Archive in Siedlce	Five month Grant to conduct research on "Czeslaw Milosz and his cooperation with PIASA" at the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in New York with Prof. M.B. Biskupski.	\$11,710	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
KOŁODZIEJCZYK, Ewa	Lecturer, Institute of Philology and Pedagogy, Kasimir Pulaski Technical University, Radom	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the American themes in Czeslaw Milosz's work between 1945 and 1953, when he was a Polish diplomat in Washington, DC, at Columbia University with Prof. John Micgiel.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund



<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Subject of Research/Study</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
KREMPLEWSKA, Katarzyna Joanna	Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy, Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw	Three month Grant to conduct research towards her doctoral dissertation entitled: <i>George Santayana-Thinking Reclaimed</i> at Vanderbilt University with Prof. John Lachs.	\$7,650	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
KUJAWINSKA- COURTNEY, Krystyna	Full Professor, Vice- Dean for Academic and International Affairs, British and Commonwealth Studies Department, University of Lodz	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on Helena Modjeska's career and life in the USA in 1877-1909 against background of the American politics and culture at Columbia University with Professor William B. Worthen.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
LUCZAK, Ewa Barbara	Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Warsaw	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on heredity and social engineering in American Literature at Johns Hopkins University with Professor Eric Sundquist.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
LUKASIEWICZ, Aleksandra	Ph.D. candidate in Clinical Psychology, Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program at CUNY, NY	A supplementary grant to cover living expenses associated with her stay in NY while studying for Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology Program at CUNY, NY.	\$10,000	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund





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PUDLOCKI, Tomasz Artur	Adjunct Professor, Department of History, Jagiellonian University	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on <i>Roman Dyboski – Polish Ambassador without portfolio to the United States of America and the beginning of the Kosciuszko Foundation</i> at Columbia University with Professor John Micgiel.	\$9,970	Irene Frees Fund
STANKIEWICZ, Piotr Mikolaj	Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy, University of Warsaw	Three month Grant to conduct research on the revival of stoic philosophy at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska with Professor William Stephens and at Hollins University with Professor Lawrence Becker.	\$7,650	Feliks and Harriet Basista Fund
WISNIEWSKI, Mikolaj Jakub	Assistant Professor, Institute of English Studies, Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the unpublished papers of poet James Schuyler at University of California, San Diego with Professor Michael Davidson.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
ZYCHLINSKA, Monika Hanna	Ph.D. candidate in Sociology, University of Warsaw	Five month Grant to conduct research towards her Ph.D. thesis on the process of shaping the public image of women veterans of Vietnam War at The New School for Social Research with Professor Elzbieta Matynia.	\$11,710	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund



## SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE ARTS

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Subject of Research/Study</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
GUSTOWSKA, Izabela	Full Professor, Faculty of Multimedia Communication, Department of Intermedia, University of Arts, Poznan	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on "Strings of Time, The Case of Josephine Hopper." Her Project will be documented in a film about the life and art of the renowned American painter Edward Hopper. The research and work will be conducted at the Tyler School of Art, Temple University with Prof. Christian Tomaszewski.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
KEDZIORA, Monika	Ph.D. candidate in Art History, Institute of Art History, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan	Three month Grant to conduct research on contemporary spatial installations at Harvard University with Professor Ewa Lajer-Burcharth.	\$7,650	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
KOZERA, Katarzyna	Ph.D. candidate in Fine Arts, Department of Animated Film, Photography & Digital Media, Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts, Krakow, Poland	A supplementary Grant to conduct research towards her doctoral thesis "Society in the State of Danger" at Maryland Institute College of Arts with Prof. Timothy Druckrey.	\$10,000	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund



<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Subject of Research/Study</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
KRACIK, Michal	Assistant, Department of Industrial Design, Jan Matejko University of Fine Arts, Krakow	Five month Fellowship to conduct research on preliminary astronaut injury countermeasure and protection suit design at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics with Professor Dava Newman.	\$14,100	Stanislas Chylinski Fund

## **POLISH STUDIES SCHOLARS**

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Subject of Research/Study</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
MAZURKIEWICZ, Anna Alicja	Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Gdansk	Ten months to teach in the Polish Studies Program at the State University of New York, Buffalo and to conduct research on the monograph about the Assembly of Captive European Nations with Prof. Janina Brutt-Griffler.	\$25,500	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
SZTABNICKA, Emilia Paulina	Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics, University of Lodz	Ten months to teach Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at Indiana University, Bloomington.	\$25,500	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund



## SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE SCIENCES

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Subject of Research/Study</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
SURMA, Martyna Joanna	Ph.D. candidate, Faculty of Environmental Engineering and Geodesy, Institute of Landscape Architecture, Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences	Three month Grant to conduct research on the " Green Infrastructure Planning as the Part of Sustainable Urban Development. Case Study of the New York City" at Columbia University, Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics with Professor Patricia Culligan.	\$7,650	The Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund
SZMYT, Janusz Stanislaw	Adjunct Professor, Department of Silviculture, Poznan University of Life Sciences	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the area of spatial statistics with applications to forestry and natural resource management at Colorado State University with Professor Robin M Reich.	\$9,970	Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund
ZDROJEWSKI, Tomasz Roman	Associate Professor, Head, Department of Prevention and Didactics in Department of Hypertension and Diabetology, Medical University of Gdansk	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the Framingham risk functions to a representative cohort in Easter Europe and compare their performance to the EURO-SCORE algorithms at Boston University, Statistics and Consulting Unit with Professor Ralph B D'Agostino and Professor Michael Pencina.	\$9,970	Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund



## Special and Travel Grants 2012/2013

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Grant</b>
\$17,803.80	To Professor Elizabeth Kosakowska for teaching Polish literature and language courses in the Polish Studies Program at Hunter College, City University of New York.	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
\$13,508	Towards the expenses of Joanna Wrobel and Patrycja Sroczyk, two high school students from Poland, to study at the English Language Institute at Pace University in New York City during Summer 2012.	Sophie Wojciechowski Fund
\$3,000	To Marta Kalabinska for a summer program at the German Language School, Middlebury Language Schools in Vermont. Ms. Kalabinska is a first year graduate student at Yale University, New Haven, CT majoring in History. The study of the German language is required in order to conduct further research in German towards her dissertation project on the borderland of Poland and Germany.	Josephine and Ignatius Wall Memorial Scholarship Fund
\$2,000	To Dr. Emilia Stanczyk Wolowiec, Lodz University of Technology, for her work in utilizing artificial intelligence to aid the development of material engineering processes.	Prof. Michal Smialowski Memorial Fund
\$1,582	To Professor Jozef Szudy of the Institute of Physics, Nicholas Copernicus University in Torun for the 2013 membership dues and subscription fees of the Optical Society of America's scientific journals.	Stanislaw Mrozowski Fund
\$1,500	To Lukasz Golinski for the special Jan Kiepusa Prize at the 8th International Moniuszko Vocal Competition in Warsaw, May 2013.	Kosciuszko Foundation Cultural Endowment Fund In Memory of Dr. James Hagadus



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\$1,500	To Anatoli Sivko for the special Jan and Edward Reszke Prize at the 8th International Moniuszko Vocal Competition in Warsaw, May 2013.	Kosciuszko Foundation Cultural Endowment Fund In Memory of Dr. James Hagadus
\$1,500	Towards the publication of Dr. Beata Dorosz's book: <i>New York Patience. The Unknown Side of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America and the Two Poets in Exile.</i>	Joseph B. Slotkowski Publication Fund
\$1,500	To three groups of students from Poland (Wroclaw, Krakow, Lublin) conducting a Community Service Workshop for the 2012 U.S. - Poland Youth Leadership Exchange Program. The Foundation is an American partner of the Program which was initiated by a United States Senator, Richard G. Luger and is administrated by the American Councils for International Education in Washington D.C.	Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund
\$1,500	Representing the judges' honorariums to David Dubal, Mirian Conti, and Jon Samuels for the Chopin Piano Competition, September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2012.	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$1,500	To Jun Wei for the third prize scholarship award in the Chopin Piano Competition on September 29, 2012.	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$1,000	To Julie Ann Hamula, the 3 <sup>rd</sup> prizewinner of the KF's 2012 Marcela Sembrich Competition, to participate in the May 2013 International Moniuszko Competition in Warsaw.	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$850	To Olivia Cieslar of Westwood, N.J. for first year of undergraduate studies in Pre-Medicine at the University of Scranton, Scranton, PA. Ms. Cieslar is a member of the Polish American Club of North Jersey.	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund



<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Grant</b>
\$500	To Elektra Kurtis and Ensemble Elektra for her performance of new compositions and improvisations on themes from Szymanowski's <i>Ballet Harnasie</i> and <i>Polish Mountains Podhale</i> , <i>New York Beats</i> , <i>Greek Rhythms</i> and <i>Arabic Modes</i> . The concert was held at the KF on November 29, 2012.	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$450	To Anna Kijanowska for her performance "Homage to Karol Szymanowski" held at the Kosciuszko Foundation's house on Sunday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2012.	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$400	Representing an honorarium to Krystian Tkaczewski for his piano recital held at the KF's House on September 16, 2012.	Anna Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$250	To Dr. Tomasz Pudlocki, KF grantee, to cover expenses associated with his travel to the KF Chicago Chapter for lectures about the history of Roman Dyboski, the first KF scholar.	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
\$150	To Mr. Tadeusz Turkowski, Polish actor, for his interpretation of poetry by Boleslaw Lesmian. <i>An Evening of Love and Poetry</i> was held at the KF on December 4, 2012.	Tadeusz Solowij Literary Fund
\$1,624	To Professor Jozef Szudy of the Institute of Physics, Nicholas Copernicus University in Torun for the 2012 membership dues and subscription fees of the Optical Society of America's scientific journals.	Stanislaw Mrozowski Fund



## The Domestic Scholarship Programs

Scholarships to Americans and Polish Americans, known informally as the "domestic" program, form an integral part of the Kosciuszko Foundation's educational programs. Four separate programs comprise the Domestic Scholarship Program:

- The Tuition Scholarship Program for Graduate Studies
- The Graduate and Post-graduate Study and Research Program for Americans in Poland
- The Year Abroad Program in Poland
- The Summer Study Abroad Program

The Foundation awarded scholarships to 98 Americans at American universities, comprised of Polish Americans and Americans who are studying primarily Polish studies, for total scholarship proceeds of \$274,410.

## Domestic Tuition Scholarships

The Kosciuszko Foundation awards Domestic Tuition Scholarships to Polish Americans, Americans studying Polish subjects, and Poles who are permanent residents of the United States to pursue graduate studies in the United States.

The Tuition Scholarships are granted on a competitive basis to full time students at accredited American universities who have an excellent academic record and who are able to demonstrate a strong sense of identification with the Polish American community and with Polish culture in general.

Though the majority of scholarships are designated for graduate study, a limited number are available for undergraduate study. In order to achieve a fair and reasonable diversity amongst grantees, in determining awards, consideration is given to a number of factors, including the age, scholarly affiliation, geographic region and gender of the applicants.

For the 2012/2013 academic year 72 undergraduate and graduate students received \$228,250 in Tuition Scholarships.





## Domestic Tuition Scholarships 2012-2013

<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Burakowski, Lauren of Los Angeles, CA	For fourth year of doctoral studies in Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.	KAZIMIERA ADRIAN ADRIANOWSKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000
Brozyna, Jozef of Roanoke, VA	For fourth year of studies in Osteopathic Medicine, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, WV.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000
Buras, Tomasz of Brooklyn, NY	For first year of graduate studies in Political Science, State University of New York, Binghamton, NY.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Cepak, Jennifer of Morris Plains, NJ	For first year of studies in a Nurse Anesthesia degree, Columbia University, New York, NY.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$6,000
Danielewicz, Christina of Sarasota, FL	For first year of studies in Law, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Tampa, FL.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Eisenbaum, Elaine of Austin, TX	For second year of doctoral studies in Social Work, University of Texas, Austin, TX.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Janowski, John of New Hyde Park, NY	For second year of studies in Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000
Klosowiak, Julian of Glenview, IL	For third year of doctoral studies in Biophysics, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$6,000



<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Kuszewski, Karina of White Plains, NY	For second year of graduate studies in Psychology, Pace University, Pleasantville, NY.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Pekala, Karolina of Shrewsbury, MA	For third year of graduate studies in Clinical Psychology, Long Island University, Brookville, NY.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Sacilowski, Diana of Maspeth, NY	For first year of doctoral studies in Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Illinois, Urbana- Champaign, IL.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Shulock, Adrian of Bellingham, WA	For second year of studies in Business Administration, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Stypko, Anna of New York, NY	For third year of graduate studies in Film Directing, New York University, New York, NY.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000
Ulatowski, Krista of Seattle, WA	For second year of graduate studies in Public Health, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Zapasnik, Veronica of Ozone Park, NY	For first year of graduate studies in Business Administration, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$6,000
Buczek, Magdalena of Brooklyn, NY	For third year of graduate studies in School Psychology, St. John's University, Jamaica, NY.	THE MARY B. CALKA FUND and \$3,000 POPE JOHN PAUL II SCHOLARSHIP	\$3,000
Szachniewicz, Maja of Sherman Oaks, CA	For third year of graduate studies in Marriage and Family Counseling, California State University, Northridge, CA.	THE MARY B. CALKA FUND	\$1,000



<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Kulawik, Monika of South Richmond Hills, NY	For third year of graduate studies in Dental Medicine, Tufts University, Boston, MA.	DR. RAYMOND DZIEJMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Glickman, Eric of Annandale, VA	For first year of studies in Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA.	FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Neumann, Blake of Gainesville, FL	For second year of studies in Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL.	FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Rabkin, Lindsay of New York, NY	For second year of studies in Art History and Archaeology, New York University, New York, NY.	FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Balewski, Weronika of Pittsburgh, PA	For first year of graduate studies in Flute Performance, Longy School of Music, Bard College, Cambridge, MA.	EDWIN L. HARASIMOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND	\$4,000
Jadwiszczok, Agatha of New York, NY	For second year of studies in English Literature, New York University, New York, NY.	DR. CASIMIR V. KIERZKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Mejsak, Anna of Madison, AL	For fourth year of studies in Medicine, Poznan University of Medical Science, Poznan, Poland.	VICTORIA KOKERNAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Sesulka, Martha of Wallington, NJ	For second year of graduate studies in Physical Therapy, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY.	KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000



<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Desai, Anna of Hayward, CA	For second year of doctoral studies in Comparative Biochemistry-Gene Regulation, University of California, Berkeley, CA.	STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Lasota, Przemyslaw of South Plainfield, NY	For first year of graduate studies in Aeronautical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.	STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Szenk, Mariola of Staten Island, NY	For first year of doctoral studies in Biomedical Engineering, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.	STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Yelinek, Kristina of Waynesboro, PA	For first year of graduate studies in Linguistics, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.	REV. PAUL J. MISKOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Lukaszek, Dagmara of Mundelein, IL	For second year of studies in Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL.	THE JOSEPH NOWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Robak, Magdalena of Dix Hills, NY	For first year of studies in Orthopedic Surgery, Harvard University, Boston, MA.	THE DR. EDWARD AND MARIA NOWICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Jastrzembski, Benjamin of Hanover, NH	For third year of studies in Medicine, Harvard University, Boston, MA.	STELLA PINSKA-KEENE TRUST	\$5,000
Czaderna, Bianca of Woodbury, CT	For first year of graduate studies History of Christianity, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN.	POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY FUND OF CONNECTICUT	\$4,000



<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Jednac, Paulina of Brooklyn, NY	For first year of graduate studies in Childhood Education, City University of New York, Hunter College, New York, NY.	DR. IRENE S. PYSZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Krajewska, Anna of Enfield, CT	For first year of graduate studies in Education, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.	DR. IRENE S. PYSZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Zak-Moskal, Agnieszka of Williamsville, NY	For third year of doctoral studies in Educational Leadership, D'Youville College, Buffalo, NY.	DR. IRENE S. PYSZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Milewski, Wojciech of Oswego, NY	For first year of studies in Orchestral Conducting, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.	THE ARTHUR AND HALINA RODZINSKI ORCHESTRAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Weber, Blake of Randolph, NJ	For third year of graduate studies in Financial Management, Pace University, New York, NY.	THE ARTHUR AND GENEVIEVE ROTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Raczka, Maria of Rochester, NY	For third year of doctoral studies in Violin Performance and Literature, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY.	THE EDWARD RZUCIDLO PIANO AND VIOLIN SCHOLARSHIP	\$4,000
Misteravich, Natalie of Bloomington, IN	For fourth year of doctoral studies in Polish Literature, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.	EDWARD J. SCOTT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Knepper, Amanda of Warsaw, IN	For third year of doctoral studies in Physical Therapy, Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL.	EDWARD C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Nicholson, William of La Mirada, CA	For third year of graduate studies in Theology and Philosophy, Biola University, La Mirada, CA.	RICHARD SOBIERAJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000



<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lipinski, Igor of Rochester, NY	For first year of doctoral studies in Piano Performance, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.	MONICA AND FRANK STANITSKI MUSIC FUND	\$4,000
Gawin-Wnek, Patricia of Baltimore, MD	For first year of graduate studies in Violin Performance, Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.	MICHAEL TWAROWSKI FUND	\$4,000
Lapin-Dardashti, Abigail of New York, NY	For second year of graduate studies in Art History, New York University, NY.	THE JOSEPHINE WALL AND IGNATIUS WALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Armas, Avery of Hoboken, NJ	For third year of studies in Law, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ.	THE WASIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Babiarz, Aleksandra of Baltimore, MD	For second year of studies in Medicine, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD.	THE WASIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Thurin, Kristina of Philadelphia, PA	For second year of studies in Medicine, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA.	THE WASIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000
Bobczynski, Cortland of Jamul, CA	For second year of studies in Law, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Doiron, William of Gainesville, FL	For third year of studies in Law, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Halim, Kareem of College Point, NY	For second year of studies in Medicine, Harvard University, Boston, MA.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$6,000



<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ignatik, Grzegorz of Montgomery Village, MD	For fourth year of doctoral studies in Theology, John Paul II Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Jankowicz, Nina of Washington, DC	For second year of graduate studies in Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Myrna, Sarah of Athens, GA	For third year of doctoral studies in Pharmacy, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Nehring, Emilia of Maspeth, NY	For first year of studies in Civil Engineering, The City College of New York, New York, NY.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Nieuwland-Zlotnicki, Alexander Olivier of Philadelphia, PA	For third year of graduate studies in Architecture, Yale University, New Haven, CT.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Ozga, Krzysztof of Maumee, OH	For first year of doctoral studies in Pharmacy, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Raczek, Katherine of Miami, FL	For second year of studies in Medicine, Florida International University, Miami, FL.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$6,000
Socha, Andrzej of Ann Arbor, MI	For second year of graduate studies in Aerospace Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Stefanski, Jan of Minneapolis, MN	For second year of graduate studies in Graphic Design, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000



<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Tyski, Anna of Hatboro, PA	For second year of studies towards a Masters in Business Administration, Villanova University, Villanova, PA.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Ura, Annette of Wallington, NJ	For second year of studies in Podiatric Medicine, New York College of Podiatric Medicine, New York, NY.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Urbaniak, Anna of Boone, NC	For second year of graduate studies in Psychology, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Radomski, Sean of Williamsburg, VA	For second year of studies in Law, William and Mary Law School, Williamsburg, VA.	THE MICHALINA AND HERMAN ZIMBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Hewitt, Marlena of Brighton, MA	For senior year of undergraduate studies in Architectural Design, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA.	MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF POLISH WOMEN'S CLUBS FUND	\$1,250
Amiaga, Morgan of Franklin Lakes, NJ	For freshman year of undergraduate studies in Computer Science, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$1,000
Ciecierski, Caroline of East Rutherford, NJ	For senior year of undergraduate studies in Public Health, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$1,400
Filochowski, Piotr of Hamden, CT	For studies in Violin, Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, PA.	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$1,900
Trochimchiuk, Natalia of Mahwah, NJ.	For junior year of undergraduate studies in Systems Engineering, George Washington University, Washington, DC.	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$1,700





Name	Purpose	Fund	Amount
Wis, Sandra of Clifton, NJ	For senior year of undergraduate studies in Elementary Education, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$1,200
Lazar, Alexandra of Belleville, NJ	For senior year of undergraduate studies in Communications, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$800
Bronchard, Robert of Brooklyn, NY	For freshman year of undergraduate studies in Biology, City University of New York, Hunter College, NY, NY.	POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BROOKLYN, USA, INC. FUND	\$2,000

## THE YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM IN POLAND 2012/2013

The Year Abroad Program offers American students the opportunity to study Polish language, history, literature and culture in Poland for college credit at the undergraduate level at the Jagiellonian University's Center for Polish Language and Culture in the World. The program is sponsored by the Kosciuszko Foundation in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education. Grants are awarded for an academic year or semester. Students receive tuition, housing and a monthly stipend towards living expenses from the Polish government. The Kosciuszko Foundation awards additional grants as subsidies for living expenses. **Funding is provided by the Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund.**

Recipient	Purpose	Amount
BARTSHE, LAUREN of Columbia, MO	B.A. in German, Hendrix College, Conway, AR. M.A. in German, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO	\$1,800
BELZA, ANNA of New Britain, CT	B.A. in Classics, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA.	\$900
CHOJNACKI, MONIKA of Dudley, MA	B.S. in Architecture, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.	\$900



<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
DEPTULA, JAKUB of Haskell, NJ	Undergraduate junior majoring in Media Studies and History, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC	\$900
JIMENEZ, NATIVIDAD of Brownsville, TX	B.A. in Spanish Translation and French, University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, TX	\$1,800
KLINE, KENNETH of Pellston, MI	B.A. in Liberal Arts, North Central Michigan College, Petoskey, MI	\$1,800
MARKS, PAMELA of Westfield, NJ	B.A. in Psychology, Wagner College, Staten Island, NY.	\$900
OPATKEN-RINGDAL, CECELIA of Westchester, OH	B.A. in English Literature & Cultural Studies, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH	\$900

## **GRADUATE/POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND 2012/2013**

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 Masters, Ph.D. or post-doctoral degrees. The program is also open to university faculty who wish to spend a sabbatical conducting research in Poland. Participants received housing and a stipend for living expenses from the Polish Ministry. Grantees also received funding from the Foundation to subsidize the modest overall grants from the Polish Ministry. **Funding is provided by the Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund.**

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Farinas, Rebecca of Carbondale, IL.	Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL - To conduct research on the philosophy of the art of Danto and the philosophy of culture of Bourdieu by a phenomenological method to determine how Polish culture has been influenced by American pop culture conducted with Dr. Jakub Kloc-Kondolowicz at the Institute of Philosophy, Warsaw University, Warsaw.	\$2,700



## **SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM 2013**

### **TOMASZKIEWICZ-FLORIO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER STUDIES AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, CRACOW**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>
Catlin, Johnathan of South Barrington, IL	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in humanities, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Session C	\$1,985
Cincilla, Anna of Glen Ellyn, IL	Undergraduate junior majoring in international politics, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Session B	\$1,985
Emmett, Brittni of Gilbert, AZ	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in international relations, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. Session C	\$1,985
Gajer, Veronika of Potomac, MD	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in communications, American University, Washington, DC. Session D	\$1,985
Gugala, Agnieszka of Brooklyn, NY	Undergraduate junior majoring in geography, Hunter College, New York, NY. Session A	\$1,985
Herold, Anna of Belle Vernon, PA	Undergraduate junior majoring in civil engineering, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. Session B	\$1,985
Kwiatkowski, Amelia of Maspeth, NY	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in anthropology, Barnard College, New York, NY. Session C	\$1,985
Marczak, Gabrielle of Colonia, NJ	High School senior studying at Colonia High School, Colonia, NJ. Session C	\$1,985
Murphy, Kathleen of Broadview Heights, OH	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in recreational sports, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. Session B	\$1,985



<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>
Rhinehart, Maya of Springfield, MA	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in civil and environmental engineering, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA. Session A	\$1,985
Roszkowski, Sylvia of Bronx, NY	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in education, Hunter College, New York, NY. Session B	\$1,985
Rudy, Paulina of Lawrenceville, NJ	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in biology, Villanova University, Villanova, PA. Session C	\$1,985
Salamon, Mikolaj of Littleton, CO	Undergraduate junior majoring in civil engineering, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. Session B	\$1,985
Sieracki, Jordan of Williamsville, NY	Undergraduate junior majoring in history and government, Daemen College, Amherst, NY. Session C	\$1,985
Sokolowski-Johnson, Joshua of Chelsea, MA	Undergraduate junior majoring in political science, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Session D	\$1,985
Steinbergs, Korina of Redding, CA	Undergraduate junior majoring in exercise and sport/science, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR. Session B	\$1,985



## GRANT FUNDING FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF POLAND

The Kosciuszko Foundation secured \$70,000 in grant funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland to expand its scholarship program and to organize the Economic Conference in 2013. The additional funding was made possible due to the fact that the Kosciuszko Foundation Poland – a Warsaw based branch of the KF - was established in December of 2010, and thus made the organization eligible to apply and benefit from the Polish government's support. The following projects were carried out:

### I. Bridges to Poland Scholarship Program

Thanks to a grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland, the Kosciuszko Foundation awarded **20 special scholarships** to gifted Polish-American students to study Polish language and culture during the summer of 2013 in Krakow and Lublin, Poland. *Bridges to Poland*, a new KF scholarship program was established to distribute the grant. Each scholarship covered program fees of a three-week intensive summer program at the School of Polish Language and Culture at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow and John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin. Program fees included language classes, course materials, additional lectures, accommodations, three meals per day, various cultural events and scheduled sightseeing trips on weekends.

#### ***Bridges to Poland recipients:***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>
Peter Axer	Graduate student of Slavic Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Alexandra Chinchilla	Undergraduate junior majoring in International Politics and Security, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Katarzyna Czerniak	Graduate student of Liberal Arts, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)



<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>
Katrina Gabryluk	Undergraduate senior majoring in Industrial Engineering, University of Pittsburgh, PA.	4,901PLN (c. ~ \$1,605)
Troy A. Gawlak	Undergraduate senior majoring in History, Kent State University, Kent, OH.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Natalie Grochowski	Undergraduate junior majoring in Biology, University of Pittsburgh, PA.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Grzegorz Haranczyk	Undergraduate junior majoring in Information Science, University of Albany, NY.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Julian Klosowiak	Doctoral student in Biophysics, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Violetta Koss	Graduate student of Music, Manhattan School of Music, NY.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Nicholas Mendenhall	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Economy & Russian, US Military Academy, West Point, NY.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Monica Mills	Undergraduate junior majoring in Psychology, Loyola University, Chicago, IL.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Mitchell Suzanne	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Photography, El Camino College, Torrance, CA.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Jan Ostaszewski	Undergraduate junior majoring in Economics, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI.	4,901PLN (c. ~ \$1,605)
Natasha Pedzik	Graduate student of Social Work, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Stephanie Siwec	Graduate student in History, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Thomas A. Snape	Undergraduate sophomore in Accounting Finance, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)



<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>
Céline St. Pierre	Undergraduate junior majoring in Communications Design, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Cynthia Sularz	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.	4,901PLN (c. ~ \$1,605)
Elliot D. Zak	Undergraduate junior majoring in Electrical Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)
Olivia Zralka	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Business, Fordham University, NY.	4,650PLN (c. ~ \$1,525)

## **II. “The Polish Phenomenon; What’s Next for Europe’s New Powerhouse?” – The Kosciuszko Foundation Economic Conference 2013**

A new report on the proceedings of the Kosciuszko Foundation Economic Conference 2013 underscores the continuing strength of the Polish economy, the entrepreneurial spirit of Poland's people and optimism about the country's future. The conference and report were co-financed by funds granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland in the competition for the public task "Cooperation with Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad in 2013." The conference report "The Polish Phenomenon; What's Next for Europe's New Powerhouse?" can be downloaded from the KF website at [www.thekf.org](http://www.thekf.org). A video from the conference is also available on the KF website.

Marek Belka, President of the National Bank of Poland, served as keynote speaker at the conference, which took place on September 27, 2013 at the New York City headquarters of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

The conference also featured two panel discussions. The first panel, titled "Riding Out the Storm: How the Finance and Banking Sector in Poland Navigated the Recession and the Path Ahead," was moderated by Douglas L. Peterson, then President of Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (now CEO of McGraw Hill Financial). The panelists included Pawel Graniewski, Vice President, Management Board of the Warsaw Stock Exchange; Michal H. Mrozek, Managing Director,



Citibank; Dominik Radziwill, Alternative Executive Director, International Monetary Fund; and Pawel Tamborski, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of the Treasury of Poland.

The second panel, "The Land of Opportunity—an Investor Perspective," was moderated by Matthew Kaminski, Member of the Editorial Board, *The Wall Street Journal*. Panelists included Beata Stelmach, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland; Paul Fogo, Esq., Miller Canfield and American Chamber of Commerce in Poland; Roger M. Widmann, Director of the Board, Standard Motor Products; Robert Snell, Managing Director and Global Head of Emerging Markets Multinationals, Citigroup; and Grzegorz Ingot, Advisor to the Supervisory Board, INGLOT Cosmetics.

Both panels, as well as keynote speaker Belka, discussed the rapid, continuing improvement in Poland's infrastructure as well as the next challenge ahead: fostering more R&D and more risk-taking in business, in order to move to the next level as a center of innovation.

## TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND

<u>Fiscal Year 2013 TEIP Program</u>	
21	Teachers
23	Teaching Assistants
4	Staff Leaders
20	American States Represented
300	Polish Students

<u>Since 1991</u>	
2,200	American Volunteers
10,200	Polish Students
112	Education Camps in Poland

The summer of 2013 marked the twenty-third 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.





To accommodate different schedules and interests and to satisfy the demand for such educational opportunities, the Kosciuszko Foundation and our Polish partners offered four choices to students: two English Language/American Culture Camp Programs and two Arts Enriched English Language Camp Programs. Both programs included students ages nine 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.

This year, there were two English Language/American Culture Camp Program opportunities. The first was held at ZHP "Nadwarcianski Grod," Zalecze Wielkie, and the second was held in The District Center for Culture, Education, Tourism, and Sport in Pinczow. Both camps were in session from July 19 to August 2. Both 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 teachers and students are exposed to the culture, history, language, traditions, and people of Poland. Dr. Teresa Wojcik, Philadelphia Chapter President served as the American Staff Leader in Pincow. Mrs. Dawn Woyak from Albuquerque, New Mexico served as the American Staff leader at Zalecze Wielkie.

The Arts Enriched English Language Camp Program celebrated its fifth year since its inception in 2009 in Zalecze Wielkie and a new camp was added this summer in Otwock. The camp in Zalecze Wielkie was in session from June 29 to July 20, and the camp in Otwock was in session from July 1 to July 12. 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 Zalecze 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. Mr. Thomas Rusnak Sr. from Brookfield, Illinois was the American Staff Leader for the second consecutive year at Zalecze. Dr. Mary Kay Pieski, from Tallmadge, Ohio initiated the new camp and served as the American Staff Leader.

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 both the Otwock and Pincow camps.

Mary Kay Pieski Ph.D, volunteer director of the TEIP Program, together with Teresa G. Wojcik Ph.D, volunteer assistant director, facilitated the American aspects of the program; supervised the implementation of the program at each Polish campus site. Mrs. Christine B. Kuskowski has recently been appointed the Director Emeritus for the TEIP Program. Mrs. Kuskowski has served as the program director for twenty-one years. Mr. Krzysztof Haranczyk is the newly appointed TEIP Program coordinator at its headquarters in New York City. Cooperating Polish directors included Ewa Barbara Musiejko (administrator, *Powiatowy Młodzieżowy Dom Kultury Michała Elwiro Andriollego w Otwocku*), Krystyna Mikita (administrator, *Ósrodek Szkoleniowo-Wypoczynkowy ZHP "Nadwarciański Gród"*), and Tomasz Dziurak (administrator, *Powiatowy Ośrodek Kultury Turystyki i Sportu Pińczów*).



This summer a total of 300 Polish students attended the camps located in Zalecze Wielkie, Otwock, and Pinczow. The Foundation has selected four group leaders, twenty-one American teachers and twenty-three teaching assistants to participate in the TEIP Program. Participants hailed from the following twenty states included: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Vermont. Since the TEIP Program began in 1991, the Kosciuszko Foundation has organized a total of 112 educational camps throughout Poland.

The volunteer American teachers and assistants are instrumental in effecting the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission of promoting closer ties between Poland and the United States. The reciprocal nature of the TEIP Program enables large numbers of Polish students and American participants to share in educational, scientific and cross-cultural exchanges.

The Kosciuszko Foundation expresses its gratitude to Dr. Joseph A. Polizzi, Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania for assisting with recruiting teaching assistants and securing funding for registration fees. The following Kosciuszko Foundation chapters contributed financial support for shipping costs for the program: Ohio Chapter, Philadelphia Chapter, and Chicago Chapter.

## **Annual Dinner and Ball**

On April 27th, 2013, The Kosciuszko Foundation celebrated its 78th Annual Dinner and Ball in the Grand Ballroom of New York's elegant Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition was awarded to Wojciech Inglot, President & Founder of Inglot Cosmetics, which has opened more than 330 boutiques around the world.

Henry C. Walentowicz, Esq. and Karina Walentowicz served as Ball Chairmen.



Under the patronage of Mary Kay Pieski, Ph.D., three young ladies: Anastasia Rose Ehlert of Kent, Ohio, Caroline Helen Novak of Longmeadow, Massachusetts and Krystyna Bronchard of Brooklyn, New York were presented as debutantes at the ball.

The Annual Dinner and Ball functions as an opportunity for friends and supporters of the Kosciuszko Foundation to gather and honor those who have made significant contributions to the arts, sciences, history, and literature, as well as to honor young women, bright, talented and ambitious, who seek to walk in the footsteps of those honored.

Guests in attendance this year watched as the masters of ceremonies guided the Ball through a host of traditions, such as the chorus of trumpeters from the Fanfare Squadron of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the singing of Polish and the United States National Anthems by Teresa Wojcik, Ph.D. The Polish American Folk Dance Company led the guests in the traditional Polonaise.

## **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 the Kosciuszko Foundation's nine 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.

## **The Debutante Council**

The presentation of young ladies to the community and into society at the Kosciuszko Foundation's Annual Dinner and Ball in April of each year has been the highlight of the Foundation's calendar of events since it was introduced in 1941. The Debutante Council prepares those young ladies for presentation at the Ball.

The Council is comprised of women of Polish descent who also have longstanding relationships with the Kosciuszko Foundation. The Council invites young women between the ages of 16 and 25 who have shown scholastic achievement and a record of community service to participate as debutantes. The Council members prepare them for their appearance through meetings and a special luncheon. The Debutante presentation is a highlight of the Annual Dinner and Ball, instilling young women with a sense of traditional values, education and conduct in a sophisticated social setting. It is an exciting and elegant experience, creating memories that last a lifetime.