



SUSK honours Ukraine's heroes

Since late November, demonstrations at Kyiv's Maidan have gripped all of Ukraine and the Ukrainian diaspora. The horrific state-sanctioned violence witnessed last week appalled and angered the world. Claiming the lives of some 80 people and injuring many others, the violence was the worst Ukraine has seen in its 23 years as an independent nation. Following these events, Ukraine's acting President, Oleksandr Turchynov, called for national days of mourning. On February 22, the Ukrainian Parliament voted to dismiss President Yanukovich, whose government bears responsibility for the murder of its own people. Last week, SUSK commemorated those who lost their lives and expressed their continued support for Ukraine and its people.

A rally in remembrance of Ukraine's Maidan heroes was held in Toronto on February 23. Following a commemorative ceremony, various political representatives and community leaders shared their thoughts and support, including SUSK External Relations Director, Artem Chaplynsky: "The Maidan heroes should forever be inscribed in the names of our streets and squares, in monuments, and in history books. We have much work ahead of us: we must stabilize the economy, reform the Constitution, and effectively lustrate the government, including the opposition. We will always remember the heroes of the "Небесна Сотня" – they will always be in our hearts, because heroes never die."



Artem Chaplynsky addresses the crowd in Toronto



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Today, flowers and candles of remembrance adorn the portraits of Maidan's heroes in the streets of Kyiv. The Ukrainian Embassy in Ottawa also commemorated Ukraine's losses with a Book of Condolences. On February 25, SUSK Past President Danylo Korbabicz visited the Ukrainian Ambassador, his Excellency Vadym Prystaiko, and signed the Book on behalf of Ukrainian Canadian students. Mr. Prystaiko thanked SUSK for sharing thoughts and prayers with the people of Ukraine.



Danylo Korbabicz and Mr. Vadym Prystaiko

SUSK alumnus Olenka Reshitnyk compiled a video message from over 200 people in the Ukrainian Canadian community in support of the people in Ukraine. Its main message rings true – Canada supports Ukraine and together we are stronger. The video is available in English: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYDv3Cdl0Qs> and in Ukrainian: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=674NV9pH2A4>



Christine Czoli in the Waterloo Record

Recent events in Ukraine have also caught the attention of all Canadians. Last week, SUSK President Christine Czoli was interviewed for a piece featured in the local newspaper.

“Ukraine has a chance to really develop and follow a course of its own choosing,” said Czoli, adding that the country has tremendous resources, both human and natural, that it can draw upon. Ukrainians won't be satisfied with superficial change, Czoli believes. “They're hardened into demanding what they feel should have happened a long time ago.” The full article is available here:

<http://www.therecord.com/news-story/4382816-local-ukrainian-canadians-holding-their-breath-for-reform/>

SUSK urges Ukrainian Canadian students to continue to advocate for the people of Ukraine and their struggle for a better, democratic future.

Ukraine, we are with you!

Україно, ми з вами!

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