

SUSK commends Ukrainian Canadian students for advocating for Ukraine

Following last week's call to action, SUSK commends Ukrainian Canadian students for taking a stand and supporting peace in Ukraine. Various examples from across the country are included below.

University of Ottawa student Maria Arseniuk led a demonstration this past Tuesday in front of the Russian Embassy, after herself spending time at Kyiv's Maidan. She completed excellent interviews with The Ottawa Citizen: http://www.ottawacitizen.com/sports/Kyiv+protests+inspire+Ottawa+demonstrators+sup porting/9577996/story.html and with The Globe and Mail: http://m.theglobeandmail.com/news/news-video/video-rally-for-ukraine-outside-russian-embassy-in-ottawa/article17286395/?service=mobile&cmpid=rss1&click=dlvr.it

For an account of her experiences on Euromaidan, read "EuroMaidan: An inside story of the 21st century's most successful and controversial revolution": <u>http://antidotemag.com/apothecary/euromaidan-an-inside-story-of-the-21st-centurys-most-successful-and-controversial-revolution/</u>



Danylo Moussienko, a firstyear undergraduate student studying biomedical sciences at the **University of Calgary**, helps translate information directly from Ukraine to Canadians.

Danylo was featured in the Metro daily newspaper:

http://metronews.ca/news/calgary/960198/university-of-calgary-student-on-the-frontlines-of-ukraines-information-war/ and in a brief report by CTV: http://calgary.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=301087&fb_action_ids=10151891853380666&fb_ action_types=og.recommends&fb_source=other_multiline&action_object_map=%5B66 1296947251589%5D&action_type_map=%5B%22og.recommends%22%5D&action_ref_ __map=%5B%5D



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Co-Presidents of the Ryerson Ukrainian Students' Club Nestor Szewczyk and Borys Brodziuk

In addition, The Ryersonian featured the Co-Presidents of the **Ryerson University** Ukrainian Students' Club **Nestor Szewczyk** and **Borys Brodziuk**: http://www.ryersonian.ca/?p=14382

The students try to keep up-to-date with information and connect with family and friends back home in Ukraine, as difficult as that is: "Watching the videos makes your body tremble. It's hard to believe these things are actually happening," said Brodziuk, "it makes me feel that if I'm lucky enough to be here and safe in Canada, I have to do as much as I can to help the people in danger in Ukraine."

A concert organized in Toronto in support of Ukraine was also highlighted by The Ryersonian: <u>http://www.ryersonian.ca/?p=14383</u>, and Ryerson students hosted another fundraising pub night this past weekend.



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Serge Gumenyuk, a student in the Fine Arts program at the University of Manitoba, spoke about his Maidan Memorial Project in The Ukrainian Winnipeg: <u>http://www.ukrainianwinnipeg.ca/sergegumenyuk-and-his-maidan-memorial-</u> project/

His portraiture project aims to bring the names and deeds of Maidan's heroes to the audience in Winnipeg: "At first people did not really know what it was, because they could not read Ukrainian names, but as I explained, the idea and weight behind each person's emotion and name began to take shape. I think that some people didn't know the extent of what was going on, so it started a dialogue, which I felt was the point of this project."



SUSK President **Christine Czoli** offered commentary upon request from The Humber News, the campus newspaper of the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning: <u>http://humberjournalism.com/humbernews/tensions-in-ukraine-intensify-over-crimean-invasion/</u>





Members of the **University of Saskatchewan** Ukrainian Students' Association organized a rally in support of Ukraine in front of the statue of Lesya Ukrainka outside the Murray Library on campus. Students **Victoria Kalchenko**, **Katya Khartova**, and **Nadia Kodack** describe the initiative here: <u>http://www.newstalk650.com/story/updateu-s-students-organize-rally-supportukraine/274394</u>

At the rally, Ukrainian supporters shared stories of people directly affected by the conflict, which moved many to tears: <u>http://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/stories-of-ukraine-conflict-bring-tears-to-vigil-1.1718194</u>

Recently, students from leading **Ukrainian universities** compiled a video message titled "**Stop Putin Now**": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DF7YFmBfvT4&feature=youtu.be

Ukrainian Students' Organizations and Ukrainian Canadian students:

SUSK encourages its members to share the video message of our fellow Ukrainian students with all students in Canada. Each and every one of us can advocate for Ukraine and contribute to peace in Ukraine – together and united, we will prevail!

Are you, as a Ukrainian Canadian student, advocating for Ukraine? Is your Ukrainian Students' Organization involved in Euromaidan activities? Have initiatives and ideas to share with SUSK?

→ Send them to: president@susk.ca

Ukraine, we are with you!

Україно, ми з вами!

On behalf of the SUSK National Executive,

Christine Czoli SUSK President