SUSK Congratulates Invictus Games: Team Ukraine

On September 22, members of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union attended a gala reception honouring Ukraine's Invictus team, hosted by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

President Stephanie Nedoshytko, VP Central Mattay Dubczak, VP East Boyan Woychyshyn, and Alumni Director Roman Grod, had the opportunity to speak with Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine. The Executive team also spoke with the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, His Excellency Roman Waschuk, Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, and the Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, and Pavlo Grod, President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.



SUSK National Executive Members (Mattay Dubczak, Roman Grod, Stephanie Nedoshytko, Boyan Woychyshyn)

This event marked Ukraine's first time participating in the Invictus Games, a Paralympicstyle and multisport event. The delegation included 28 former soliders and injured veterans, who participated in various sports which included athletics, power-lifting, swimming, archery, cycling and indoor rowing.



With ongoing Russian aggression in Eastern Ukraine, this event was of particular significance to the veterans and members of the team. "The commitment of the veterans to a free, autonomous, and democratic Ukraine, followed by values of justice, and safety of all is truly outstanding. It was an absolute privilege to honour the veterans on behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union," said Nedoshytko. "Hearing their stories and witnessing their loyalty is unforgettable."

Proceeds from the gala will be directed through the UCC Ukraine Wounded Warriors Fund for the assistance of wounded soldiers in Ukraine, through the Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF).