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Astronomer



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Karol Wojtyła
1920-2005
Pope Saint John Paul II



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Fall of Communism

Advancement of Polish Culture through Education



The Board of Directors of the American Institute of Polish Culture
in Tampa Bay

is proud to announce that in addition to our support
of the local Saturday Polish Schools in
Clearwater, Tampa and Tarpon Springs,
we will be offering annual scholarships
for students in liberal arts, medicine etc.

Details to follow

Students should email their interest to aipctampabay@gmail.com

The beginnings of the American Institute of Polish Culture.

The proclamation of martial law in Poland by General Wojciech Jaruzelski in December 1981 caused a spontaneous flurry of patriotic activity in the small Polish community of Pinellas County, Florida. A group of friends often gathered in our restaurant “Little Europe” to chat and express a yearning for a real local Polish organization.

Our neighbors across the street, Dana and Valenty Kotylak owned a souvenir shop and after the proclamation of martial law in Poland, my husband, Janek Markut, and Valenty Kotylak decided to organize a protest rally. The next meeting of the larger group expressed further approval and all immediately set out to work which included formalities connected with securing time and place for the rally and obtaining appropriate permits. Local newspapers announced the date and time. Ladies sewed flags, men created banners and Janek painted a large portrait of Lech Wałęsa.

The rally took place at the beginning of January 1982 at Crest Lake Park in Clearwater. It was attended by over 500 Poles and Americans. Among those present were the county sheriff, local officials and the mother of the Clearwater mayor, Mrs. Irena LaCher, native of Warsaw, who already had begun to organize financial aid to those interned by the government in Poland. Among those at the rally was Wally West, who came along with his 90-year-old father. He offered to help with our activities. I invited him to our next meeting at the Little Europe, and it was that day that American Institute of Polish Culture was founded.

The protest rally became the spur for organizing the AIPC and Wally West became his first distinguished longtime President. We could devote a lot of space to the achievements of the organization, but the point is that a spontaneous patriotic outburst gave birth to a wonderful, long lived organization.

Submitted by the co-founder, longtime Treasurer and Secretary

Krystyna Markut



Congratulations to Maria Skłodowska-Curie School at the Polish Center in Clearwater on their 40th Anniversary



The Maria Skłodowska-Curie School at the Polish Center in Clearwater was founded thanks to the efforts of Ms. Hanna Kolanko and Ms. Teresa Shahriari, with the aim of providing children from Polish families with the opportunity to learn Polish language, history, tradition and culture. After contacting the Polish School Center in Chicago, receiving a timetable and several school textbooks, the first classes with a small group of children began in September 1982.

The American Institute of Polish Culture in Clearwater provided the school with a check for \$1,938.81 on December 1, 1986 for the needs of the school. Over the years, the number of students in the school has steadily increased.

Although the patronage over the school has changed several times, the dedication, commitment of teachers and parents throughout all these years has made the school last to this day. During the school year from September to May, classes are held on Saturdays in free rooms provided by the Polish Center for them. John Paul II. The program includes multimedia early childhood education, basic learning of the Polish language and Polish history, geography and religion.

It offers a First Holy Communion course and a Polish as a foreign language course for teenagers and adults, levels A1-C2, prepares students for the LOTE (Languages Other Than English) exam, as well as for the state certificate exam. It also plays an important role as a center for artistic events.

The Polish School in Clearwater is supervised by Headmaster Irena Bogusiewicz, who was the first to register the School with the Headquarters of Polish Supplementary Schools in America. Polish School The Maria Skłodowska-Curie School in Clearwater is registered with the Central Office of Polish Supplementary Schools in America and belongs to the Center for the Development of Polish Education Abroad in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education.



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Word from the President—Grzesiek Kapuscinski

Congratulations to our seven 2022/2023 scholarship recipients. We list them as we publish a few of quotes from their essays. As the word is spreading, we are receiving increased level of interest and the application process is becoming more competitive. Moreover, the applicants are of a very high caliber. We are truly proud of the students and what they have achieved so far. As they continue on their educational path, we will be rooting for them. Read all about college opportunities on the following pages.

With the ever changing technology we realized that our routine functions are now becoming more and more challenging. With that in mind, PAE extends technical help with usage of cell phones, laptops etc. Grzesiek is usually available to assist during Thursday's Senior Club meetings or at dinners on Sundays.

And to fund our scholarship fund, we will be hosting a picnic on March 18, 2023. Also due to the increased attendance and the limited space at the Seminole Lake Park shelters (100 limit), we are moving to Phillippe Park shelter 2 which can seat up to 280 people and has 36 tables. We also want to thank the Polish Schools in Clearwater, Tampa and Tarpon Springs for their past participation and look forward to their participation and assistance in 2023.

SAVE THE DATE
PAE PICNIC
to benefit PAE Scholarship Fund
Saturday, March 18, 2023
Phillippe Park Shelter #2, Safety Harbor



The organization was created on February 22, 1996 under the initiative of Mr. Tony Nalepa who brought together a group of friends and volunteers, directing their efforts to create the scholarship fund and promote prominent Polish engineers

Poland's UNESCO Heritage Sites

UNESCO World Heritage Sites are recognized for their outstanding cultural or natural importance to the common heritage of humanity. Poland now boasts 17 locations on the list.



Historic Centre of Kraków. The Historic Centre of Kraków, the former capital of Poland, is situated at the foot of the Royal Wawel Castle. The 13th-century merchants' town has Europe's largest market square and numerous historical houses, palaces and churches with their magnificent interiors. Further evidence of the town's fascinating history is provided by the remnants of the 14th-century fortifications and the medieval site of Kazimierz with its ancient synagogues in the southern part of town, Jagellonian University and the Gothic cathedral where the kings of Poland were buried.



Wieliczka and Bochnia Royal Salt Mines. The deposit of rock salt in Wieliczka and Bochnia has been mined since the 13th century. This major industrial undertaking has royal status and is the oldest of its type in Europe. The site is a serial property consisting of Wieliczka and Bochnia salt mines and Wieliczka Saltworks Castle. Both mines have hundreds of kilometers of galleries with works of art, underground chapels and statues sculpted in the salt, making a fascinating pilgrimage into the past.



Auschwitz Birkenau - German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945). The fortified walls, barbed wire, platforms, barracks, gallows, gas chambers and cremation ovens show the conditions within which the Nazi genocide took place in the former concentration and extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest in the Third Reich. According to historical investigations, 1.5 million people, among them a great number of Jews, were systematically starved, tortured and murdered in this camp, the symbol of humanity's cruelty to its fellow human beings in the 20th century.



Białowieża Forest. The Białowieża Forest World Heritage site, on the border between Poland and Belarus, is an immense range of primary forest including both conifers and broadleaved trees covering a total area of 141,885 hectares. Situated on the watershed of the Baltic Sea and Black Sea, this transboundary property is exceptional for the opportunities it offers for biodiversity conservation. It is home to the largest population of the property's iconic species, the European bison.



Historic Centre of Warsaw. During the Warsaw Uprising in August 1944, more than 85% of Warsaw's historic centre was destroyed by Nazi troops. After the war, a five-year reconstruction campaign by its citizens resulted in today's meticulous restoration of the Old Town, with its churches, palaces and market-place. It is an outstanding example of a near-total reconstruction of a span of history covering the 13th to the 20th century.



Old City of Zamość. Zamosc was founded in the 16th century by the chancellor Jan Zamoysky on the trade route linking western and northern Europe with the Black Sea. Modelled on Italian theories of the 'ideal city' and built by the architect Bernardo Morando, a native of Padua, Zamosc is a perfect example of a late-16th-century Renaissance town. It has retained its original layout and fortifications and a large.



Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork. This 13th-century fortified monastery belonging to the Teutonic Order was substantially enlarged and embellished after 1309, when the seat of the Grand Master moved here from Venice. A particularly fine example of a medieval brick castle, it later fell into decay, but was meticulously restored in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Many of the conservation techniques now accepted as standard were evolved here. Following severe damage in the Second World War it was once again restored, using the detailed documentation prepared by earlier

conservators number of buildings that combine Italian and central European architectural traditions.



Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe. This transnational property includes 94 component parts in 18 countries. Since the end of the last Ice Age, European Beech spread from a few isolated refuge areas in the Alps, Carpathians, Dinarides, Mediterranean and Pyrenees over a short period of a few thousand years in a process that is still ongoing. The successful expansion across a whole continent is related to the tree's adaptability and tolerance of different climatic, geographical and physical conditions.



Wooden Tserkvas of the Carpathian Region in Poland and Ukraine. Situated in the eastern fringe of Central Europe, the transnational property numbers a selection of sixteen tserkvas (churches). They were built of horizontal wooden logs between the 16th and 19th centuries by communities of Orthodox and Greek Catholic faiths. The tserkvas bear testimony to a distinct building tradition rooted in Orthodox ecclesiastic design interwoven with elements of local tradition, and symbolic references to their communities' cosmogony. The tserkvas are built on a tri-partite plan surmounted by open quadrilateral or octagonal domes and cupolas. Integral to tserkvas are iconostasis screens, interior polychrome decorations, and other historic furnishings. Important elements of some tserkvas include wooden bell towers, churchyards, gatehouses and graveyards.



Tarnowskie Góry Lead-Silver-Zinc Mine and its Underground Water Management System. Located in Upper Silesia, in southern Poland, one of the main mining areas of central Europe, the property includes the entire underground mine with adits, shafts, galleries and other features of the water management system. Most of the property is situated underground while the surface mining topography features relics of shafts and waste heaps, as well as the remains of the 19th century steam water pumping station. The elements of the water management system, located underground and on the surface, testify to continuous efforts over three centuries to drain the underground extraction zone and to use undesirable water from the mines to supply towns and industry. Tarnowskie Góry represents a

significant contribution to the global production of lead and zinc.



Krzemionki Prehistoric Striped Flint Mining Region. Located in the mountain region of Świętokrzyskie, Krzemionki is an ensemble of four mining sites, dating from the Neolithic to the Bronze Age (about 3900 to 1600 BCE), dedicated to the extraction and processing of striped flint, which was mainly used for axe-making. With its underground mining structures, flint workshops and some 4,000 shafts and pits, the property features one of the most comprehensive prehistoric underground flint extraction and processing systems identified to date. The property provides information about life and work in

prehistoric settlements and bears witness to an extinct cultural tradition. It is an exceptional testimony of the importance of the prehistoric period and of flint mining for tool production in human history.



The **Zabytek.pl** website is a modern way of sharing information about Polish monuments of architecture, along with descriptions, documentation, photographs, interesting digital materials (e.g. 3D models of the buildings, point clouds, panoramas and films), and the locations of the buildings



Medieval Town of Toruń. Torun owes its origins to the Teutonic Order, which built a castle there in the mid-13th century as a base for the conquest and evangelization of Prussia. It soon developed a commercial role as part of the Hanseatic League. In the Old and New Town, the many imposing public and private buildings from the 14th and 15th centuries (among them the house of Copernicus) are striking evidence of Torun's importance.



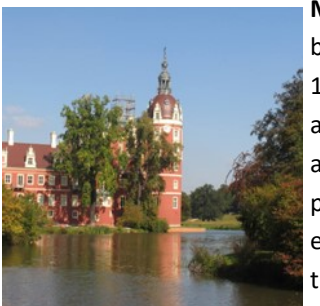
Kalwaria Zebrzydowska: the Mannerist Architectural and Park Landscape Complex and Pilgrimage Park. Kalwaria Zebrzydowska is a breathtaking cultural landscape of great spiritual significance. Its natural setting – in which a series of symbolic places of worship relating to the Passion of Jesus Christ and the life of the Virgin Mary was laid out at the beginning of the 17th century – has remained virtually unchanged. It is still today a place of pilgrimage.



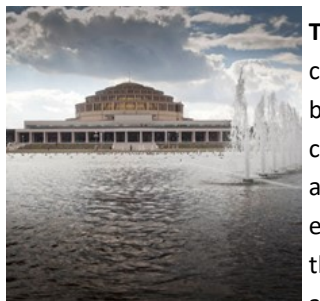
Churches of Peace in Jawor and Świdnica. The Churches of Peace in Jawor and Świdnica, the largest timber-framed religious buildings in Europe, were built in the former Silesia in the mid-17th century, amid the religious strife that followed the Peace of Westphalia. Constrained by the physical and political conditions, the Churches of Peace bear testimony to the quest for religious freedom and are a rare expression of Lutheran ideology in an idiom generally associated with the Catholic Church.



Wooden Churches of Southern Małopolska. The wooden churches of southern Little Poland represent outstanding examples of the different aspects of medieval church-building traditions in Roman Catholic culture. Built using the horizontal log technique, common in eastern and northern Europe since the Middle Ages, these churches were sponsored by noble families and became status symbols. They offered an alternative to the stone structures erected in urban centres.



Muskauer Park / Park Mużakowski. A landscaped park of 559.9 ha astride the Neisse River and the border between Poland and Germany, it was created by Prince Hermann von Puckler-Muskau from 1815 to 1844. Blending seamlessly with the surrounding farmed landscape, the park pioneered new approaches to landscape design and influenced the development of landscape architecture in Europe and America. Designed as a 'painting with plants', it did not seek to evoke classical landscapes, paradise, or some lost perfection, instead using local plants to enhance the inherent qualities of the existing landscape. This integrated landscape extends into the town of Muskau with green passages that formed urban parks framing areas for development. The town thus became a design component in a utopian landscape.



The site Centennial Hall in Wrocław. The Centennial Hall, a landmark in the history of reinforced concrete architecture, was erected in 1911-1913 by the architect Max Berg as a multi-purpose recreational building, situated in the Exhibition Grounds. In form it is a symmetrical quatrefoil with a vast circular central space that can seat some 6,000 persons. The 23m-high dome is topped with a lantern in steel and glass. The Centennial Hall is a pioneering work of modern engineering and architecture, which exhibits an important interchange of influences in the early 20th century, becoming a key reference in the later development of reinforced concrete structures also features a reconstructed castle, bridges and an arboretum.

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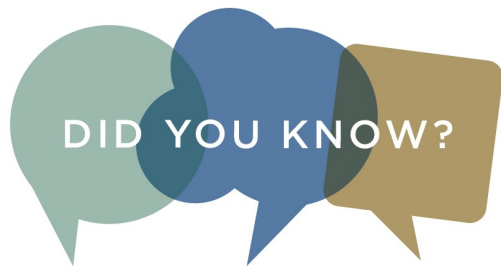
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Polska na talerzu - Poland on the plate

We are now taking your recommendations of your favorite restaurants in Poland to be published in our next issue.

For consideration, please send email to polishamericanengineers@gmail.com



Between 1901 and 2022, the Nobel Prizes and the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel were awarded 615 times to 989 people and organizations. With some receiving the Nobel Prize more than once, this makes a total of 954 individuals and 27 organizations.



Marie Skłodowska Curie (1867–1934) is probably the most well-known female scientist in the world. Her full name is Marie Skłodowska Curie, and she was a Polish-French physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She is the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first and currently the only woman to win two Nobel Prizes (physics and chemistry). She devoted

her whole life to the theory of radioactivity, inventing techniques for separating radioactive isotopes, and discovering two new elements, polonium (Po) and radium (Ra). Under her guidance, radioisotopes were used for the first time in the treatment of tumors.

The Nobel Prize is a set of annual international awards bestowed on "those who conferred the greatest benefit on humankind", first instituted in 1901. Since 1903, there have been eighteen Poles who were awarded nineteen Nobel Prizes. Poles have been the recipients in all award categories: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace and Economics. The list includes Nobel laureates who are Poles (ethnic) or Polish (citizenship). Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Polish_Nobel_laureates



Finding your Roots

[Szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl](https://szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl) is an online service developed by the NDA which presents scans and descriptions of archive materials collected in the Polish archives. Currently more than 55 million scans of archive materials are available in the service, their number still growing.

The source of the archive descriptions in the service are the data from the Integrated Archive Information System (ZoSIA). The service also contains data from the Programme for the Registration of Records from Parish and Civil Registration Offices (PRADZIAD), which collects information on genealogical materials kept in the state archives. Scans of archive materials are derived from the collections of the Polish state archives and other cultural institutions. The information of interest may be easily found thanks to the user-friendly search engine offering many useful filters and options.

Also see www.agad.gov.pl , [Lubelskie Roots](#)

(these sites can be viewed in English)



Poles at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City

Soprano **Aleksandra Kurzak** is billed to perform as Tosca in Puccini's opera, and as Adina in Donizetti's *Elisir d'amore*, under plans unveiled by the company for the 2022/2023 season. Meanwhile, tenor **Piotr Beczała** will sing the part of Lohengrin in Wagner's opera and Loris Ipanoff in Giordano's *Fedora*. This last production will also feature baritone **Artur Ruciński** as De Sirieux. Ruciński is also scheduled to appear as Germont in Verdi's *La Traviata*. Soprano **Aleksandra Olczyk** is on the cast of *The Magic Flute* as the Queen of the Night. Bass Krzysztof Bączyk, who made his Metropolitan Opera debut in 2020, returns as Colline in *La Bohème* and The King in *Aida*, and baritone **Tomasz Konieczny** is to appear as Hollander in Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*. Tenor **Piotr Buszewski**, 30, is to make his Met debut as Chevalier de la Force in Poulenc's *Dialogues of the Carmelites*. Meanwhile, it has been announced that **Mariusz Treliński**, artistic director of the National Opera in Warsaw, will direct Giuseppe Verdi's *The Force of Destiny* at the Metropolitan Opera in 2024.



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Polish American Engineers Association of Florida, Inc. is now accepting scholarship applications.

The 2023/2024 Scholarship Application Deadline is May 15, 2023

Details and Application Link

www.polishamericanengineers.com/scholarshipapplication

Please donate to the scholarship fund by sending your check to the above address

or on line at www.PolishAmericanEngineers.com

Our children are our legacy. We want them to be well equipped for the challenges ahead. Cultural education consists of the capacity for reflection. Children and young people in cultural education learn to reflect upon their own culture, culture of others and culture in general. AIPC's goal is to assist educational institutions in promoting Polish culture, folklore and customs so that our children will succeed in their own right and so that they will continue to promote richness and importance of Polish culture in today's world. There are numerous scholarships available.

College graduates tend to earn a substantial wage premium in the labor market. In recent years, the average college graduate with just a bachelor's degree earned about \$73,000, compared to \$45,000 for the average worker with only a high school diploma. This means a typical college graduate earns a premium of well over \$30,000, or nearly 75 percent.



Scholarship links

[American Institute of Polish Culture Tampa Bay](#)

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[American Institute of Polish Culture Miami](#)

[Polish Club of Sarasota](#)

[The Kosciuszko Foundation](#)


[Polish and Slavic Federal Credit Union](#)

[Curiewomen.org](#)

[Polish American Congress \(lists other scholarships \)](#)

Education Commission Includes medical scholarships etc.

[25 Great Scholarships for Polish Students](#)

The background of the entire page is a warm, golden sunset sky. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several graduates are visible. Some are holding their caps high in the air, while others have their arms raised in celebration. The overall mood is one of joy and accomplishment.

The cultural values instilled in me as well as my opportunity to indulge in Polish culture, have made me a strong, self-aware and self-assured, as well as well-rounded person. Polish values of hard work, resilience, and determination have allowed me to thrive in my academics, opened doors to internships, as well as achieve my personal goals.

I conduct research on AI human route prediction, where I collected approximately 100 hours of data to train AI within a robot to navigate a grocery store with humans present and reviewed literature regarding AI pedestrian route prediction. Since then, I've begun research monitoring the health of solar panel arrays, where I developed an algorithm using spread-spectrum time domain reflectometry to correct signal incongruities in transmission lines to detect failures in solar panel arrays.

I want my Polish community to be a home to a diversity of thoughts, ideas, art, and experiments without the stigma of being different. My mission is to inspire people in my community to follow their passions, their beliefs, and challenge the status quo. We are creative, intelligent, passionate people and I believe that if we support broadening our horizons.

When choosing a college major, engineering was the clear choice - the field focuses on prompts that require an in depth understanding of math and science, combined with critical thinking skills to solve problems effectively and efficiently. I am majoring in Civil Engineering, as I find environmentally conscious design of structures and innovative transportation possibilities to be fulfilling- adding essential pieces to communities provide exciting opportunities to create positive change.

I found myself volunteering more in my community and taking on new challenges. Similarly, I wanted to find a career that will challenge me, involve various opportunities and paths I can take, and allow me to feel a part of the greater community. I strongly believe that pursuing a career within the field of engineering will fulfill these objectives and promote speculating "what if" in relation to coming up with ideas and solutions.

**Polish American Engineers Association of Florida
is proud to present the 2022/2023 Scholarship Award Recipients
Congratulations to these highly accomplished students!**



Ashti Barbara Chadzynski
University of Florida
Major: Computer Science
Graduation: May, 2025
Born: Sarasota, FL.



Nikodem Piotr Gazda,
University of Florida
Major: Electrical Engineering
Graduation: May, 2023
Born: Rzeszow, Poland



Emma Jankowski-Aman
Cornell University
Major: Human Biology, Health & Society
Graduation: May 2026
Born: New York, NY



Paulina Wiktoria Kapuscinska
University of Florida
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Graduation: Spring 2023
Born: Rzeszow, Poland



Benjamin Karcz
Florida State University
Major: Psychology
Graduation: May, 2026
Born: Clearwater, FL



Kinga Lewandowska
Northeastern University
Major: Civil Engineering
Graduation: May, 2025
Born: Gdansk, Poland



Michael Miarecki
University of Florida
Major: Cognitive & Behavioral
Neuroscience
Graduation: May, 2025
Born: Clearwater, FL

Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis in recognition of the academic achievement, interests, leadership, voluntarism, and desire to promote richness and importance of Polish culture.

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Top public engineering schools in the US

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA

Virginia Tech

Blacksburg, VA

Iowa State University

Ames, IA

North Carolina State University

Raleigh, NC

Colorado School of Mines

Golden, CO

University of Colorado Boulder

Boulder, CO

University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA

The College of New Jersey

Ewing Township, NJ

University of Virginia

Charlottesville, VA

University of California, Davis

Davis, CA

University of South Florida

Tampa, FL

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Orlando, FL

Florida International University

Miami, FL

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL

Florida Atlantic University

Boca Raton, FL

University of North Florida

Jacksonville, FL

Florida Gulf Coast University

Fort Myers, FL

Florida A&M University

Tallahassee, FL

Source: [Google Search](#)

These are the top universities in Poland for engineering

based on their global reputation and research in the field

Warsaw University of Technology — Warszawa

AGH University of Science and Technology — Krakow

Poznan University of Technology — Poznan

Lodz University of Technology — Lodz

Gdansk University of Technology — Gdansk

Source: [US News & World Report](#)



AWARDS



Infection-sensing wound dressing wins top prize in 2022 James Dyson Awards

A trio of PhD students from the Warsaw University of Technology have been named the grand prize winners of this year's James Dyson Awards for their SmartHEAL sensor, which is integrated into a dressing to detect how well a wound is healing.

The smart sensor, designed by Tomasz Raczyński, Dominik Baraniecki and Piotr Walter, measures the pH balance of a wound to detect possible infections without needing to change the dressing – as this can disrupt the tissue and actually cause infection. This is especially important for older people who have a higher risk of developing chronic wounds, which can lead to complications and death in a quarter of outpatients over 70.

"We offer instant results, a non-invasive product that leads to faster and more comfortable healing processes and can reduce the wound healing time and prevent amputations and death for thousands of patients," the inventors explained. "Our manufacturing technology allows for very high volume and scalable production, making our product affordable for everyone."

read more ... www.jamesdysonaward.org/en-US/2022/project/smartheal



The Kosciuszko Foundation Presents the 2022 Witold Lipski Awards for Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Computer Science



The Kosciuszko Foundation is proud to announce the three laureates of the 18th competition for the Witold Lipski Awards, recognizing young Polish scientists for their outstanding advances in computer science. Dr. Filip Mazowiecki of the University of Warsaw was awarded the Prize in the category of theoretical aspects of computer science, and the winners of two equal Prizes in the category of computer science applications were Dr. Michal Koziarski of the Wroclaw University of Technology and Dr. Mateusz Ostaszewski of the Warsaw University of Technology. During the award

ceremony held on October 12, 2022, at Warsaw University, in Poland, Prof. Leszek Pacholski, Chairman of the independent Jury, and Marek Skulimowski, President and Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation, which organized this year's competition, presented the winners with prizes totaling PLN 100,000 (ca. \$20,000).

The Award was created in 2005 to honor the memory of Dr. Witold Lipski (1949-1985), prematurely deceased at the age of 35, a pioneer of Polish computer science. It is considered the most prestigious distinction awarded to young computer science specialists in Poland nowadays.

More information can be found at www.thekf.org/kf/events/KF-News/Witold_Lipski_Awards/

The Kosciuszko Foundation also partners with the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America to honor distinguished scientists of Polish origin who are at the pinnacle of their field. About PIASA at www.piasa.org



Kosciuszko Foundation Tuition Scholarships support American students of Polish descent for graduate and undergraduate level studies at colleges and universities in the United States. Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,000 are awarded on a competitive basis for one academic year.

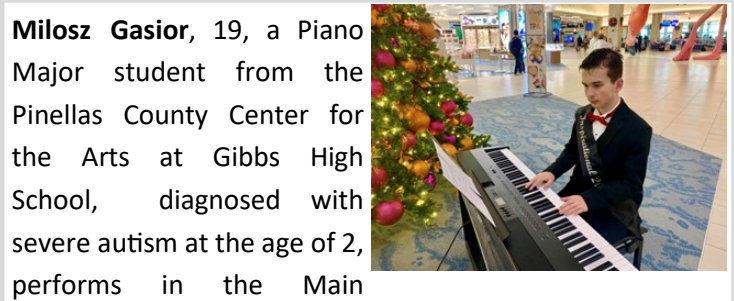
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Milosz Gasior, 19, a Piano Major student from the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School, diagnosed with severe autism at the age of 2, performs in the Main Terminal of Tampa International Airport most afternoons between December 10 and Christmas Eve. Despite struggling with severe speech delay, Milosz wows audiences with his amazing musical abilities and is on track to graduate from high school in May of 2023.

Milosz has been active in Polish American communities in Tampa Bay, Miami, Sarasot, Chicago and now 2 concerts in Poland. Milosz also performed in two charitable concerts to raise funds for Ukraine.

As a Piano Major at Pinellas County Center for the Arts, Milosz participated in All-County Honors Festival at Mahaffey Theater and All- County Jazz Band at the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg, Fl. As an ambassador for the organization HUG (Help Us Gather – a nonprofit that advocates for inclusion and connects people with disabilities), Milosz was chosen “Mr. Inspirational 2022” during the “Beyond Incredible” HUG Gala.

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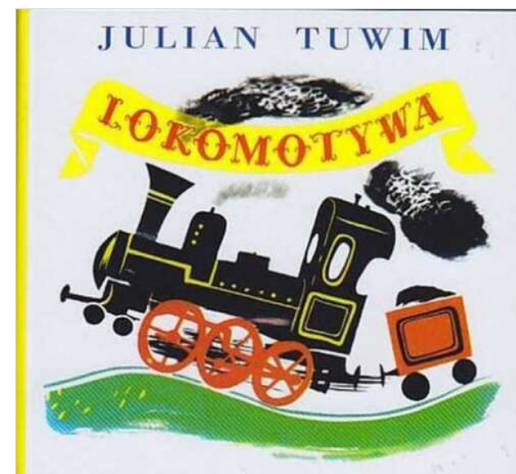
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Stoi na stacji lokomotywa,
Ciężka, ogromna i pot z niej sływa:
Tłusta oliwa.

Stoi i sapie, dyszy i dmucha,
Żar z rozgrzanego jej brzucha bucha:
Uch - jak gorąco!
Puff - jak gorąco!
Uff - jak gorąco!

Już ledwo sapie, już ledwo zipie,
A jeszcze palacz węgiel w nią sypie.

Wagony do niej podoczepiali
Wielkie i ciężkie, z żelaza, stali,
I pełno ludzi w każdym wagonie,
A w jednym krowy, a w drugim konie,
A w trzecim siedzą same grubasy,
Siedzą i jedzą tłuste kielbasy,
A czwarty wagon pełen bananów,
A w piątym stoi sześć fortepianów,
W szóstym armata - o! jaka wielka!
Pod każdym kołem żelazna belka!
W siódmym dębowe stoły i szafy,
W ósmym stoń, niedźwiedz i dwie żyrafy,
W dziewiątym - same tuczone świnie,
W dziesiątym - kufry, paki i skrzynie,
A tych wagonów jest ze czterdzieści,
Sam nie wiem, co się w nich jeszcze mieści.
Lecz choćby przyszło tysiąc atletów
I każdy zjadłby tysiąc kotletów,
I każdy nie wiem jak się wytężył,
To nie udźwigną, taki to ciężar.

Nagle - gwizd!
Nagle - świst!
Para - buch!
Koła - w ruch!

The locomotive's standing at the station,
Huge, heavy, it drips perspiration –
Oily lubrication.

It stands and wheezes, it groans and gnashes
Its boiling belly stuffed with hot ashes:
Arrrgh, what torture!
Pheew, what a scorcher!
Panting and puffing!
Hissing and huffing!

It's barely gasping, it's barely breathing,
And still its fireman more coal keeps on heaping.

To it were coupled wagons of iron and steel
Massive and heavy, they weighed a great deal
And crowds of people in each one of these,
And one's full of cows, another of – horses,
A third one with passengers, every one fat,
Sitting and eating sausage snacks.
The fourth was packed with crates of bananas.
The fifth one contained – six large grand pianos.
In the sixth a large cannon, Oh! what a whopper!
Each of its wheels chocked up right proper!
The seventh, oak wardrobes and chairs.
The eighth an elephant, giraffe and two bears.
The ninth, fattened pigs – no spare spaces,
The tenth full of trunks, baggage and cases,
Wagons like these – another forty remain,
Not even I could tell you what they contain.
But if a thousand strongmen gathered right here,
And each one would eat a thousand burgers a year,
And each one of them strained with all of his might,
They couldn't shift this colossal weight.

Suddenly – WHISTLE!
Suddenly – bustle!
Steam – eruption!
Wheels – in motion!

Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland (SZ RP) in Tampa Bay

For most residents of the Tampa Bay area, MacDill AFB is nothing new, and the sight and sound of military machines flying by, especially the mighty KC-135 – the "flying tankers" for which MacDill AFB is home, are well known. However, MacDill AFB is more than planes and an airport. The MacDill team includes as many as 28 associate units, including 6. Air Refueling Wing, Clinic 6. Medical Group, United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) and Special Operations Command (SOCOM). The presence of these units creates a unique, multi-service community at MacDill AFB, where all branches of the military and services are represented.

So while MacDill is a U.S. Air Force base, it's also home to many soldiers, sailors, marines, and coast guards. In addition to U.S. troops and personnel, the community also includes representatives of allied countries, coalition partners and U.S. partners from about 50 different countries, including Poland. In MacDill, Polish officers and non-commissioned officers serve in two strategic commands: USCENTCOM and SOCOM.

In addition to the Polish presence in Tampa, the Polish Armed Forces provide significant contributions through the direct involvement of troops in operations commanded with USCENTCOM and/or SOCOM, both American and allied, or through support for these operations.

USCENTCOM. United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) was established on January 1, 1983. As the name suggests, USCENTCOM covers the "central" area of the globe. USCENTCOM's area of responsibility (AOR) covers more than 4 million square miles and is inhabited by more than 560 million people from 25 ethnic groups, speaking 20 languages with hundreds of dialects and professing many religions that cross national borders. The demographic situation in the AOR creates opportunities for tension and rivalry. The geography of the region includes the crossroads of three continents and globally important trade sea routes, air corridors, pipelines and land routes.

The 21 states of the region, which stretches from northeast Africa through the Middle East to Central and South Asia, have various forms of government, including emerging democracies, hereditary monarchies, autocracies and Islamic theocratic regimes



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The central region is one of the least safe and stable places in the world. Adverse relations between neighboring states, widespread ethnic and sectarian struggles, malignant influence and destabilizing activities, cyber threats, and a growing arsenal of advanced conventional weapons and weapons of mass destruction all together threaten the enduring vital national interests of the U.S. as well as our trusted partners and allies.

USSOCOM. USSOCOM develops and engages fully capable Special Operations Forces (SOF) to conduct global special operations and Joint Forces operations to support sustainable, networked and distributed Combat Command operations and campaigns against state and non-state actors to protect and support U.S. policies and objectives. Established on April 16, 1987, USSOCOM is to organize, equip and train fully capable special operations forces to defend the United States and its interests.

SOF = Special Forces. In the Polish Armed Forces, the name "Special Forces" is used accordingly for SOF. Special Forces conduct special operations both at home and abroad during peace, crisis and war. Tasks carried out alone or in cooperation with other branches of the armed forces may be of operational or strategic importance. They form task modules, which include selected, trained and equipped soldiers, prepared to carry out operations in the highest risk conditions, called "commandos" (or "operators"). The foundation and the greatest asset of SOF are people – military, military employees and their families.

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