



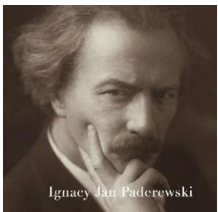





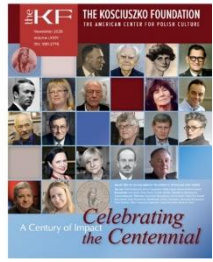




American Institute of Polish Culture in Tampa Bay, Inc.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Happy Holidays</b>  <b>Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year</b>  <b>Wesołych Świąt i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku.</b>          With our best wishes of health and happiness in 2026.</p> <p>As we reflect on an eventful year, we want to take a minute to say thank you. We owe you a debt of gratitude. Your support allows us to carry on our mission of preserving our Polish culture and traditions.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Congratulations to the Polish Center of John Paul II, Inc in Clearwater!</b>          We love the new look!          Join us at their next event!          See details at <a href="http://www.polishcenterfl.com">www.polishcenterfl.com</a></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sharing the Holiday Spirit with you</b></p> <p>Let us celebrate the warm lights, the small kindness, and the people who make life feel a little more magical. Whether it's the smell of something baking, the sound of familiar carols, or simply the comfort of being with others, there's a kind of joy that's soft, steady, and meant to be shared.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Here's to warmth, peace, and a little sparkle - let's share the season.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This page has links to local Polish American organizations.  <a href="http://www.aipctampabay.org/organizations">www.aipctampabay.org/organizations</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please support them. (Send us a note if you wish your organization to be added.)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Culinary delights</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Are you willing to be daring - check out these holiday recipes  <a href="http://www.sowarobert.pl/okazja/boze-narodzenie/">www.sowarobert.pl/okazja/boze-narodzenie/</a>  <a href="http://www.sowarobert.pl/okazja/wigilia/">www.sowarobert.pl/okazja/wigilia/</a>          (use google translate)          Thank you Chef Sowa</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Ignacy Jan Paderewski</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music, wine and politics at Holidays?</b></p> <p>Ignacy Jan Paderewski was an unparalleled pianist, an American and Polish patriot, a poet, a generous philanthropist, a Polish citizen, a politician and of course, a Paso Roblan! And he loved his wine! He spoke seven languages, and in 1919 became Prime Minister of newly independent Poland. Find out more about his revived vineyard in Paso Robles, California. Epoch Estate Wines <a href="http://www.epochwines.com/history">www.epochwines.com/history</a></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tadeusz Nalepa: Music, Passion, Rebellion, Love</b>          January 24, 2026 - Sarasota.</p> <p>Join us for a unique performance by Agata Pilitowska and Henryk M., two exceptional artists who have created a moving musical-poetic program dedicated to the life and creative journey of Nalepa — the Polish bluesman and frontman of the legendary bands Blackout and Breakout. Details also <a href="http://www.thekf.org/category/florida">www.thekf.org/category/florida</a></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chopin's Polish Heart</b></p> <p>With PBS Passport you can watch PBS Great Performances "Now Hear This Series". Follow Scott Yoo and pianist Jan Lisiecki as they explore Chopin's life, his Polish roots, and his journey to Paris taking a closer look at the composer's musical evolution and his deep connection to his homeland while living in France.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>It's almost the season! - Scholarship Updates</b></p> <p>New Partnership Between The Kosciuszko Foundation and Poznan University of Medical Sciences On October 2, 2025, during the ceremonial inauguration of the academic year at Poznan University of Medical Sciences (PUMS), a framework agreement on cooperation was officially signed between The Kosciuszko Foundation and PUMS. During the ceremony, Marek Skulimowski, President &amp; Executive Director of The Kosciuszko Foundation, awarded six students from the United States with the Foundation's scholarships. These scholars will begin their studies in the English-language Medicine Program at PUMS, continuing the Foundation's long-standing mission of fostering Polish-American academic and cultural exchange.</p> <p><a href="https://pums.ump.edu.pl/admissions/summer-program.html">https://pums.ump.edu.pl/admissions/summer-program.html</a></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The KF Tuition Scholarships</b></p> <p>Support American students of Polish descent pursuing full-time undergraduate and graduate studies at colleges and universities in the United States and in Poland.</p> <p><a href="https://thekf.org/scholarship/tuition-scholarships/">https://thekf.org/scholarship/tuition-scholarships/</a></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pending Scholarship Announcements</b></p> <p><a href="#">American Institute of Polish Culture of Tampa Bay, Inc</a> will post applications in late January.</p> <p><a href="#">Polish American Engineers of Florida, Inc.</a> will post applications in late January.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>We congratulate our local students recognized by The KF</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gabriela Wysz, Palm Harbor, FL</b> University of Florida – 2-week language program in Poland</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diana Derylo, Palm Harbor, FL</b> University of Florida College of Dentistry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Julia Czerski, Fort Myers, FL</b> Graduate studies in Medicine, Poznan University of Medical Sciences,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Paola Piascik, Sarasota, FL</b> Graduate studies Medicine Doctorate, Florida State College of Medicine</p> <p>Check out this issue, Celebrating the Centennial: A Century of Impact, highlights the reach of our educational and cultural programs over the years through the voices of Kosciuszko Foundation scholars and grant recipients.</p> <p><a href="https://thekf.org/centennial-anniversary-fundraising-campaign/">https://thekf.org/centennial-anniversary-fundraising-campaign/</a></p>

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