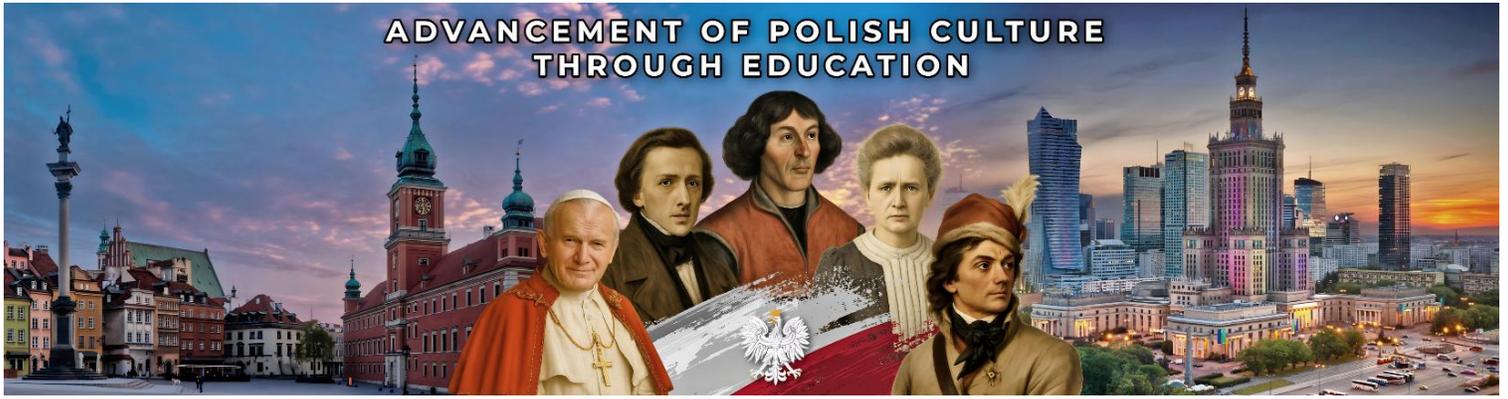


# ADVANCEMENT OF POLISH CULTURE THROUGH EDUCATION



## Let's Celebrate International Women's Day and Month March 8, 2026



Beata Pozniak, a Polish immigrant spearheaded the first ever recorded official bill to recognize International Women's Day in America. Pozniak first worked with the Mayor of Los Angeles, Governor of California, and the U.S. Congress for political recognition of International Women's Day in the United States. At Beata Pozniak's suggestion, and with the tremendous support of Congresswoman Waters who introduced the first bill in the history of the U.S. (H.J. Res. 316) for national recognition of this special day, designating March 8th, 1994 as "International Women's Day".

[Details](#)

## Jazz & Tango Matinée – International Women's Day Celebration

**Sunday, March 8 at 1:00pm**

Art Ovation Hotel, Sarasota



Experience the captivating blend of jazz, tango, and dance. Featuring the internationally acclaimed jazz vocalist **Grażyna Auguścik** and renowned accordionist **Jarek Bester**, performing live alongside **Margot Zarzycka**. Elegant ballroom dancers will bring the rhythms to life.

[Details](#)

## Florida Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation Annual Soiree

with Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Alex Storzynski and concert by Karolina & Iwo

**March 22, 2026 at 4pm**

New College Hall at the New College of Florida



[Details](#)

## Naples Polish Film Festival

**March 20 – 22, 2026**

[Details](#)



## Picnic in the Park

Polish American Engineers Association of Florida, Inc.

**Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 1:30 pm**

Philippe Park Shelter #2, Safety Harbor



PAE membership is open to anyone wishing to support our mission.

[Details](#)

	<p align="center"><b>89th Kosciuszko Foundation Annual Dinner &amp; Ball</b>  <b>Saturday, April 25, at the Plaza Hotel, New York City</b>  commemorates 250 Years of Friendship Between the Polish and American People  This evening supports the Foundation's mission of promoting educational and cultural exchanges between Poland and the United States and honors the shared history and values that unite our two nations.  <a href="#">Details</a></p>
	<p align="center"><b>SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY</b>  Deadline May 15, 2026  <a href="#">American Institute of Polish Culture of Tampa Bay, Inc</a></p>
	<p align="center"><b>SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY</b>  <a href="#">Polish American Engineers of Florida, Inc.</a></p>
	<p><b>KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE STUDIES &amp; RESEARCH</b>  Deadline: March 10  Study full-time or conduct research at leading Polish universities and research institutions.  <a href="#">Details</a></p>
	<p><b>KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION - A YEAR ABROAD IN POLAND</b>  Deadline March 10  Exchange Programs to Poland for American students and researchers interested in studying or conducting research at academic institutions in Poland.  <a href="#">Details</a></p>
	<p align="center"><b>Poland's economy officially surpassed the \$1 trillion mark in 2025</b>  cementing its place as a top 20 global economy and a major European industrial powerhouse. Driven by strong manufacturing, IT services, and EU integration, this milestone reflects consistent growth, with 2026 projections placing it among the fastest-growing EU nations.</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Welcome home, Krutek</b></p> <p>Every year he's one of the very first to return, and this season he's once again beaten the rest of the flock. Krutek - once known as Lutek for his legendary February arrivals - has become a beloved symbol of Polish spring and a small national celebrity. After taking off from Egypt in January, resting in Palestine, and gathering strength in Romania, he has now crossed into Poland and is completing the last stretch of his 5,500 km journey back to his snowy nest in Mazury. Every spring, more than 50,000 storks return from Africa. Their arrival is seen as the true start of spring, a sign of renewal, luck, and good harvests. Locals are already celebrating - because where Krutek arrives, his mate soon follows. and then a new generation begins.</p>
	<p align="center"><b>The Funk That Fuels You</b></p> <p>Kazimierz Funk was a Polish-American biochemist who coined the term "vitamin" and is credited with discovering vitamins in 1912. Funk's "vitamine hypothesis" proposed that dietary deficiencies caused diseases like beriberi, scurvy, pellagra, and rickets. He identified vitamins B1, B2, C, and D as essential to human health and hormonal function. His work helped prevent these diseases and laid the foundation for modern dietetics and child nutrition.</p>
	<p align="center"><a href="#">FOOD &amp; FRIENDS</a> is a culinary and lifestyle magazine created in 2010 by friends for friends who value spending time together in places where exceptional food plays a special role.</p>

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