National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy
Where the Past Meets the Future

Kyiv Mohyla Academy
FOUR CENTURIES OF ACHIEVEMENT
1615-2015

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
Nelson Mandela
Founding gift for Kyiv Mohyla Academy

In October 1615, Halshka Hulevychivna, endows a fund according to which she relinquishes her buildings and land in Kyiv for the establishment of a new monastery, hospital, and school for children of the gentry and merchants.

The donation document states:

I, Halshka Hulevychivna, wife of his gracious master Stefan Lozka, being of sound body and mind, clearly and voluntarily understand with this letter that I, living continuously within the ancient, sacred Orthodox faith of the Eastern Church, with love and friendship towards my brothers – the people of Rus', have known for a long time that I wanted to do good for God's Church. ... For the Orthodox and pious Christian people of Rus', living in the counties within the provinces of Kyiv, Volyn and Braclov ... I give, gift, record, and renounce for myself, and fund from the wealth of my property, with the inherited rights and the liberties of nobility, of my courtyard with buildings and land, and all that belongs to that courtyard and land by right, through uses, other affiliations, keep nothing for myself, and leave nothing for my descendants ...

National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy, established in 1615 and re-established in 1991 after almost a century of closure by Soviet authorities, provides education that meets the highest international standards; develops responsible and confident leaders; enables individuals to reach their full potential as human beings within ethnocentric principles based on respect for the individual and society; nurtures innovation; sustains collaborative endeavors with academic, business and civic institutions within Ukraine and within the global community; promotes the accomplishments of faculty, scholars and graduates; encourages dedication to knowledge, intellectual endeavors, personal achievement and success; and contributes to the transformation of Ukraine into a democratic nation, with respect for rule of law, an economy that sustains individual and national independence, and a civil society that participates in the nation-building process.

Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America supports the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy through philanthropic efforts and volunteer engagement; advocates for autonomy of universities and academic freedom through reforms in Ukraine's system of higher education; promotes collaborative student and faculty programs with American universities; and promotes the mission of National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy.
We Honor the Memory and Sacrifice of the Heavenly Hundred and All Who Died for the Dignity, Independence and Sovereignty of Ukraine!

In November 2013, the students and faculty of National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy were first to march in protest against the government’s reversal of the promise to seek a European Association, and they called upon all students to join them in a march for dignity and for a European direction. When the militia violently attacked and shot the peaceful protesters, the country rose up shocked by their government’s betrayal.

Within weeks, a million people rose-up in protest on the Maidan (Independence Square). Through the cold winter, a round-the-clock vigil was maintained on Maidan. On February 22, 2014, the world watched in horror as snipers killed over one hundred peaceful protestors. That day became a national tragedy of mourning and solidarity. That act of horror united the people in an unprecedented show of unity against violence and aggression, and in defense of their dignity and their future. That day, more than one hundred peaceful demonstrators died. That day, a new Ukrainian nation was born, a nation united by the sacrifice of its heroes.

We honor the Heavenly Hundred, as the fallen heroes became known, and we honor all those who died for their country since then with an eternal salute to their memory. Their sacrifice became the ultimate call for the nation, marked with scars of pain and a sense of loyalty and love of their nation.

Along with the fallen, each one of us died to some extent on that day. They inspired Ukrainians and people throughout the world, and changed the course of history. We mourn their loss and we are eternally grateful for their sacrifice. We honor them and thank God for giving the nation such heroes. Heroes don’t die, they live forever.

May They Rest in Peace!
Vichna Pam’ять!
We inherited a powerful moral and intellectual legacy from our ancestors. Integral to the ethic that guides the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy is the belief that we all share responsibility for each other and for the fate of our nation. An obligation to Ukraine's well-being is woven into the moral fabric that guides us through the examples of Petro Mohyla, Hryhoriy Skovoroda and other prominent national leaders who studied and taught at Kyiv Mohyla Academy through the years, heroes who offer us courage and inspiration.

As we celebrate the 400th anniversary of Kyiv Mohyla Academy, I am grateful for the privilege to serve as the university’s president and for the support of faculty, administrators, students, alumni, friends and donors. Petro Mohyla laid a strong foundation, one that allows us now, 400 years later, to continue his tradition of modernizing the form and content of education. Like our founder, we too are dedicated to promoting reforms in Ukraine’s current system of higher education, and implementing changes that will make National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy one of the finest modern universities in the world. Freedom. Leadership. Innovation - these three words define our university and make our mission strong.

Not for the first time in history, Ukraine is being challenged for her very survival. This situation requires confident and vigilant responses from us all to defend our right to self-determination and human dignity. Every day, Kyiv Mohyla Academy students are taught about the challenges of the past, and they are encouraged to confront the present with courage and wisdom in order to build a future of dignity and freedom.

During the last few months, history has bestowed on me the privilege of serving as Ukraine’s Minister of Education. The reforms that were implemented at Kyiv Mohyla Academy, and our efforts at passing new legislation on education are the models that we hope to emulate in universities throughout Ukraine at a national level. All universities of Ukraine have the potential to educate and motivate students to be leaders and innovators for our nation, open the world to their students, and provide them the opportunity to become responsible global citizens, as well as proud and committed Ukrainians.

Vyacheslav Bryukhovetsky
Honorary President of NaUKMA

Serhiy Kvit
President of NaUKMA
Minister of Education of Ukraine

“From a small seed a mighty trunk may grow.” Aeschylus
Each nation has its own achievements throughout the centuries of which it is proud. For Ukrainians, one of these achievements is certainly Kyiv Mohyla Academy, founded 400 years ago. Then, as now, the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy is recognized as an institution of academic excellence. Throughout its four-century history, Kyiv Mohyla Academy has remained dedicated to creating an academic home for people of all socio-economic backgrounds and has been challenging its students and teachers to push the boundaries of knowledge. I am confident that the university will continue to build upon its impressive legacy, endowing future generations with the honor of the finest education.

The 400th anniversary of the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy is a major milestone that will deservedly be the cause of meaningful celebration for everyone associated with this storied place of learning. Today, while celebrating the 400th anniversary of Mohylyanka, as it is affectionately called, we need to recognize the outstanding role of Vyacheslav Bryukhovetsky, who revived the famous Academy in 1991, and gave it new life, rebuilding it from the ashes of Soviet closure, to become the leading university of Ukraine. His successor, Serhiy Kvit, consolidated the achievements of his predecessor. There is another important aspect that united these two outstanding presidents of Kyiv Mohyla Academy - both were together with their students during Ukraine’s recent revolutions.

My association with Kyiv Mohyla Academy as a member of the Board of Trustees and as co-chairman of the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America, gives me reason to be proud for many years of cooperation in support of Kyiv Mohyla Academy with such dedicated and prominent supporters in the United States as Ambassador William Green Miller and Marta Farion, president of KMA Foundation. The students and alumni of the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy can be proud of their alma mater’s reputation as not only one of the oldest Ukrainian institutions of higher learning, but as a truly 21st century university with a diverse student body and faculty from which every university can take inspiration.
Kyiv Mohyla Academy became one of the largest centers of scholarship in Eastern Europe. From among the academy's graduates came many of Ukraine's leaders. Hetmans Ivan Mazepa, Pylyp Orlyk, Pavlo Polobutok, Ivan Skoropadskiy, and Ivan Samoylovych were among the graduates, along with architect Ivan Hryhorovych-Barskiy, composers Artem Vedel and Maksym Berezovskiy, philosopher Hryhoriy Skorovoda and scholar Mykhallo Lomonosov. More than 2,000 students were enrolled during the early 18th century.

The growth of the academy came during a period of increasing political tension - pressure from Poland from the west, an increasingly aggressive stance of Russian czars from the north, and the rising power of the Ottoman Empire from the south - all of whom vied for Ukrainian lands. With the destruction of the Zaporzhian Sich in 1775 by Russian armies, Ukraine was subsumed into the Russian Empire. Emperor Nicholas I closed Kyiv Mohyla Academy in 1817. As the Russian Empire collapsed, Soviet forces assumed power in Ukraine, and in the 1920s authorities confiscated the academy's vacant location in Podil, establishing a naval training school.

Petro Mohyla was a well-traveled academic and sophisticated religious leader when he arrived in Kyiv during the first decade of the 17th century.

Born into Moldavian aristocracy, he witnessed the dramatic effects of the Reformation and the Counter-Reformation on European societies. Medieval notions had been shattered, replaced by Renaissance ideals that emphasized the idea of a recoverable past, the ethical values of classical thinkers, neo-Latin education, as well as a learned piety. Mohyla brought the values of the new Europe with him to Kyiv by reforming the Orthodox confraternity school system.

From a family of Ruthenian nobles, Halshka Hulevychivna (Yelyzaveta Hulevychyna) obtained a lifelong appreciation of education from the scholars who taught her at the family's estate in Volyn. After coming to Kyiv in 1608, she joined a collegial network of the educated and the wealthy to financially strengthen the Orthodox confraternity school system, which served Ruthenian city dwellers and their growing merchant class.

As archimandrite (abbot) of the Kyivan Caves Monastery, Petro Mohyla combined the monastery school together with the urban confraternity school on land and buildings donated by Halshka Hulevychivna in the Podil, one of the oldest districts of Kyiv. The gift from Hulevychivna and the tradition of innovation in education established by Mohyla formed the founding legacy of the modern National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy, still located on the same grounds as those originally donated.

Mohyla reformed Orthodox education, imitating the model provided by the Jesuit school (collegium). The curriculum established by Mohyla emphasized fluency in Latin, the international language of scholarship, jurisprudence and political life. This brought openness toward Western thought, and through Ciceronian rhetoric emphasized critical thinking and individual development. Many other languages were also taught at the Mohylanian establishment. With personal funds, Mohyla established a prolific publishing house that included translations of European publications.
The first class of undergraduates was admitted on August 24, 1992, during the first-year anniversary of Ukraine’s independence. Then in June 1996, 151 graduates received the university’s first degrees.

Within two decades, the student body has grown from several hundred young people to more than 4,000 in a planned strategic growth trajectory. The university provides a full selection of undergraduate, masters and doctoral degrees, each degree requiring proficiency in English and Ukrainian.

The university’s approach toward building the nation through education includes learning from the past, preparing for the future, and living a meaningful life in the present. Knowledge and analysis of Ukraine’s history, culture, language, and religious and ethical traditions form the foundation for the study of current challenges in the economic, technological, innovative sectors. But that is not sufficient. Reforms for rule of law, equality of opportunity, the dignity of every individual and a sense of united purpose are criteria that measure the future of a nation as much as economic opportunities. They provide a common identity and a sense of purpose to national institutions, and empower civil society. To build a nation and educate new generations of leaders, one must consider the past to build a common purpose for the future based on today’s capabilities.

NaUKMA is consistently ranked as one of the top universities in Ukraine both by national and international standards, with faculties such as business, law, and journalism, humanities, economics receiving top rankings. The university’s alumni hold leading positions throughout the nation. After the formation of a new government in Ukraine in 2014, three ministers and four deputy ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers were from Kyiv Mohyla Academy, many more alumni were brought as advisers, and the numbers of Kyiv Mohyla Academy graduates in leading positions in business, universities, legal firms, cultural and civil society institutions increased even more than in the last decade.

NaUKMA cherishes the reputation of safeguarding freedom, leadership and innovation, the three concepts that have become its guiding principles.
Adam Michnik
Polish historian, essayist, former dissident, public intellectual, editor-in-chief of Poland’s largest newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza

What happened in Kyiv is a moment of the greatest manifestation of the meaning of European values by hundreds of thousands of people on Maidan, who fought for their national and human dignity. I am honored to meet you today because the words “freedom”, “leadership”, “innovation” are of great significance. If somewhere today there is leadership in freedom and innovation, it is here – it is the Ukrainian nation, especially the representatives of Kyiv Mohyla Academy.

Mikheil Saakashvili
Former President of the Republic of Georgia

The events that occurred and are taking place in Ukraine take our breath away. This is a defining moment in world history because the imperial project for the revival of the Russian Empire has been burned in the fire of the Maidan. I congratulate Kyiv Mohyla Academy on these changes and thank you for your active participation in these events. The importance of Kyiv Mohyla Academy is uncontroverted because you created a real center where Ukrainian consciousness is formed in a post-Soviet independent Ukraine.

Štefan Füle
European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighborhood Policy

The Academy is the only university in Ukraine which has a fully-fledged European studies program, and it is the academic institution that granted the first ever European-style PhD diploma in Ukraine. Graduates of this Academy reach top positions both in government and in business and they bring a personal contribution to building a European Ukraine in Ukraine, either as civil servants able to think out of the box or as the leaders of competitive and innovative businesses.

Geoffrey Pyatt
Ambassador of the United States of America to Ukraine

Since its founding, Kyiv Mohyla and its alumni have played a formative role in Ukrainian intellectual, political, religious and civic life... You, and your peers at universities throughout Ukraine, will be called upon to help forge Ukraine’s path into the future.

Madeleine Albright
Former US Secretary of State, Scholar, Global Strategist

The history of Kyiv Mohyla Academy is intertwined with the history of Ukraine itself. It was one of the greatest cultural centers in Europe, and we can be sure that it will return to its former glory.

Petro Poroshenko
President of Ukraine

Kyiv Mohyla Academy provides a unique spirit of freedom, moral authority and honesty that gives hope to Ukraine.

Zbigniew Brzezinski
Former Assistant to the US President for National Security Affairs, Statesman, Political Scientist, Author, Scholar

I am amazed by the progress that has taken place at the Kyiv Mohyla Academy. There is a true renaissance of independent Ukrainian intellectual life here.
NaUKMA Welcomes Renowned Guests

Oleh Skrypka, singer at NaUKMA fundraiser in Kyiv; Ivan Dziuba, literary critic and writer; Marvin Kalb, journalist and Serhiy Kvit, president of NaUKMA; Oleksandr Savruk, Dean of Kyiv Mohyla Business School and Dmytro Gorbachov, art expert; Ambassador William Green Miller and Oleksandra Hnatiuk, historian; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Volodymyr Ogryzko, Mykola Zhulyansky, advisor to President Yushchenko and poet Ivan Drach; Mychalo Wynnycyky, director of the NaUKMA Doctoral School, Androulla Vassiliou, European Union Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, and Hanna Bielenka, who was awarded NaUKMA’s first PhD degree; His Royal Highness Prince Charles; Volodymyr Klitschko, leader of UDAR Party and current mayor of Kyiv with graduates.

Academic and writer Volodymyr Panchenko, Vyacheslav Bryukhovetsky and Prime Minister of Canada Jean Chrétien; writer and journalist Anne Applebaum and Vyacheslav Bryukhovetsky; Yevhen Sverstuk, political dissident and philosopher; Jan Tombiński, EU ambassador to Ukraine, Vyacheslav Bryukhovetsky, Myroslav Popovych academic and philosopher; Vyacheslav Bryukhovetsky and Omelian Antonovych, philanthropist and funder of NaUKMA Library; Michio Kaku, theoretical physicist; poet Lina Kostenko; Philip Kotler, marketing author; Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatsenyuk; US Ambassador John Herbst and President of Ukraine Viktor Yushchenko; Refat Chubarov, leader of the Crimean Tatars; James Temerty, chairman of Northland Power and philanthropist; Prime Minister of Poland Jerzy Buzek.
Honorary Professors

George Yuri Shevelov * (USA)  
Lawrence Mysyk (Canada)  
Paul Ricoeur * (France)  
Roman Szporluk (USA)  
Roland Pietusch (Germany)  
John Fizer * (USA)  
Jaroslav Rozumany * (Canada)  
Bohdan Krawchenko (Canada)  
Sergei Averintsev * (Russia)  
Lina Kostenko (Ukraine)  
Mykola Zhulynskyi (Ukraine)  
Adrian Slywotskyj (USA)  
Dmytro Pavlychko (Ukraine)  
Karl Zaininger (USA)  
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Viktor Pynzenyk (Ukraine)  
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Shulanit Ramun (UK)  
Fernanda Rodriguez (Portugal)  
Robert Campbell (USA)  
Federico Mayor Zaragoza (Spain)  
Marti Ahtisaari (Finland)  
Jerzy Klocowski (Poland)  
Viktor Kytasty * (USA)  
Zhignow Brzezinski (USA)  
Volodyymyr Stashys * (Ukraine)  
Petro Baley * (USA)  
Karl Koch (Germany)  
Oleksander Omelchenko (Ukraine)  
Georges Nivat (Switzerland)  
Petro Odarchenko * (USA)  
Wladimir Wertelechy (USA)  
Ivan Serijenko (Ukraine)  
Philip Kotler (USA)  
Jan Cretien (Canada)  
Bohdan Futey (USA)  
Walter Kasper (Vatican)  
Mykhaylyna Kostiubynska * (Ukraine)  
Melvin Kohr (USA)  
Sante Gracciotti (Italy)  
Bohdan Osadchuk * (Germany)  
Valentyn Sylvestrov (Ukraine)  
Taras Hunczak (Ukraine)  
Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern (USA)  

* In Memoriam

Honorary Doctors

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Viktor Pynzenyk (Ukraine)  
Viktor Yushchenko (Ukraine)  
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Together we are many!  
We can not be overcome!  
До нами міць!  
Нас не подолати!
As they did at the beginning of the Orange Revolution, inspired by democratic principles and their tradition of autonomy, freedom, and courage, the administration, faculty and students of Kyiv Mohyla Academy responded to a call to demand that the government keep promises for a European orientation. They risked their safety and the university’s future as they called upon the students of all universities to join them in a protest that quickly grew into a rebirth of national consciousness throughout Ukraine.

The following libraries are part of the Library of National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy:
STUDENT LIFE
Idealistic, Focused, Principled, Ethical, Talented
National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy of modern time was inspired by the teachings of its founders and modeled itself on the traditions of the best Western universities. The university has established many innovations aimed at reforms, such as anonymous entrance exams, Ukrainian and English language proficiency for admission, a three-tier academic degree program – Bachelor, Master, and PhD, a modern library system, the Electronic Library of Ukraine Project, Schools of Public Health, Social Work, Political Science, Institute of Political Analysis, a Law School with moot court and a Legal Defense Clinic, a School of Journalism with a modern studio for television, radio and social media journalism, the Bionic University Center for training in the IT area, the Center for Innovation Development, the Center for Nation-Building, and a democratic university structure for students and faculty from anywhere in Ukraine or the world. As a result, the university developed a reputation for excellence and international programs, and admission became highly competitive.

In the post-Soviet environment, interests inevitably clashed. The autonomy and academic freedom promoted by Kyiv Mohyla Academy was challenged by a regressive Ministry of Education that developed a draft law based on centralized control.

Kyiv Mohyla Academy's administration and faculty stepped to the forefront to defend university and student rights in opposition to the government's policy, and actively participated in the formation of a committee to prepare and propose alternative legislation, while students and alumni joined them to press for reforms through public protests and media statements.

Much has been accomplished in the short span since 1991. National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy leads the country's reform in education for a new generation that has already achieved leadership positions in the political, economic, academic and social spheres that testify to this irreversible change. The development of human capital is the greatest accomplishment of the university and will have a lasting impact on the academic, political, economic and social landscape of Ukraine.
Cultural Jewels of Kyiv Mohyla Academy: Student and Faculty Musical Ensembles

Cultural Jewels of Kyiv Mohyla Academy: Student Clubs
The New Leaders: Alumni since 1991

There are hundreds of graduates from Kyiv Mohyla Academy who have become leaders in various fields. Below are a few examples.

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Oleksandr Havryliuk. Partner KPMG Ukraine.
Roman Hawrysh. Director of the Creative Digital Agency Ambulance.
Yuriy Horodnichenko. Professor of Economics at University of California at Berkley.
Oleh Kartavtsev. Director of the Center of Ecological Initiatives at Ministry of Ecology of Ukraine.
Andriy Kolomiyets. Director of social and managerial systems, AselComMittal. Asia, Africa and CIS.
Sviatoslav Komakha. Director of Marketing, Google Ukraine.
Serhiy Lesniak. Director of RR Commodities in Shanghai, China.
Roman Lutchyn. Research Scientist at Microsoft Station Q, Santa Barbara, CA.
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The Academic Publishing House Kyiv of Mohyla Academy was established in 1996 to meet the educational needs of both the university and the public. Continuing the tradition of prolific publishing launched by Petro Mohyla four centuries earlier, since 1996 NaUKMA has released more than 400 titles on subjects that include history, philosophy, economics, culture, law, sociology, natural sciences, computer science, as well as textbooks and reference materials. Numerous publications have received national and international awards.

The work of the academic press also includes several periodicals, among them NaUKMA Academic Records, a venue for publishing graduate research and dissertations; the journal Magisterium; the illustrated periodical Kino-Teatr Magazine on topics of contemporary theater and cinema; and Judaica Ucrainica, a peer-reviewed trilingual annual journal that seeks to enhance Jewish Studies in Eastern Europe in general, and in Ukraine in particular.

In 2014, the university launched the electronic academic periodical, the Kyiv Mohyla Journal, a bilingual peer-reviewed electronic journal in English and Ukrainian that promotes communication between scholars in the humanities, social, and natural sciences and targets a broad academic community both in Ukraine and abroad.

The scholars association publishes an interdisciplinary journal Spirit and Letter, and together with the Center for Jewish Studies at NaUKMA, also publishes the literary and art magazine Yehupets.
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Unique Educational Initiatives

During the past 20 years, several educational initiatives were the first of their kind in Ukraine. Through these programs, the university, as well as Ukraine, have become integrated into the world academic community. Several of these programs have received top ratings from international educational associations, professional organizations, alumni and employers.

Kyiv Mohyla Business School (KMBS)
NaUKMA Doctoral Program
Kyiv Mohyla School of Journalism
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School of Law
School of Economic Studies
Master Degree in Judaica Studies
Center for Nation-Building

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Research Centers

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Center for Modern Literature Research
Center for Studies of Ecosystems, Climate Change and Sustainable Development
Center for Studies of the History and Culture of East European Jews
Center of English Language
Center of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy History
Center of Molecular and Cell Research
Center of Polish and European Studies
Center of Social Psychology and Conflict Management
Center of Testing Technologies (CTT)
Cinema Research Center
East Central European Studies Research Center
European Humanities Research Center
Institute for Civic Education
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Laboratory of Environmental Technologies
Laboratory of Finance and Economic Research
Laboratory of Genetics and Cell Biology
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Laboratory of Holography and Physics of Biological Systems
Laboratory of Modern Information Technologies
Omelan Pritsak Research Center of Oriental Studies
School of Policy Analysis
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In the early 17th century, the academic and religious leader Petro Mohyla, and the wealthy donor Halshka Huleyvchyna partnered to fulfill a mutual vision to establish Kyiv Mohyla Academy. On the eve of the 21st century, Vyacheslav Bryukhovetsky was joined by a cadre of visionaries focused on the revival of this same Academy. This partnership of intellectuals, academics, advisors, financial donors and individuals who contributed their immeasurable effort and time enabled the success of the university. These visionaries and builders in Ukraine and throughout the world were catalysts for a mutual purpose. From beyond Ukraine, many responded to the call to rebuild. Not all can be listed, but to all who responded in ways large and small, we are grateful.

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When Kyiv Mohyla Academy was re-established after the fall of the Soviet Union, the mission of educating the future leaders and building the nation became paramount. The Ukrainian diaspora, especially in North America, provided assistance for rebuilding the university in the beginning stages and also throughout the years. We can all be proud of the diaspora’s contribution to Ukraine’s future.

We honor National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy on its 400th anniversary, and we honor Ukrainians, and all the organizations and universities throughout the world who helped re-establish the university as a national treasure.

Since October 2013, the world has become aware that a new, educated generation has changed the course of Ukraine’s history. Education has played a dominant role in the people’s demands for freedom, dignity, openness to the world, and for reforms and change.

Those of us who are of Ukrainian heritage understand and feel the struggle of the people of Ukraine. We are proud that Ukrainians chose independence from Soviet tyranny in 1991, and then in 2004 when they rose up during the Orange Revolution and united in protest to reclaim their right to a fair vote. Again in 2013-2014, during the grueling six months of the Maidan – the people rose up to reclaim their dignity and to courageously defend their choice for a Western, non-totalitarian orientation for the country’s future, territorial integrity and freedom. We feel apprehension as the threat to Ukraine’s security continues to loom. Within this renewed attempt to destroy Ukraine’s independence and attempts to cripple freedom, the role of education is vital in preparing young Ukrainians to resist such efforts, to integrate Ukraine into a community of nations that value human dignity, rule of law, equitable economic prosperity and national self-determination.

Our work is not finished. We deeply feel our responsibility to continue to support the university, and to help Ukraine integrate into the community of nations through the power of education. With the help of donors, together we can be partners in this endeavor.

The vision of Dr. Vyacheslav Bryukhovetsky, who led the re-establishment of the university in 1991 and then the restoration of its academic, intellectual and physical standing, has been a guiding inspiration. Dr. Serhiy Kvit, who served the university as its president during difficult political times, courageously led a national movement against corruption in education, advocating legislative reforms that catapulted him to the position of Ukraine’s Minister of Education, where he can bring about these changes on a national level.

It has been an honor to serve as president of Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America. I am grateful to the co-chairs, to the members of the board of directors and to the many donors and supporters for their generosity and goodwill, and to the administration, faculty, alumni and students of Kyiv Mohyla Academy for their support, knowledge and advice. You have all enriched my life and together we formed the Mohylianka Family. My sincere thank you to all supporters and friends. Join us and become our partner in this exciting mission.
Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America supports the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy through philanthropic efforts, advocacy, and volunteer engagement for university programs, scholarships, fellowships, conferences, library development, academic exchanges, and the enhancement of educational resources.

Among KMFA’s recent accomplishments are the establishment and expansion of the Electronic Library of Ukraine (ELibUkr) project, a national project funded with seed money from the United States Agency for International Development that began with three university libraries in Ukraine and has expanded to 28; organizing the participation of Kyiv Mohyla Academy, as well as several of Ukraine’s national libraries in the World Digital Library; funding for the international conference in Kyiv titled Ukraine Between East and West; funding and organizing the international conference in Chicago titled Ukraine at a Crossroads; representing NaUKMA in the United States during the events on Maidan, including meetings with national and local elected officials, media appearances and the preparation of expert testimony.

As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization established in 2003, KMFA is a successor organization to the Kyiv Mohyla Society led by the late Professor Ivan Fizer during the first decade after Kyiv Mohyla Academy’s rebirth in 1991. We are grateful to the groundwork established by Prof. Fizer and his academic colleagues in supporting the needs for Kyiv Mohyla Academy as partners in the United States.
We Honor the Past. We Create the Future.

National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy has identified three strategic areas as critical for development in the coming years. Financial support for these areas is essential to guarantee their success. This is an opportunity to become a partner in creating the future by supporting this vision.

Information Network for the 21st Century

A comprehensive modernization of the university’s information network is essential. Swift access to information, the ability to distribute intellectual materials quickly and easily are necessary attributes of a modern university. Specialists from the university’s Center for Information Technology developed the Plan for Information Network Modernization of NaUKMA that meets current international standards for universities. The main objective of the plan is to create a single integrated information environment for the multi-functional use of new technologies in the university’s education, research, and administrative activities.

Kyiv-Mohyla Journal

Publishing scholarly research is one of the elements that develops a university’s reputation as each university strives to provide an academic journal accepted on an international level. Based on a pilot project launched in 2010, Kyiv-Mohyla Journal, an English-language, electronic, peer-reviewed scholarly periodical was launched in 2014.

Doctoral Programs

NaUKMA has developed a doctoral program modeled on the European PhD degree - the first, and to date the only, such program in Ukraine. Current Ukrainian law mandates a program of graduate study that does not match European standards. Developing graduate courses of study for a PhD degree will allow NaUKMA students to receive post-doctoral fellowships abroad, to be published in international journals, to teach or conduct research and, in general, to be integrated into the international academic community at the highest levels. Already there have been joint dissertation defenses at the Universities of Barcelona (Spain) and Maastricht (Netherlands). Currently NaUKMA offers PhD degrees in eight fields of study. Since obtaining a PhD outside Ukraine poses a financial challenge for Ukrainian students, often costing 25 times more than a similar degree earned in Ukraine, it is imperative that NaUKMA expand the university’s offerings available for PhD degrees.

We are grateful for your support for students, faculty, programs and capital improvements. Thanks to you, Kyiv Mohyla Academy has changed the lives of thousands of young adults, shaping their outlook on life, influencing their commitment to society and their nation, in setting goals to the highest levels of professionalism and ethics, in attaining leadership positions in all areas of endeavor.

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When thinking of Ukraine and the changes that resulted from the courage of the protestors on the Maidan, are you aware that the students, the faculty and the administration of Kyiv Mohyla Academy were the first to come out onto Maidan, calling upon all students of Ukraine to rise up and take a stand for their future?

Your contributions made this possible. We count on your continuous support.

When envisioning Ukraine’s future, do you recognize the role that education has played as an agent of change, that collaborative programs with universities throughout the world provided opportunities to young Ukrainians to better understand themselves and their own country and helped them reclaim their dignity and freedom of choice for a new direction?

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