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Mission

The Ukrainian Catholic University is an open academic community living the Eastern Christian tradition and forming leaders to serve with professional excellence in Ukraine and internationally – for the glory of God, the common good, and the dignity of the human person.



A New Face in the UCU Senate

Krzysztof Zanussi is a legendary Polish screenwriter and film director. Since 1966, he has made many intelligent documentary films for the cinema and television in Poland and abroad. From 1974 to 1981, he was assistant to the head of the Cinematographers' Union of Poland. Since 1994, he has been a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Culture.

"A university is a place of deep discussion, not a factory to make experts. Many universities in the West are undergoing just such a paralysis of political correctness and banality, which is endlessly spreading, a lack of genuine, sincere thought, afraid to say something that might offend someone. I hope that here this can be avoided, for Ukrainians are a freedom-loving people," said Zanussi.

Cover photos: (top) The study of classical Greek is a key element of UCU's theology program.

(middle) UCU students staged a traditional vertep (Christmas play) for staff of the Office of the President of Ukraine and also for parishes in Kyiv.

(bottom) A student of the Icon-Painting Summer School works on a detail.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

The precarious state of the world puts the future at the forefront of our minds—especially in Ukraine, where the global financial crisis has hit an already shaky economy.

Yet, the needs of the Church, including the education of future leaders—clergy, religious, and lay—must continue to be met. We do not know what the future will hold. We do, however, have a vision—and a generation of eager young people willing to dedicate their lives to making it a reality.

With the help of international specialists, in 2007-2008 the university prepared a detailed five-year strategic plan setting clear academic and spiritual goals, all in light of the university's fundamental mission and stressing financial responsibility.

UCU aims to increase the number of students and degree programs. And we must build desperately needed student housing, especially to accommodate worthy but poor students, from Ukraine as well as troubled former Soviet republics such as Georgia and Belarus.

To accomplish this, we are expanding our donor base by opening a fundraising office in Brussels; increasing fundraising efforts in Canada; and strengthening our efforts in the United States, a source for major support. We are happy to report that fundraising is also developing in Ukraine, which is beginning to support her own Catholic university despite the economic hardships of a traumatized post-Soviet society.

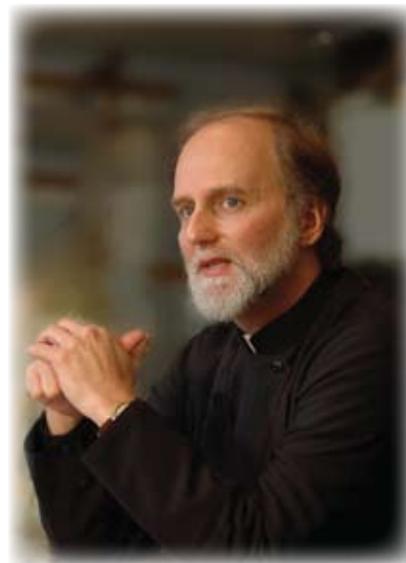
As you will see in the following pages, the Ukrainian Catholic University is committed to excellence. In addition to Pope Benedict XVI, leading national and international academics recognize the excellence of the programs we offer, the seminal books we publish through our university press, and, most importantly, the service of our students.

Our students are courageous young people who are helping Ukraine overcome the devastation of a century of totalitarianism. They never cease to amaze me. Neither does the generosity of our friends, which allows us to serve the Church and society by educating minds and shaping souls for the benefit not only of Ukraine, but everywhere from which our students hail and they will serve (already ten countries and counting!).

Thank you for making this possible!



Rev. Borys Gudziak, Ph.D.



Highlights of the Year

- Visits: Renato Raffaele Cardinal Martino, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches
- UCU's Lviv Business School begins activities
- Symposium of the Association of Catholic Universities of Central and Eastern Europe is held at UCU
- UCU Rector Rev. Borys Gudziak, Ph.D., is honored as a Knight of Academic Palms, by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research of France
- First Ecumenical Social Week
- Construction of a new university church starts
- Humanities Faculty opens a master's degree program in medieval studies
- Architect of the Theological Center receives national Shevchenko Prize

ECUMENISM

“Help Your Neighbor!” — Social Week

UCU is the only Catholic university in the multi-denominational post-Soviet space and an open academic community, so ecumenism and interreligious dialogue is a clear imperative of its activities.

“The Ukrainian Catholic University will certainly be able to offer effective support for ecumenical action,” said His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI at a meeting of the bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

One of the examples of this was Ecumenical Social Week “Help Your Neighbor!”, organized by UCU’s Institute of Ecumenical Studies, which included a variety of events. The week featured a photo exhibit, scholarly discussions, an international conference on the cooperative movement, training for social service organizations, round tables, films, theatrical presentations, and concerts of religious and contemporary music.

“The main idea of the Ecumenical Social Week is to gather all Ukrainian denominations and charitable organizations around social issues,” said Dr. Antoine Arjakovsky, director of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies. “A very ecumenical atmosphere reigns at UCU. Here you feel the interest and principled openness of teachers and students. I consider this university to be unique. For I do not know where else in Ukraine it is possible in such

a way to pray, study, work: namely, to live together.”

Among those taking part in the Ecumenical Social Week were Ukrainian First Lady Kateryna Yushchenko; the former director of the International Monetary Fund, Michel Camdessus; the French Ambassador to Ukraine, Jean-Paul Veziat; representatives of the Ukrainian government; and members of a variety of European and Ukrainian social organizations. And the cultural festival held as part of the Ecumenical Social Week turned the attention of thousands of citizens of Lviv and guests of the city to social problems.

“Initiatives like this are extraordinarily important, for they help revive the traditions of philanthropy in Ukraine,

returning to pre-Soviet Christian values,” said Mrs. Yushchenko. “I hope that the Ecumenical Social Week will continue in other social programs and events that gather various denominations in order to learn from one another, to coordinate their activities, and to divide responsibility.”



Participants of the Ecumenical Social Week visited a transitional center where formerly homeless people renovate discarded furniture.

Jean-Paul Veziat, French Ambassador to Ukraine

“UCU is the most modern of the universities that I have seen in Ukraine. The Theological Center is a new project, an educational, cultural and spiritual complex in Lviv... It is difficult to list all the university’s good initiatives.”



A photo exhibit drawing attention to society’s problems was a feature of the Ecumenical Social Week.

Eastern Contacts

“Today the majority of UCU graduates go west to earn licentiate or doctoral degrees,” said UCU Rector Fr. Borys Gudziak. “But I would like our young scholars also to turn their academic research east because understanding Ukrainian history without studying the deep roots of connections with our neighbors to the east and, in general, eastern culture would be very difficult.”

Presently, one UCU graduate is studying in Lebanon and another in Armenia.

Last year, two important events opened UCU to the Christian East and ecumenical relations: an Armenian-Ukrainian scholarly conference and the visit of a modern mystic from Syria, Mirna Nazzour.

The international conference, dedicated to the theme of Armenian-Ukrainian relations, gathered scholars from Ukraine, the United States, Poland, Germany, and Armenia. An especially honored guest of the conference was Archbishop Grigoris Buniatian of the Ukrainian Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

“Today, as we look on various aspects of the activities of Armenians on the territory of Ukraine, including from



Archbishop Grigoris Buniatian, the head of the Ukrainian Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church, visited UCU and participated in an international conference dedicated to Ukrainian-Armenian relations.

the historical perspective, we need at the same time to be aware that the life of Armenians in Ukraine is continuing and developing. The activities of [various] Armenian centers witness to this,” said the archbishop.

Mirna Nazzour’s visit was more spiritual than scholarly. For 25 years, Mirna’s home in Soufanieh, Damascus, has been a place of prayer and miraculous events, including apparitions of the Mother of God. Oil flows from the miraculous icon in her home and from Mirna’s

hands, a woman who sometimes suffers the wounds of the stigmata. Her home is open to everyone, and Christians and Muslims come to pray there.

Mirna Nazzour traveled to Ukraine at the invitation of UCU’s Institute of Ecumenical Studies. She conducted a retreat for students of the institute’s master’s program together with her spiritual director, Fr. Elias Zahlaoui. She also spoke before the university community and joined it for a liturgy.



A presentation of the Jewish publishing house Hesharim was held at the UCU Library as part of the Publishers’ Forum in Lviv.

Continuing Judeo-Christian Dialogue

“In the Talmud it says; ‘He who saves one life saves the whole world.’ But Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, his brother Klymentii, and the Studite monks saved thousands of worlds, for they rescued not only me and other Jewish boys from death, but also generations of our descendants,” said Dr. Leon Chameides at the Ukrainian Catholic University. Dr. Chameides was one of many Jews saved during World War II at the Univ Studite monastery in the Lviv Region.

With this interreligious history in its past, Univ has become the home of “The Ark,” an international, interreligious youth seminar of

Polish, Jewish, and Ukrainian students that UCU co-organizes. Dozens of young people take part in the annual seminar, focusing on dialogue and mutual understanding among peoples united by a common, though sometimes painful, history. The seminar includes lectures, workshops, training sessions, art studios, and national and cultural presentations.

Participants say seminars like this encourage mutual understanding and the creation of a tolerant society, for they teach the participants how to live and work together, understanding and valuing their diversity.

ACADEMICS

Business Guided by Virtue

The goal of the Lviv Business School, which began working with UCU in February, is to unite educational programs with management, general human values, culture and spirituality. In April, the school started its Key Executive MBA program, a daring move just a few months after the school's conception.

According to Director Sophia Opatska, a new business school at UCU will deepen mutual understanding among businesses, the educational community and society, and promote Christian values.

"We say that business can be conducted in a respectable manner in Ukraine, with consideration for workers," said Opatska. "[Let's] not forget about ecology, and thoughts for the future. That is, now it is not simply enough to make money quickly and efficiently; today the question about how we make money is also important."

Despite its youth, the Lviv Business School is already known abroad.

"Teaching business in the context of a university that bases its educational program on spirituality has great prospects. In this case, a business school becomes not only an institution where they study business and management, but a catalyst for changes in the life of Ukrainian society," said Michel Camdessus, former General Director of the International Monetary Fund.



The MBA program of the Lviv Business School started soon after the school's founding.

The Other Europe: Exploring Alternatives

"Europe and Christian values" is the theme of the newly created certificate program of UCU's Philosophy Department. The hope is to unite students around a philosophical understanding of European identity and values. The certificate program, "The Other Europe: Exploring Alternatives," includes two semesters of study and a summer school with an international conference.

The program has attracted not only students but also people with high academic standing, doctoral candidates, and even university professors.

"The theme of Christianity in

modern Europe is seen somewhat stereotypically," said Dr. Volodymyr Turchynovskyy, Chair of UCU's Department of Philosophy.

"We are accustomed to the thought that Christianity has carried out its historical mission in Europe, and now we are reducing it to the role of a domesticated animal, which is good and gentle, but not at all important. But is this really how it is? I am not certain. I think that in 10 years we will see the results of the processes that are occurring in this Europe. This is the other Europe that we are discussing," said Dr. Turchynovskyy.

The Summer Philosophy School was a valuable experience that gathered approximately 40 people from 11 Ukrainian cities and teachers from various countries. Students and young scholars in philosophy, experts in cultural and literary studies, theologians, and political scientists attended the summer school.

According to Dr. Czeslaw Porebski, a teacher at the school and professor of the Centre for European Studies at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Ukrainian students often lack information about Europe and the structure of the European Union. But they compensate for this with enthusiasm, the desire to study, and the courage to look for answers.

Sophia Opatska, Director of the Lviv Business School

"UCU is one of those few educational institutions that unites the spirit of learning through the ages and modernity. Management gurus say that innovations happen when things that on first glance cannot be united are united: this is precisely what the joining of the practicality of business and the intellectual and spiritual depth of UCU is."



Seminars, Lectures, and Conferences

University-Wide Conferences

- Symposium of Catholic Universities of Central and Eastern Europe
- Armenian-Ukrainian International Academic Conference

Institute of Ecumenical Studies

- Ecumenical Social Week “Help Your Neighbor!”
- Seminar on mixed marriages

Institute of Religion and Society

- 100th anniversary of the birth of General Petro Hryhorenko, dissident, and fighter for human rights
- “For a World without the Death Penalty” Conference
- “Conflicts and Reconciliation through the Prism of Faith,” the 11th All-Ukrainian Scholarly and Practical Conference for Students and Young Scholars
- “Lecture of Freedom,” in memory of journalist Oleksandr Kryvenko
- Round table on “The Relevance and Effectiveness of Christian Social Teaching”

Institute of Liturgical Studies

- “Severinus Boethius as a Philosopher and Theologian”
- “The Typology of Sources for Ukrainian Church History in the Middle Ages”

Institute of Church History

- “Historical Bases of the Identity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the Theological Thought of Josyf Slipyj”

Department of Theology

- Conference on the theological legacy of St. John Chrysostom

Department of Classical, Byzantine and Medieval Studies

- A series of historical and philological seminars

Speakers

- Kateryna Yushchenko, First Lady of Ukraine and Chairperson of the Ukraine 3000 Foundation
- Renato Raffaele Cardinal Martino, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, “War and Peace in the Modern World: Challenges for the Church”
- Noted film director Krzysztof Zanussi, “Between East and West”
- Academic Myroslav Popovych, “The Human Being and Freedom”
- Dr. Leon Chameides, a Jew whom Metropolitan Sheptytsky saved during World War II
- Deacon Andrei Kuraev, a Russian theologian
- Russian dissident Mykola Muratov, who helped the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church come out of the underground
- Mirna Nazzour, a modern mystic from Syria
- Dr. Roman Procyk, Director of the Ukrainian Studies Fund
- Dr. Frank Sysyn, professor at the University of Alberta



“In the 20th century Western civilization ‘soaked up’ certain prejudices. UCU can make its contribution in overcoming these, inasmuch as it is able to propose to both East and West important truths.”

—Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, during his visit

New Publications

- *Socially Oriented Documents of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church: 1989-2008* presents the position of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church on various social questions, such as government, property, wealth and poverty, human rights, wages, war and reconciliation. The book is the result of two years of painstaking work by UCU’s Institute of Religion and Society.

- UCU Professor Rostyslav Paranko received honors for his translation of the *Theological Tractates* of Roman philosopher and theologian Severinus Boethius from Lviv National University, the International Renaissance Foundation, and the newspaper 24 for an achievement in the field of academic translation.

In addition to the literary value of the translation, it is also important because it is one of the first attempts to develop methodological principles for re-creating in the Ukrainian language the philosophical and theological terminology of the late ancient and medieval Latin West.

TRANSFORMING SOCIETY

Work with Society's Neediest

UCU emphasizes to its students both intellectual achievement and social ministry. During their studies, students participate in a variety of projects with the needy, including the homeless, the sick, people with special needs, and orphans.

Recently, UCU's Department of Social Pedagogy started a project to care for orphan children in institutions of the Lviv Region. Now some 10 students studying social pedagogy are taking part in the program, and their main task is work with children with learning disabilities at a boarding school in the village of Verkhnie Synovydne. As part of the project, the students celebrate church holy days with the children, catechize, take trips, and conduct various creative workshops.

The students have begun their work with enthusiasm, for it demands not only knowledge but also the ability to work with children who need special



Students of social pedagogy visit orphans in institutions, including at Easter.



UCU Chaplain Fr. Volodymyr Lyupak ministers to the sick at the Lviv psychiatric hospital with the help of UCU students and staff.

care and understanding.

"Visiting the children, I myself learn much from them, because they're open, sincere, and talented," said Oksana Oleshko, a participant in the project.

UCU students have also begun to reach out a helping hand to another category of the needy, patients at the Lviv psychiatric hospital. "The idea of this volunteer project is to listen to people who truly are rejected by society, because the mentally ill are, for others, somehow frightening. But really these are prejudices that we try to overcome. Not all these people have mental problems. They are simply lonely and end up there through the indifference of others," said Halyna Deva, a student of the Faculty of Philosophy and Theology.

Some 10 students of the faculty volunteer to visit the patients and talk with them about life and spiritual matters. UCU's psychologist conducts special training for the volunteers, which gives them practical knowledge for interaction with the patients. Deva noted that the patients become very accustomed to the volunteers and really wait for them, and so they truly feel that they are doing a good work.

Council Named Lviv's Best Student Government

Among the numerous institutions of higher education in the city of Lviv, the best student government organization is at the Ukrainian Catholic University. Such was the conclusion of Tetiana Yatskiv, head of the Committee to Support Student Government, based on investigations of similar student organizations in Lviv.

"Very good practices in the functioning of student government as the representative and defender of the rights of students and the student body have been established at UCU," said Yatskiv.

In electing their Student Council, UCU students use a party system. That is, in order to be elected to the student parliament, individual people are not in competition but coordinated teams conduct an election campaign and develop campaign platforms.

"The Student Council is the start of movement into a great reality," said UCU Rector Fr. Borys Gudziak.

"This is the initial public square which can foster many habits that may in the future help the students become active participants in civil society."

Renewing the Tradition of Philanthropy

In the spring, UCU celebrated with two charity balls open to the public.

The UCU students organized the first ball to gather costs for the medical treatment of a boy suffering from hydrocephaly. The charity ball collected \$2,000 USD to the great surprise of the organizers. Rather, they had hoped to turn the public's attention to the misfortune of an ordinary small family. "We're not talking about global, world changes. But together as a community we want to help a small, concrete family," explained Halyna Shostak, a student who organized the ball.

The second spring ball, "Perelaz," was held in the style of a traditional Ukrainian folk evening. The goal was to establish a scholarship fund for UCU's best students, named after Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church from 1901 to 1944. The folk ball gathered a few dozen Ukrainian businessmen interested in supporting the development of national education and of UCU as one of the most ambitious educational projects in Ukraine. The charity auction sold art



Local politicians were among those participating in UCU's first charity folk ball.

and raised more than \$10,000 USD.

"This university exists exclusively thanks to funds from donors, generally foreigners. We would like UCU to receive more support from our wealthy compatriots, and we hope to build up the university, together with you, in service to Lviv and our country," said Fr. Borys Gudziak during the ball.

Student Theatre Performs at Secretariat of the President of Ukraine

At the invitation of the head of the Secretariat of the President of Ukraine, UCU's amateur student theatre group "On the Stairs" staged a traditional Ukrainian vertep (Christmas play) for staff of the president's office in Kyiv.

In addition, the UCU students performed their vertep at the National Academy of Public Administration of the President of Ukraine and at Roman Catholic parishes in the capital. An UCU graduate, formerly working at the Secretariat, is now working at the National Academy.

Among the interested audience members of the vertep was Vitali Klitschko, heavyweight champion of the World Boxing Council.

UCU's student theatre group last year debuted at the "Ladder," the 4th International Festival of Amateur Theatrical Art in Lviv. Twenty theatres from various regions of Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Russia, Poland, Romania, and Germany were represented at the festival, at which UCU received an award for the musical setting of the play *The Prophet*.

Student Profile: Marianna Andrashko

Born in the town of Korolevo in the Transcarpathia Region, Andrashko was reared in Uzhhorod. She comes from a family of priests. She graduated from a musical college and later worked in a music school.

Then she entered UCU's Catechetical-Pedagogical Institute, where she studied for two years. At that time she organized in Uzhhorod a youth community, Prayerful Family, which gathered weekly for joint prayers and meditation on Holy Scripture. Subsequently she decided to study at UCU's Faculty of Philosophy and Theology. Here she joined a missionary movement: In 2005, she and other students evangelized youth in far eastern Ukraine's Donetsk Region for a month. On her return, she re-

organized Prayerful Family into the first center of the Faith and Light movement for the developmentally disabled, their families, and friends in the Greek Catholic Eparchy of Mukachiv (Transcarpathia). She considers UCU her home.

"In my childhood I dreamed of 'studying religion.' So, when I learned about UCU, regardless of the fact that I already had a college education, I decided to enter. My experience of contact with staff, teachers, and students – who are a part of our Church, outside of which I cannot see myself – is inestimable for me. Participating in the Student Council gives me new opportunities to understand what I am capable of."



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UCU OVERVIEW

The Ukrainian Catholic University has two campuses and plans to build a third. UCU has a Faculty of Philosophy and Theology and also a Humanities Faculty, both which award bachelor's and master's degrees. In addition there are numerous scholarly and teaching institutes and other departments.

Faculty of Philosophy and Theology

Seminary Department

Total number of students – 164

These young men are from various regions of Ukraine, and also Belarus, Canada, Kazakhstan, and Poland. Twenty-six are members of the following religious orders: Studites, Redemptorists, and Don Orione.

General Department

Total number of students – 110

There are 58 women and 52 men from various regions of Ukraine, and also Belarus, Brazil, Canada, and Russia. Five are members of religious orders.

Humanities Faculty

Total number of students – 171

This includes 109 in the history program and 62 in the social pedagogy program.

Catechetical-Pedagogical Institute

Students in part-time and evening programs – 295

Special Ecumenical Programs

UCU's Institute of Ecumenical Studies offers various master's programs. There is a traditional master's program in ecumenical studies, and also two distance learning programs through the Internet, one offered in the Ukrainian language and focusing on ecumenical journalism and one in the English language.

Information available at: www.iesdistance.org.ua



Graduates

This year the university graduated 217 students, including 115 from the Faculty of Philosophy and Theology and 80 from the Catechetical-Pedagogical Institute.

Teaching Staff

105 (including 22 alumni of UCU)

Summer Programs

Approximately 400 students from Ukraine and abroad took part in 10 programs:

- English Summer School
- Ukrainian-Language Summer School
- Italian-Language Summer School (in Italy)
- English Week (students from Lviv-area high schools)
- Theology Summer School
- Icon-Painting School
- Choir Directors' Summer School
- Voice of the Future Summer Leadership School (children 11-17 years old)
- Lay Leadership Summer School
- Philosophy Summer School (students and young scholars from various cities of Ukraine)



Thanks to Our International Partners

The Ukrainian Catholic University is a member of several academic associations, including the International Federation of Catholic Universities, the Federation of Catholic Universities of Europe, and the Artes Liberales Inter-University Program. In addition, the university has a broad range of relationships with many international friends and partners who helped make this year a success. Through their generosity and collaboration, a new generation of students and scholars is at work in Ukraine.

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Ukrainian Institute of New York (USA)

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Ukrainian Religious Society of St. Sophia (UK, USA, Italy, Belgium)

Ukrainian Studies Fund (USA)

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University of Warsaw (Poland)

University of Würzburg (Germany)

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and many individuals who donated their time and resources



UCU Hosts Catholic Universities of Central and Eastern Europe

Dr. A. James McAdams, director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies of the University of Notre Dame of the U.S. (pictured above at center), wanted to implement his university's desire to unite the Catholic universities of Central and Eastern Europe. His labors came to fruition in 2005, when these universities joined in an informal association.

That group, the Association of Catholic Universities of Central and Eastern Europe, is unique because of the small number of Catholic universities in such a large geographical area. (The Nanovic Institute for European Studies promoted uniting the universities.) Created in 2005, the association is very young. Every year it holds meetings to give all the members of the organization the opportunity to become better acquainted with the universities and the conditions of the countries of the various members. This year UCU hosted the participants of the meeting, which considered the spiritual dimension of education.

"The Ukrainian Catholic University is the smallest member of this association, though our weight in the intellectual life of Lviv and Ukraine is already fairly well acknowledged," said Olena Dzhedzhora, head of the university's Department of International Academic Relations. "We hope that our partners not only will become better acquainted with our work and projects, but that we will be able to develop a full-fledged and productive exchange of students and create joint educational and research projects."



“I know how difficult it was to revive [UCU], how difficult to create such a university. I have wanted to see your work, to meet your teachers and students, for a long time. You do wonderful things. For this is very important, that our people have access to knowledge about God. I thank you for starting this effort.”

Kateryna Yushchenko, First Lady of Ukraine

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