

Canadian Slovak Professional and Business Association had their 44th Annual Scholarship Ball on Saturday, November the 7th 2009 in the congress center Le Crystal, on 5285 Henri Bourassa Blvd. in St. Laurent. This Ball was attended by 230 with honored guests: the chief of the business department of the Slovak Embassy Mr. Vladimír Wiedermann, and the Consul General of the Czech Republic in Montreal Mrs. Eng. Jaroslava Jeslínková. This annual ball is a celebration with a nice supper, music and dancing and is a favorite climax of the Slovak Montreal social calendar.

The evening started with the festive arrival and formal introduction of the eight students who were nominated this year for a scholarship award totaling \$8,500. The total number of students who have received scholarships to date now stands at 370, and the total amount of money awarded at \$215,900.

Two young emcees, Miss Denisa Chrastinová and Mr. Mik Arendáš opened the formal scholarship ceremony. They introduced every recipient to all the guests in Slovak, English and in French. The following scholarships were given out:

1. the \$900 Canadian Slovak Business and Professional Association award was granted to Mr. Collin Kmetyko-Philip and Mr. Daniel Tatryn, presented by the chairperson of the Ball and member of the presidium of the CSPBA, Mrs Anna Chrastinová;
2. the \$1,000 Slovak League in Montreal award was granted to CEGEP Maisonneuve student, who is also an active member of several Slovak organizations in Montreal, Mr. Adam Štol, presented by Mrs. Marta Fuska;
3. the \$1,000 Kocisko family award was granted to an outstanding student from Dawson College, Miss Kelsey Custodio, presented by Mr. Joseph Kocisko;
4. the \$1,100 La Maison Slovaque award was granted to an outstanding student from Vanier College, Miss Nathalie Divíšek, presented by the honorable Mme. Eva Petras;

5. the \$1,100 John Mrenice (in memoriam) award was granted to the best student from Champlain College, in the business program, Miss Anne Marie Contofalsky, presented by the daughter of the deceased, Ms. Judy Mrenice;
6. the \$1,200 Slovak Government award was granted to the best student from Vanier College, Miss Melanie Grega, presented by the chief of the business department of the Slovak Embassy in Ottawa Mr. Vladimír Wiedermann;
7. the \$1,300 John Simkovits (in memoriam) award was granted to the overall best student, a graduate of Miss Edgar & Miss Cramp Academy, Miss Caroline Hrycyk, presented by the son of the deceased John Simkovits, Mr. Steven Simkovits.

After a short intermission, the president of the CSPBA Dr. Josef Brody rewarded Mr. Martin Benko for his heroic deed of saving a human life and thanked all the organizers of the Ball and the seven conveners who contributed the most to the overall success of the ball – Mrs. Danielle Arendas, Mrs. Anne Chrastina, Mrs. Bea Janura, Mrs. Jamie Jasko, the honorable Mme. Eva Petras, Mrs. Rene Vandzura and Mrs. Anne Vyboh, and presented each with a bouquet of flowers. After that he also thanked all those who contributed to the scholarship fund, and to all those who put an ad into the program booklet, both of which help us to maintain the high quality and a reasonably low ticket price. Dr. Brody gave special thanks to Mr. Charles Velan for his exceptionally generous scholarship donation. Special thanks to Mrs Anne Chrastina for exceptional help in the organization of the Ball.

The music at the dance continued until two o'clock in the morning, at which time we all went home in a very good mood, and with farewells and "see you again" next year at the jubilee 45th Annual Scholarship Ball. This next Ball will take place the first Saturday in November, *i.e.*, the 6th of November 2010 in the same place, centre Le Crystal. We suggest that students interested in applying for scholarships this year regularly check the www.slovakmontreal.com (CSPBA section) site, where forms and details for new applications will be posted (towards the end of August).



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Year 2010¹

NAME:			
	FAMILY		GIVEN
ADDRESS No:	Street:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:	
E-Mail:	Telephone: () -		
PLACE OF BIRTH:			
DATE OF BIRTH:			
	YEAR	MONTH	DAY
FATHER'S NAME:			
MOTHER'S NAME:			
NAME OF THE PARENT OR GRANDPARENT BORN IN SLOVAKIA:			
HIS/HER PLACE OF BIRTH:			
NAME, AND YEAR, OF THE LAST HIGH SCHOOL OR CEGEP FROM WHICH YOU GRADUATED;			
SCHOOL:			
YEAR:			
PROGRAM (IF APPLICABLE):			
CEGEP OR UNIVERSITY ENROLLED IN 2010 – 2011 :			
SCHOOL:			
YEAR:			
PROGRAM (IF APPLICABLE):			

Application and all required documents must be forwarded to:

Mrs. Daniela Arendasova, 24, 16th Str., Roxboro, Quebec, H8Y 1N9

PRIOR TO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2010

NOTE!!! INCOMPLETE, OR/AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

GUIDELINES

¹ Use guidelines (page 2) to complete this application form.

ELIGIBILITY

The student applicant:

- 1 Must be of Slovak descent (at least one of the grandparents was born in Slovakia), or be the son or daughter of a member in good standing of the CSPBA for the past two years;
- 2 Must be a Canadian citizen, or a landed immigrant, domiciled in the Province of Quebec for at least the past two years preceding the application deadline ²;
- 3 Must be enrolled as a full-time student in the **first year** of either CEGEP or an Undergraduate Program at University ³;
- 4 Must not have previously received a CSPBA Scholarship;
- 5 Must attend the interview, and be present at the Scholarship Ball in the appropriate attire⁴.
- 6 Exceptional cases will be dealt with on an *ad hoc* basis by the Scholarship Committee of the CSPBA.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Official academic transcripts from the last school from which you graduated. If you are applying as a first year CEGEP student, you must include a photocopy of your Quebec provincial results.
- 2 Proof of enrollment at a CEGEP or in an undergraduate program at a University (e.g. photocopy of ID card, proof of registration). A letter of acceptance is **not** sufficient.
- 3 A letter of reference from one of the following: the principal, guidance counselor, or a teacher from the last school from which you graduated.
- 4 A brief summary of your extracurricular activities (e.g. sports, community service, hobbies, etc.).
- 5 A graduation photo or a passport type photo. The photo will be included in our 45th Annual Scholarship Ball program and will be returned if requested.

Candidates meeting eligibility requirements, and having submitted the required documentation, will be contacted to arrange for a suitable time for a brief interview. The interview will include, among other things, a discussion of the candidate's awareness of and interest in contributing to the life of the Montreal Slovak community by participation in Slovak organizations such as a dance or theater group, Slovak parish, CSPBA, etc.

INFORMATION may be obtained from any of the scholarship committee members:

Mrs. Daniela Arendasova: 514-684-0235

Dr. Jozef Brody: 514-482-7328,

Mr. Joseph Zemanovich: 514-624-2376

Mr. Steve Rosenfield: 514-489-6150.

² Special consideration is given to a limited number of those students from outside of Canada who will be in their first year of post-secondary studies in the Province of Quebec.

³ Same as footnote 2 (above).

⁴ A clear definition of appropriate attire will be provided with the letter of acceptance.



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CANADIAN SLOVAK PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE SLOVAQUE DES PROFESSIONNELS ET GENS D'AFFAIRES

Kanadsko Slovenská Asociácia Profesionálov a Podnikateľov poriadala svoj 44. Výročný Štipendijný Ples v sobotu, 7. novembra, 2009, v centru Le Crystal, 5285 Blvd. Henri Bourassa, vo Ville St. Laurent. Plesu sa zúčastnilo okolo 230 hostí medzi ktorými nechýbali ani vzácní hostia: vedúci obchodného oddelenia pán Vladimír Wiedermann Slovenského vyslanectva v Ottave, a generálna konzulka Českej Republiky v Montreále pani Ing. Jaroslava Jelínková. Tento každoročný ples je slávnostnou udalosťou sprevádzanou dobrou večerou, hudbou a tancom a je obľúbeným a dôstojným vyvrcholením montreálskeho slovenského spoločenského kalendára.

Večer sa začal slávnostným príchodom ôsmich študentov navrhnutých tento rok na štipendijnú odmenu vo výške \$8 500. Celkový počet študentov, ktorým sme do dnešného dňa udelili štipendiá, sa tým zvýšil na 370 a celková suma udelených štipendií predstavuje \$215.900.

Slávnostné odovzdávanie štipendií zahájili dvaja mladí konferencieri a držiteľia našich štipendií slečna Denisa Chrastinová a pán Mik Arendáš, ktorí v slovenčine, angličtine a francúzštine prítomným hosťom v krátkosti predstavili každého z odmenených študentov. Po tomto boli udelené nasledovné štipendiá:

1. Cenu Kanadsko Slovenskej Asociácie Profesionálov a Podnikateľov vo výške \$900 študentom, pánovi Colinovi Kmetyko-Philipovi a pánovi Danielovi Tatríni, udelila predsedkyňa plesu a členka predsedníctva CSPBA pani Anna Chrastinová.
2. Cenu montreálskej odbočky Slovenskej Ligy vo výške \$1 000, študentovi zo CEGEPu Maisonneuve a aktívnemu členovi viacerých slovenských kultúrnych spolkov pánovi Adamovi Štolovi, udelila pani Marta Fusková.
3. Cenu Kočiškovej rodiny vo výške \$1 000, vynikajúcej študentke zo CEGEPu Dawson slečne Kelsey Custodiovej, udelil pán Jozef Kočiško.
4. Cenu Slovenského domu, najlepšej študentke CEGEPu Vanier slečne Natálii Divíškovej, vo výške \$1,100 udelila predsedkyňa "La Maison Slovaque" ctihodná pani Eva Petrášová.
5. Cenu Jána Mrenicu (in memriam), najlepšej študentke CEGEPu Champlain v programe s obchodným zameraním slečne Anne

Marii Čontofalskej, vo výške \$1.100 udelila dcéra zosnulého pani Judita Mrenicová.

6. Cenu Slovenskej vlády, najlepšej študentke CEGEPu z Vanier slečne Melanii Gregovej, vo výške \$1,200 udelil vedúci obchodného oddelenia Slovenského velvyslanectva v Ottave pán Vladimír Wiedermann.
7. Cenu Jána Šimkoviča (in memoriam), celkove najlepšej študentke, absolventke Miss Edgar & Miss Cramp Academy slečne Karolíne Hryckovej, vo výške \$1.300 udelil syn zosnulého Jána Šimkoviča pán Štefan Šimkovič.

Po malej prestávke predseda CSPBA Dr. Jozef Brody odmenil cenou za hrdinský čin záchrany života pánu Martinovi Benkovi a poďakoval všetkým organizátorom plesu a siedmim organizátorkám, ktoré najviac prispeli k jeho úspešnosti - pani Daniele Arendášovej, pani Anne Chrastinovej, pani Beate Janurovej, pani Jamie Jaškovej, ctihodnej pani Eve Petrášovej, pani Reenie Vandzurovej a pani Anne Vybochovej a s poďakovaním im odovzdal kytice kvetov. Potom tiež poďakoval všetkým, ktorí prispeli na štipendiá a na ples inzerátmi uverejnenými v programe plesu, ktoré nám pomáhajú udržiavať vysokú kvalitu a primerané vstupné. Zvláštnu pozornosť venoval pánu Karlovi Velanovi, ktorého príspevok do štipendijného fondu bol mimoriadne vysoký. Zvláštna vďaka patrí pani Anne Chrastinovej za mimoriadny podiel v organizácii tohoto veľmi úspešného plesu.

Tanečná hudba potom vyhrávala až do druhej hodiny ráno, kedy sme sa všetci rozišli v dobrej nálade a s pozdravom dovidenia za rok pri príležitosti 45. výročného plesu, ktorý sa opäť bude konať prvú novembrovú sobotu, t.j. 6. novembra 2010 v miestnostiach centra Le Crystal. Záujemcov o štipendiá doporučujeme, aby sledovali pravidelne našu web-stránku: www.slovakmontreal.com (sekcii CSPBA) alebo čítali náš pravidelný spravodaj: Slovenský Montreál, kde koncom augusta 2010 budú zverejnené pravidlá a žiadosti o štipendium.