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Westchester Pulaski Association Inc. INVITES YOU TO:

46th Annual Polish Heritage Day

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025
NOON - 6:00 P.M. (Rain or Shine)

Kensico Dam Plaza
Valhalla, New York

- * TRADITIONAL POLISH FOOD and DESSERTS
- * BUTTER MAKING ACTIVITIES AND TASTING
- * BEER AND WINE TENT
- * LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES
- * LIVE POLISH SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
- * MULTIPLE VENDORS
- * ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, TEENS and FAMILIES
- * FREE FACE PAINTING
- * ARTS AND CRAFTS TENT
- * TRADITIONAL POLISH SABER FIGHTING

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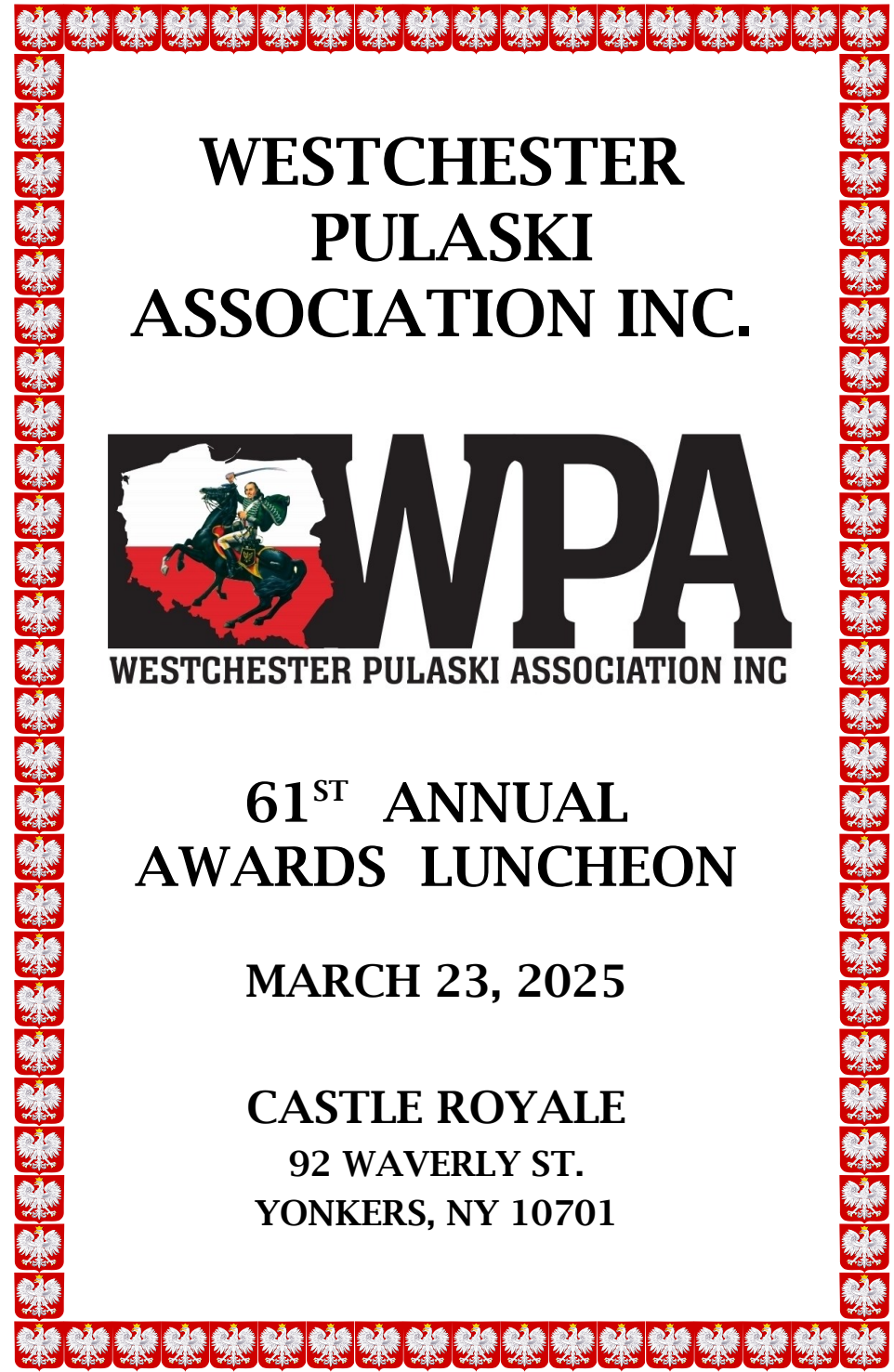
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61ST ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

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46th Annual Polish Heritage Day

NIEDZIELA, 18 MAJA, 2025
12:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

Kensico Dam Plaza
Valhalla, New York

- * TRADYCYJNE POLSKIE POTRAWY I DESERY
- * RĘCZNY WYRÓB MASŁA I DEGUSTACJA
- * STOISKO Z PIWEM I WINEM
- * MUZYKA TANECZNO-ROZRYWKOWA
- * WYSTĘPY ARTYSTYCZNE MŁODZIEŻY I DZIECI
- * STRAGANY I STOISKA Z RÓŻNYM ASORTYMENTEM
- * ATRAKCJE DLA DZIECI, MŁODZIEŻY I CAŁYCH RODZIN
- * ZAJĘCIA PLASTYCZNE DLA DZIECI
- * DARMOWE MALOWANIE TWARZY
- * POKAZ WALK NA SZABLE

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WELCOME - DZIEŃ DOBRY!

A very warm and cordial greeting to all of you. It is our fond hope that you will have a pleasant experience enjoying this Awards Luncheon and the 61st Anniversary celebration of the Westchester Pulaski Association, Inc.

The Westchester Pulaski Association is a non-profit cultural, civic, and patriotic organization which serves our community. We are proud of this organization's work over the past 60 years; cosponsoring the Heritage Day Programs, assisting in the General Casimir Pulaski Memorial Parade, recognizing citizens for service to the community, promoting Americanism and funding Scholarship Awards totaling over \$276,000 since this program's inception in 1977.

These scholarships serve as an investment in the college education of many outstanding and deserving students of our community.

We are most grateful to the many people who have purchased tickets, journal ads, contributed directly to our scholarship fund and sacrificed their time and efforts in our functions throughout the year. Their cooperation and support has made our undertakings possible.

The entire committee invites you to enjoy today's special program and extends the traditional Polish expression of sincere gratitude...

SERDECZNE BÓG ZAPŁAĆ!
The Committee

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



MAZUREK DĄBROWSKIEGO

Jeszcze Polska nie zginęła,
Kiedy my żyjemy.
Co nam obca przemoc wzięła,
Szablą odbierzemy.

Marsz, marsz, Dąbrowski,
Z ziemi włoskiej do Polski.
Za twoim przewodem
Złączym się z narodem.

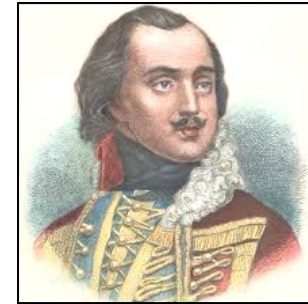
Przejdziem Wisłę, przejdziem Wartę,
Będziem Polakami,
Dał nam przykład Bonaparte,
Jak zwyciężać mamy.

Marsz, marsz ...

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Who was Casimir Pulaski?



Kazimierz Michał Władysław Wiktor Pułaski, "Casimir" Pulaski was a Polish military commander who fought in the American Revolutionary War. He is known as the "Father of the American Cavalry." Pulaski was a cavalry commander in a breakaway Polish army that attempted to resist the Russian Empire, which had asserted influence over the Poland-Lithuania Commonwealth. They were ultimately unsuccessful, and Pulaski was exiled from Poland. He then traveled to France, where he tried to join the French Army but was rejected.

While in France, however, he met Benjamin Franklin, who had heard of Pulaski's exploits and was impressed by his struggles for freedom. Franklin wrote to George Washington insisting he should join the Continental Army cavalry. It wasn't long before Pulaski made a name for himself in the Continental cavalry. His bravery allowed the American Army to escape from the British at the Battle of Brandywine in 1777. For this, he was awarded the command of the entire Continental cavalry.

Pulaski saw further success after breaking the British siege of Charlestown in 1779. Sadly, after being wounded by cannon fire at the Battle of Savannah, he died of his wounds and was buried at sea.

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Presentation of Colors ADAM GORNICKI
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National Anthems Pianist PIOTR ASTRIAB
The Youth Of St. Cecilia Choir EMILIA HOGG
ALEKSANDRA KAPLINSKI
JULIANNA KAPLINSKI
LYLI McCARTHY
JULIA WOJCIK

Piano concert PIOTR ASTRIAB

> > > > **LUNCHEON** < < < <

Children Performance POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL
"Ogród Poezji Polskiej"
Principal ALINA GAUZA
Solist ZOSIA WERNER

Guest Speaker ANNA KAPLINSKI
„Women In Science Of Innovations” (Quiz and Prizes)

Presentation of Scholarship Awards

NICOLE NAWROCKI
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General Casimir Pulaski Memorial Parade Honors

Citizens of the Year WALTER SOBOLAK
MICHAEL ULANSKI
Junior Miss Polonia ALEKSANDRA KAPLINSKI
Miss Polonia JULIA WOJCIK
Parade Marshal TADEUSZ JANKOWSKI

Benediction FR. MAREK RUDECKI, PASTOR

2025 PARADE MARSHAL



TADEUSZ JANKOWSKI

Tadeusz was born on January 29, 1963, in Myslibórz, Poland, and grew up in the picturesque town of Barlinek. After completing his high school education in plumbing and welding, he took a job at the local shipyards. In 1983, Tadeusz was drafted into the Polish Army, where he served for two years.

In 1987, Tadeusz immigrated to the United States and settled in the vibrant community of Yonkers, NY, where he has resided ever since. In 1988, he found his professional calling as a maintenance staff member at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry and simultaneously embraced a spiritual connection by becoming a devoted parishioner of Saint Casimir Church.

Over the past decade, Tadeusz has dedicated countless hours to serving the church in various capacities, including assisting with lawn maintenance, ushering during Mass, and helping with the annual flea market.

Outside of volunteering, his hobbies include fishing, hunting, and watching soccer.

Tadeusz is deeply honored to be this year's recipient of the Westchester Pulaski Parade Marshal Award and looks forward to continuing his service to both the church and the Polish community.

Best Wishes to the
Westchester Pulaski Association Inc.
On the 61st Anniversary of the Annual Awards Luncheon

Congratulations to the 2025 Honorees:

2025 Pulaski Parade Marshal

Tadeusz Jankowski

2025 Citizens of the Year

Wladyslaw (Walter) Sobolak and Michael Ulanski

2025 Miss Polonia

Julia Wojcik

2025 Junior Miss Polonia

Aleksandra Kaplinski

and to the

2025 Scholarship Recipients

Nicole Nawrocki, Isabelle Quito, Dominika Zieba



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YEAR

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43 RD	1979	*EDWARD J. NAPIERKOWSKI
44 TH	1980	*FRANK BAZUKIEWICZ
45 TH	1981	*BRONISLAW CIECIUCH
46 TH	1982	*JOSEF ZIMNIAK
47 TH	1983	*JOSEPH PIEKARSKI
48 TH	1984	*ANN MISIEWICZ
49 TH	1985	STEPHEN M. SCHURICK
51 ST	1987	*NICHOLAS SCHURICK
52 ND	1988	HON. TERANCE ZALESKI
53 RD	1989	*HELEN LOCATELLI MAHER
54 TH	1990	*STANLEY NAROG
55 TH	1991	*REV. ROBERT PANEK
56 TH	1992	SGT. DAVID TRANCYNGER
57 TH	1993	GENIA PIEKARSKI
58 TH	1994	*ANN DUCHYNSKI
59 TH	1995	*TINA WOJDA BOBAK
60 TH	1996	DET. CHARLES JANKOWSKI
61 ST	1997	*RONALD BAKER
62 ND	1998	*JANUSZ PIOTROWSKI
63 RD	1999	*PETER WENDOLSKI
64 TH	2000	REV. FR. JOHN MICHALAK
65 TH	2001 – 2002	*GUS SYMANSKI
66 TH	2003	ZDZISLAWA MOSKWINSKI
67 TH	2004	*HENRYKA SZOEKE
68 TH	2005	REV. KRZYSZTOF DRYBKA
69 TH	2006	MILOSZ (MICHAEL) SZUMNY
70 TH	2007	THERESE LIPSKI-MATIONG
71 ST	2008	LUCYNA OKRUTNIAK
72 ND	2009	ANNA O'LEAR
73 RD	2010	LIDIA TUZEL-SZCZYGIEL
74 TH	2011	*ELIZABETH KURANOWSKI
75 TH	2012	HENRYKA GRYKA
76 TH	2013	HALINA STEC
77 TH	2014	MAYOR MIKE SPANO
78 TH	2015	ALINA GAUZA
79 TH	2016	FR. TOMASZ WILK
80 TH	2017	JOZEF POMORYN
81 ST	2018	ANNA OGOREK
82 ND	2019-2020	JADWIGA HAJDUKIEWICZ
83 RD	2021-2022	JANINA LECHOCINSKI
84 TH	2023	BARBARA ULANSKI
85 TH	2024	FR. MAREK RUDECKI

*DECEASED

2025 MISS POLONIA



JULIA WOJCIK

Julia was born in New York. She is a senior at Yonkers High School and will graduate in June of this year. At Yonkers High School, she actively engages in many academic clubs and helps promote school and community events. Recently, she has organized and supported the YHS Blood Drive, where she raised awareness about the global shortage of blood and helped the New York Blood Center to surpass their goal.

She also attends the Maria Konopnicka Polish Supplementary School in Yonkers, where she is a part of the first high school graduating class in the school's history. She participates in various competitions, including the annual poetry recitation contest. This school has instilled Julia's love for reading Polish literature, especially classic books centered around history.

She actively supports the Saint Casimir Roman Catholic Church, both as a lector during mass and a member of the Saint Cecilia choir. This year, she will represent the Westchester Pulaski Association as Miss Polonia 2025 and aims to inspire other Polish - Americans, especially the younger generation, to embrace their culture and continue the traditions of their ancestors. She would like to thank everyone for supporting her and her family, and together they say, from the bottom of their hearts, that it is an honor to be a part of such an amazing and dedicated community.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU

Welcome to Saint Casimir Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday: 8 am (English)

10 am (Polish)

12 pm & 6 pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: 8:00 am

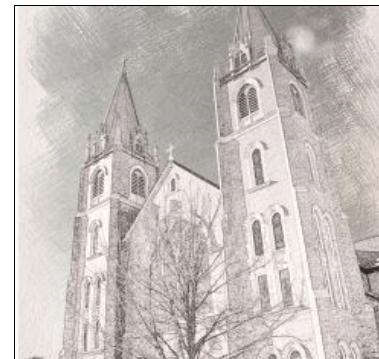
Special services:

Easter Basket Food Blessing (Holy Saturday)

6 am - Easter Resurrection Massa in Polish,

Christmas Midnight Mass - Pasterka

CCD (All sacraments)



ALL ARE WELCOME

2025 JUNIOR MISS POLONIA



ALEKSANDRA (OLA) KAPLINSKI

(Born August 21, 2013)

Ola is a talented and dedicated young girl known for her remarkable achievements in music, athletics, and cultural representation. Ola's diverse talents, cultural pride, and unwavering dedication make her a truly inspiring individual.

Ola is a gifted orchestra cello player representing the Ardsley School District and is also classically trained on piano. As a member of the Saint Cecilia Choir and the Ardsley Select Chorus, she showcases her strong vocal talent at various community and school events, including the Christmas Tree Lighting, holiday celebrations, and school concerts.

Her artistic talents extend to dance, where she excels in Tap and Ballet at the Broadway Training Center of Westchester. Ola regularly performs in dance recitals, where her grace and technical skill shine through.

Ola has demonstrated her strength and dedication in athletics as a competitive swimmer for the Ardsley School District.

Proud of her Polish heritage, Ola spends every summer in Poland and actively represents the Polish community at the NYC parade on 5th Avenue, various cultural events, and is proud to represent Poland during International Day at Ardsley School.

Ola's passion for travel has taken her to 11 countries and 9 states. She has a deep interest in learning about different countries, their flags, geography, history, religions, and languages—a unique passion that will undoubtedly make her a well-rounded and culturally aware pilot, which is her dream career to pursue.

Ola is honored to be a Junior Miss Polonia and will proudly represent Westchester County.

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Council member Tasha Diaz,
Council member Anthony J. Merante,
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PAST JUNIOR MISS POLONIAS

- 1996 Aleksandria Kosiorowski
- 1997 Karolina Okrutniak
- 1998 Natalia Wlazlo
1st Joanna Tuzel-Szczygiel
2nd Kristie Deptula
- 1999 Kristina Deptula
1st Victoria Fuks
2nd Karolina Manko
- 2000 Kasia Szumny
- 2001-2002 Ania Solinska
1st Klaudia Zalenka
2nd Samanta Cichocka
- 2003 Karolina Fik & Zofia Golec
1st Ashley Lipinski
2nd Natalia Ogorek
- 2004 Alicja Kazmierowska
1st Adrianna Wilk
2nd Magda Ogorek
- 2005 Katheryn Bejnart
- 2006 Monika Kaczmarek
- 2007 Natalia Grzelakowski
vice: Jennifer Debiec
- 2008 Halina Zdun
vice: Halina M. Sosiewicz
- 2009 Karolina Lukomska
- 2010 Emilia Hogg
- 2011 Victoria Konrad
- 2012 Zuzanna Perzan
- 2013 Kathleen Quito
- 2014 Adrianna Grzelakowski
- 2015 Paulina Ledwon
- 2016 Olivia Glogowski
- 2017 Karolina Spisak
- 2018 Olivia Tuzel
- 2019 Julianna Kaplinski
- 2023 Amelia Grzelakowski
Susan Rose Speckert
- 2024 Maya Morgan



2025 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



WLADYSLAW (WALTER) SOBOLAK

Wladyslaw (Walter) Sobolak was born in Sanok, Poland on November 11, 1947. He has served in the Polish military for three years and received education as a lathe and milling machine operator. In 1971, Wladyslaw married his wife, Krystyna. He emigrated to the United States on November 8, 1980.

In March 1981, Wladyslaw began his career at George Hantscho company in Mount Vernon, NY. Following the company's relocation to Pennsylvania in 1990, he joined Instrumentation Lab in Pleasantville, NY, where he worked until his retirement in 2015.

Since 1980, Wladyslaw has been an active parishioner of St. Casimir church in Yonkers, NY, participating as an usher and choir member. He became a naturalized US citizen in 2000.

Wladyslaw is a proud father of two children: Mark Sobolak, who resides in Pelham, NY, and Annette San Roman, who resides in Temecula, California. He also has two grandchildren: Mark Jr. and Ava.

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The Ronald L. Baker Memorial Scholarship was created after the passing of our longtime president of the WPA, Ronald L. Baker, on December 31, 2015. Ronald Baker was proud of his Polish heritage and worked as a chemical engineer. Therefore, this Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a college student of Polish descent enrolled in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Program.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2016	ANTHONY EDWARD BAKER
2017	<i>NONE AWARDED *</i>
2018	<i>NONE AWARDED *</i>
2019	<i>NONE AWARDED *</i>
2023	MADISON ARDANOWSKI
2024	WITOLD SABATH



2025 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



MICHAEL ULANSKI

Born on July 27, 1989, Michael Ulanski has deep roots in the Polish community of Yonkers, particularly with his longstanding connection to Saint Casimir Church. Growing up, he attended both Saint Casimir School and Polish Saturday School, where he nurtured his cultural and spiritual heritage. As a parishioner and altar server at Saint Casimir Church, Michael actively participated in the life of the church. He continues today volunteering at the parish flea market and dedicating his time to community service.

After graduating from Saint Casimir School, he went on to complete his high school education at Fordham Preparatory School, where he continued to develop academically and personally. Michael then attended Binghamton University, where he graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Cell and Molecular Biology.

For 13 years, Michael worked at the College of Westchester, where he specialized in enrollment and data analytics, gaining valuable experience in the educational field. However, his entrepreneurial spirit led him to shift his focus toward helping others build better financial futures.

Currently, Michael is working on launching a financial literacy startup aimed at teaching younger generations about money management, a project that reflects his passion for empowering others through education and practical knowledge.

PAST CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

1997	HALINA KOSIOROWSKI MICHAEL SZUMNY CAROL & JOSEPH YATSKO
1998	ANNA ANZALONE * PETER WENDOLSKI
1999	RICHARD J. BAKER KENNETH L. PIEKARSKI
2000	* JULIE MARIE PIEKARSKI * REV. FR. THOMAS RUDNEY
2001	ZDZISLAWA MOSKWINSKI LT. DAVID W. TRANCYNGER
2002	URSZULA NIEWOJT REV. JERZY MAJ
2003	LUCYNA OKRUTNIAK LIDIA TUZEL-SZCZYGIEL
2004	IWONA SOLINSKA JOHN LISZEWSKI
2005	* ELIZABETH KURANOWSKI THERESE LIPSKI-MATIONG * MARIANNE LOMORIELLO ANNA OGOREK STEPHEN M. SCHURICK
2006	HENRYKA GRYKA ZOFIA WALENCIK
2007	DANIEL ANDREJCZUK DARIUSZ CZERNIAWSKI BOZENNA FUKS
2008	ANNA O'LEAR THADDEUS KUCZINSKI
2009	CZESLAWA E. SZUMNY MARGARET WALENCIK
2010	DARIUSZ M. BAK *REGINA NAPIERKOWSKI
2012	HELEN BOCHNIK WALTER OKRUTNIAK
2013	FR. MICHAEL CZYZEWSKI EWA KOPCZA FR. RAFAL WALCZYK
2014	ALINA GAUZA TADEUSZ GRZEGORCZYK BARBARA ULANSKI
2015	JOZEF POMORYN
2016	MARIUSZ LEDWON BOGDAN NOWAK
2017	JERZY LESNIAK
2018	JADWIGA HAJDUKIEWICZ
2023	JO ANN & ROBERT W. GALINSKI EDYTA GRZELAKOWSKI MIECZYSLAW JANUSZ TADEUSZ JANKOWSKI
2024	IWONA KARPIAK

* Deceased

PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2006	MONIKA CHODKIEWICZ LUKASZ GAUZA KRYSTIAN KURANOWSKI ALEKSANDRA MAZUREK ELZBIETA MUL TINA PAROL JULITA PATROSZ	ANNA PLICHTA ELIZABETH STROBEL MARLAINA SYMANSKI JOANNA TUZEL NATALIA WLAZLO CINDY ZALOG JULIE ZWISDAK
2007	STEPHANIE M. FLORACH PIOTR GAUZA JESSICA HARRISON ROBERT J. JANECEK MARCIN JANUSZ ANNA KOKOSZKA KEVIN KROLIK	CAITLYN MATER KAREN M. ROCKWOOD EMILY SCHORR-LESNIK JANINE S. SOCHA MONIKA SOCHA KATIE TOMECHKO SAMANTHA WENTA
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1962	*HENRY ROMATOWSKI
1963-64	*JOHN J. PIEKARSKI
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1967-69	*STEPHEN OSEKOWSKI
1970-73	*LOUIS PIOTROWSKI
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1982-97	*WALTER SKARBOWSKI
1998-2015	*RONALD L. BAKER
2016-	LUCYNA OKRUTNIAK

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GUEST SPEAKER



*Adam and Anna Kaplinski
with their daughters Julianna and Aleksandra*

ANNA KAPLINSKI

Anna Kaplinski – Born and raised in Szczecin, Poland, Anna’s love for both food science and music was ignited early on. She began her academic journey at the Technical University in Szczecin, studying Food Science & Technology, before taking a bold leap to the United States to pursue her dreams. Anna earned a Bachelor of Science in Food Science & Nutrition from Fordham University. To further her leadership ambitions, she is currently pursuing her MBA at Baruch College, strengthening her expertise in business and innovation.

Anna’s career is nothing short of extraordinary. She began at Kraft Foods, where she played a pivotal role in the research and development of iconic brands like Capri Sun, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light, and Tang. Her success at Kraft propelled her to PepsiCo, where she has held senior positions, driving the development and launch of game-changing innovations for major brands, including Pure Leaf, Lipton, Brisk, Mountain Dew, Starry, and Pepsi.

ANNA KAPLINSKI

As a Principal Scientist at PepsiCo, Anna led Food Service and Mixology Innovation, where her culinary training and scientific expertise merged to create groundbreaking beverage and food service solutions. After completing intensive training with top chefs, Anna earned her Certified Culinary Scientist certification — a prestigious recognition that reflects her deep expertise in the intersection of science and culinary arts. Her work has not only shaped products enjoyed by millions but also strengthened PepsiCo’s position as a leader in the industry.

Now serving as an Innovation Manager, Anna continues to lead with vision and creativity, ensuring that PepsiCo’s products remain at the forefront of consumer trends. Her contributions have earned her multiple awards from Kraft Foods and PepsiCo, and in 2019, she was honored as Citizen of the Year by the WPA for her remarkable service to the Polish community.

Beyond her professional success, Anna is passionate about giving back. She actively supports STEM programs, inspiring the next generation to explore careers in science and technology. Her leadership has empowered young minds to embrace curiosity and pursue innovation.

Anna’s life is also enriched by her deep connection to music. She graduated from the Archdiocesan Choral Music Program in Szczecin, Poland and serves as the Choir Director, Vocalist, and Organist at Saint Casimir Church in Yonkers, where her musical talents uplift the community. Anna’s influence extends beyond performances — she has mentored aspiring church musicians, with several of her students now serving as organists and spreading the joy of choral music.

A proud mother to her daughters, Julianna and Aleksandra, Anna finds joy in swimming, traveling, gardening, and cooking. Her family also includes a beloved rescue dog, Kapus, who brings warmth and laughter to their home.

Anna Kaplinski’s story is one of determination, creativity, and heart. From developing global beverage innovations to inspiring young scientists and musicians, she continues to make a lasting impact — proving that with passion and persistence, anything is possible.