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**Masaryk Memorial Institute
Scholarship Assistance Program
Academic Year 2021-2022**

On behalf of the Masaryk Memorial Institute (MMI) it gives me great pleasure to recognize Theoharris Oldrich Pavlou as the second of our MMI scholarship assistance recipients for the 2021-2022 academic year.



Theoharris Pavlou graduated from high school as an Ontario Scholar and is now a first-year student at the Lassonde School of Engineering (and Computer Science) at York University in Toronto.

Since early childhood Theoharris has been immersed in the Czech language and culture. His mother spoke Czech with him as a child. Together they would read books and watch movies in Czech.

Theoharris attended the MMI Czech language school since he was four years old, every Saturday morning, initially at the former Czechoslovak Baptist church in Toronto. He would maintain and improve his knowledge of the language through nursery rhymes, fairy tales, books, games, and other activities that we would do on those Saturday mornings.

He attended the Czech language school for eight or possibly nine years and witnessed the occasional changes in location of the school as well as the teachers such as Ms. Holubova, Ms. Pospisilova, Ms. Kravchuk and Ms. Flachsova.

Aside from attending the school, Theoharris would look forward to attending the cultural events that took place at either a church or Masaryktown. These included the Christmas markets, Easter bazaars, Christmas events for both the community and Czech language school. Until the Covid pandemic descended upon us, Theoharris had started to attend Czech plays in the theatre. These were nice comedies which he greatly enjoyed.

During the summer, Theoharris travelled with his family to the Czech Republic to visit with relatives. When not visiting with relatives he would tour various attractions in Prague and other towns like Podébrady, Český Krumlov and Karlovy Vary,

Theoharris' academic goals are focused on the field of computer science. He has a great interest in computers and ultimately aspires to a career as a software engineer or information technology (IT) specialist.

Congratulations to Theoharris and best wishes in achieving his goals as a software engineer / IT specialist and future endeavors.

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Herb Dubsy – Secretary
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