



Masaryk Memorial Institute - Scholarship Program Awards

The Masaryk Memorial Institute (MMI) launched a Scholarship Program in the fall of 2019 for Ontario residents entering post-secondary educational institutions. MMI is excited to announce that the award recipients for 2019-2020 were Julie Frynta, Mia Knibbe, and Anita Zabožniková. Each of these recipients graduated as an Ontario Scholar; is enrolled as a student in a post-secondary education program; demonstrated an ongoing involvement with their Czech/Slovak communities; and each of them is actively engaged in extracurricular activities. The following is a brief profile for each of the award recipients.

Masaryk memorial institut – studijni nadace

Na podzim roku 2019, Masarykův ústav (Masaryk memorial institute/MMI) obnovil nadací program určený studentům zjižicím v Ontariu kteri byli prijati prvním rokem na univerzitu ci college. MMI s potesením oznamuje ze pro školní rok 2019-2020 stipendium obdržely Julie Frynta, Mia Knibbe, a Anita Zabožniková. Každá z těchto uchazeček ukončila střední školu s vyznamenáním a byla přijata do prvního ročníku university. A každá z nich je aktivní v organizacích ci souborech v české ci slovenské komunitě. Následuje stručný profil každé z nich.

Julie Frynta

Julie's attends the University of Toronto where she is enrolled in the Life Sciences program. Her major concentration of study is in Neuroscience, along with a minor in Immunology and French.

Julie is fluent in Czech and has been involved with the Czech community in Toronto since early childhood. She attended the Czech Language School from about age 5 to 14. Simultaneously, she participated in the Sokol gym classes from an early age and sometimes still volunteers as an assistant coach. In fact, she participated at all of the Sokol Slets in Prague from 2006 to 2012. Along with her sisters, Julie has performed Christmas carols at the MMI Christmas dinners and other Czech community events for many years.

Outside of her academic pursuits, Julie has for been a member of the well-known Toronto Children's Chorus. This children's choir performs throughout the world and Julie is now a Conductor's Assistant for one of the choirs in the chorus.



Julie Frynta

Julie navstevuje Torontskou univerzitu kde studuje prirodni vedy. Jeji hlavni studijni obor jsou neurovedy spolu s imunologií a francouzstinou.

Julie mluvi plynne cesky a je zapojena v ceske komunitě v Torontu od detsvi. Navstevovala ceskou jazykovou skolu od 5 do 14 let. Zaroven navstevovala cviceni Sokola od ranneho veku. Nyni jeste ochotne pomaha jako asistentka trenera. Tez se zucastnila vsech Sokolskych sletu v letech 2006-2012. Spolu se svymi sestrami, Julie zpivala vanocni koledy na MMI vanocni veceri a dalsich komunitnich poradach po dlouha leta. Je take clenkou Torontskeho detskeho sboru, který ucinkuje po celem svete a kde nyni ucinkuje jako pomocna dirigentka casti sboru.

Mia Knibbe

Mia's is enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts program at the University of British Columbia - Okanagan Campus – where she is majoring in Psychology, with a minor in English.

Mia has attended Sokol gymnastics on a regular basis since she was three years old and performed many times at the Czech and Slovak Day events at Masaryktown. During the ensuing years she became an assistant coach and taught young gymnasts various acrobatic lifts, calisthenics routines and use of gymnastic apparatus. The highlight of her Sokol participation was in 2018, when Mia attended the Sokol Gala in Prague and had the privilege of performing a solo dance routine as part of the opening ceremonies.

Outside of her academic pursuits Mia is actively involved with the University Dance Team. Dance has been a huge part of Mia's life and since the age of 4 has been dancing recreationally at the Studio A Dance Academy in Mississauga. While living in Ontario, Mia started training at the Mississauga Track Club in grade 10 as a cross country runner and has been represented at five provincial championships.



Mia Knibbe

Mia studuje na univerzite v Britske Columbii -Okanagan Campus kde jeji hlavni predmet je psychologie a anglictina.

Mia zacala cvicit v Sokole jiz jako trileta a mnohokrat ucinkovala na ceskem a slovenskem dni na Masaryktownu. V dalsich letech se stala pomocnou trenerkou a ucila mlade gymnastky ruzne akrobaticke cviky, gymnastiku a pouzivani gymnastickeho naradi. Jeji nejvetsi uspech v Sokole prisel v roce 2018, kdy byla

Mia vybrana jako solistka tanecniho predstaveni pri zahajeni Sokol Gala v Praze. V soukromi je Mia aktivni clenkou Univerzitni Tanecni Skupiny. Tanec je velkou soucasti jejího zivota. Od ctyr let navstevovala Studio A Tanecni Academie v Mississauga. Na stredni skole Mia zacala trenovat v Mississauga Track Club a v 10. rocniku reprezentovala skolu v 5ti provincnich mistrovstvich jako prespolni bezec.

Anita Zabojsnikova

Anita's is enrolled at the University of Toronto in the Mathematics in Economics and Finance Program. Her plan is to obtain a Masters Degree, then a PhD and eventually pursuing a career as a financial advisor.

When Anita was 15 years old, her family moved to Slovakia for half a year. She attended school in Slovakia which greatly improved her reading, writing and oral skills. While in Slovakia she joined the town's Scout group, and continues to attend their summer camp. She is now fluent in both Czech and Slovak.

During her time at high school, Anita participated in clubs such as the Youth in Action, the Mental Health Organization and was also an active badminton player. Now, at the University of Toronto, Anita is a member of the UofT Chamber Strings where she plays the violin. Playing the violin has been a big part of Anita's life for well over a decade.



Anita Zabojsnikova

Anita studuje na Torontske univerzite obory matematika, ekonomie a finance. Jeji plan je obdrzet akademicky titul PhD a pozdeji provozovat karieru jako financni poradce.

Kdyz ji bylo 15 let, jeji rodina se odstehovala na pul roku na Slovensko, kde navstevovala slovenskou skolu, kde si zdokonalovala psani, cteni a jazykove schopnosti. Po dobu pobytu na Slovensku se zapsala do skautske skupiny a pokracuje v navstevovani letniho tabora. Behem studia na stredni skole se Anita angazovala v Klubu mladych v akci, organizaci pro dusevni zdravi a take byla aktivni jako hrac badminton.

Hovori plynne cesky i slovensky. Nyni je Anita clenem komorniho orchestru smyccovych nástroju na Torontske univerzite, kde hraje na housle, které jsou soucasti jejího zivota uz vice jak deset let.

Congratulations to Julie, Mia, and Anita and best wishes for continued success in their studies and future endeavours.

Herb Dubsky
Masaryk Memorial Institute

Blahopřejeme Julii, Mie, Anite a přejeme jim hodně štěstí a úspěchu v jejich studijních a budoucích činnostech.

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