

## UCCA PRESIDENT CELEBRATES UKRAINE'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY & HOLDS HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN KYIV

After months of virtual meetings, UCCA's President, Andriy Futey, traveled to Ukraine to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukraine's Renewed Independence.

Joining other members of the Ukrainian World Congress' leadership, A. Futey participated in series of events to commemorate the historic anniversary, including the ceremonial military parade down Kyiv's central boulevard, the solemn Independence Day session in Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada (parliament), and the Presidential reception at Mariinsky Palace.



*UWC leadership with President Zelenskyy*

In addition to the official celebratory events UCCA's president participated in a series of meetings with high-ranking officials, religious leaders, diplomats and non-governmental representatives.



*UWC leadership meeting with Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal*

## UKRAINIAN AMERICANS CELEBRATE HISTORIC 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Ukrainian American communities throughout the U.S. celebrated the historic 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukraine's renewed independence in a variety of ways.

### Flag Raisings & Proclamations



*In Bethlehem, PA (pictured); Syracuse, NY (pictured),  
Yonkers, NY; Boston, MA; Minneapolis, MN;  
Binghamton, NY; Passaic, NJ & many others...*

### Parades



*on the Streets of Chicago (pictured)*

### Festivals



*in Buffalo, NY; Rochester, NY; Colorado  
(pictured); and many more.*

Our hromada throughout the country honorably marked this historic 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary... and the celebrations continue.

Please visit UCCA Facebook Page for all the upcoming events and to view the beautiful events that have been held to celebrate this historic 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence!

## UCCA CONGRATULATES RECIPIENTS OF UWC'S "30 UNDER 30"

Over a three-month period, an expert committee reviewed 120 individuals from around the world who were submitted to the Ukrainian World Congress' first initiative for young diaspora members entitled: "UWC: 30 under 30."

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, the UWC held a virtual celebration to honor and celebrate the achievements of the youth who work to strengthen Ukraine's global image and develop Ukrainian communities.

UCCA would like to congratulate all the recipients of "UWC's 30 under 30," and especially the youth from the United States:

Mariana Boyko  
Maksym Lozynskyj  
Maryna Prykhodko  
Marko Temnycky  
Katria Tomko

Congratulations to our youth – we are proud of you and all your accomplishments!

## UCCA JOINS CRIMEAN PLATFORM

On August 23rd, Ukraine held the first summit of its Crimean Platform. Andriy Futey, UCCA's President, who was in Ukraine to mark Ukraine's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, joined as part of the NGO community alongside the delegations from 46 countries who participated in the platform which President Zelenskyy hopes will become a center for the development and adoption of key international decisions on Crimea.



As reported in last month's bulletin, UCCA issued its "Crimean Doctrine" in the English, Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar languages. A copy of the doctrine can be found on UCCA's website/FB page.

## UCCA MARKS THE 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACRES AT BABYN YAR

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the representative organization of nearly two million Americans of Ukrainian descent, strongly condemns the heinous crimes committed 80 years ago at Babyn Yar, as well as the inhumane atrocities of the Holocaust that resulted in the deaths of millions of innocent victims. We mourn the loss of the tens of thousands of Jews, Ukrainians and other victims murdered at Babyn Yar as a result of Hitler's crimes against humanity, and will continue to honor their memory and pray for the repose of their souls.

May the tragedy at Babyn Yar, a dark page in history shared by both the Jewish and Ukrainian people, serve as a reminder to us all of the immeasurable value of human life. May it also remind us of the need to show honor and dignity to our fellow man, regardless of our differences, or perhaps, because of them, as we are all unique and valuable members of the human race.

## WE WILL NEVER FORGET – UCCA MARKS 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Twenty years ago, our nation faced the unimaginable. The terrorist attacks in New York City, Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon on September 11th, 2001, left a permanent mark on us all.

As we remember the 2,977 innocent lives lost on that fateful day, and honor the bravery, resilience and sacrifice shown in the face of such tragedy by the first responders and survivors alike - UCCA calls upon our community to actively join in on this National Day of Service and Remembrance – for even a small act of service is a great act of patriotism.

UCCA sends its thoughts and prayer to all those affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

May their memory be eternal!