



## RECTOR'S REPORT

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# M I S S I O N

The Ukrainian Catholic University is an open academic community living the Eastern Christian tradition and forming leaders to serve with professional excellence in Ukraine and internationally – for the glory of God, the common good, and the dignity of the human person.





**Glory to Jesus Christ!****Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

The last academic year was unusual, to put it mildly. We all experienced what it is to have to change plans as you go, to give up what we intended, and to work hard in order not to lose what's been achieved.

Unfortunately, much of what was planned at the beginning of the year had to be postponed. Unfortunately, much effort was applied to ease the crisis brought on by the worldwide pandemic and accompanying economic difficulties but not for development and forward motion. And, unfortunately, the crisis has still not passed... There have been crises in UCU's history. And after each of them, our university became stronger and more experienced. Certainly, this demonstrated growth, maturity, and a readiness for difficult decisions. In particular, in this our community revealed its openness to changes and desire to learn anew.

In the last year we truly felt that the university is not only an institution that teaches, but one that learns.

I consider that perhaps the most active instrument in overcoming challenges caused by the crisis is UCU's healthy internal culture, which is based on key social principles of the Gospel – respect for human dignity, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. We cannot overcome the crisis without the idea that UCU is a common good and possession where we are called not to be hired workers but active co-creators. It is not easy to cope with any difficulty if everything is expected from the leaders and creative responsibility is not taken for a crisis at the level where my actions have an influence. It is impossible to expect an honorable way



**Rev. Bohdan Prach, PhD**  
Rector of UCU

KATERYNA MOSKALIUK

out of a crisis without comprehending that each person is significant, even if, under the pressure of extremely unfavorable circumstances, it is necessary to make difficult decisions to reduce personnel. It is hopeless to count on success without solidarity, the readiness to serve another and carry one another's burdens. And so, in this year's report, I would like to recall key events and achievements through the prism of specific persons whose sacrificial work best witnesses what our university is and which explain well why UCU enjoys the friendship and support of tens of thousands of people throughout the world.


**1339**

number of students in  
**BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS**

**THEOLOGY-PHILOSOPHY FACULTY**

Theology	180
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**HUMANITIES FACULTY**

History	98
Culture Studies	102
Philosophy	110

**HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY**

Psychology	107
Social Work	97

**APPLIED SCIENCES FACULTY**

Computer Sciences	184
Information Technologies and Business Analytics	123

**SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY**

Ethics-Politics-Economics	175
Law	49
Sociology	114


**700**

number of students in  
**MASTER'S PROGRAMS**

**THEOLOGY-PHILOSOPHY FACULTY**

Theology	75
Christian Pedagogy and Organization of Leisure	20

**HUMANITIES FACULTY**

History	18
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**APPLIED SCIENCES FACULTY**

Data Sciences	60
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**SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY**

Journalism	31
Media Communications	36
Human Rights	44
Public Administration	34
Non-Profit Management	43

**LVIV BUSINESS SCHOOL, LVBS**

Business Administration	34
Innovations and Entrepreneurship	60
Marketing Management	52
Human Resources and Organization Development	24
Technology Management	23

**HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY**

Clinical Psychology Based on Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	60
Psychological Consultation Based on Psychodynamic Therapy	61
Physical and Occupational Therapy	25


**21**

number of students in  
**PH.D. PROGRAMS**

<b>THEOLOGY-PHILOSOPHY FACULTY / Theology</b>	5
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<b>HUMANITIES FACULTY / History</b>	16
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# 2060

UNDERGRADUATE  
AND GRADUATE  
STUDENTS



11

BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS

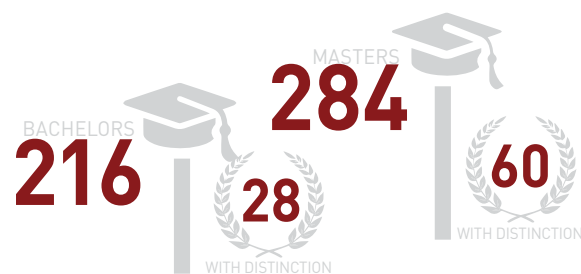
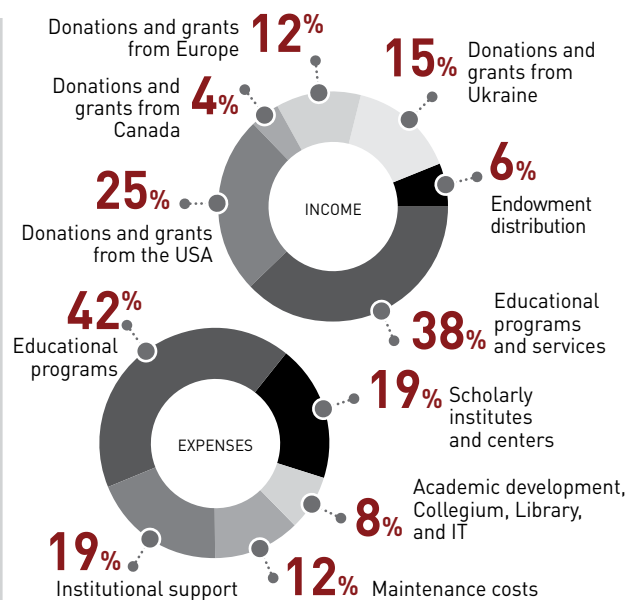
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MASTER'S PROGRAMS

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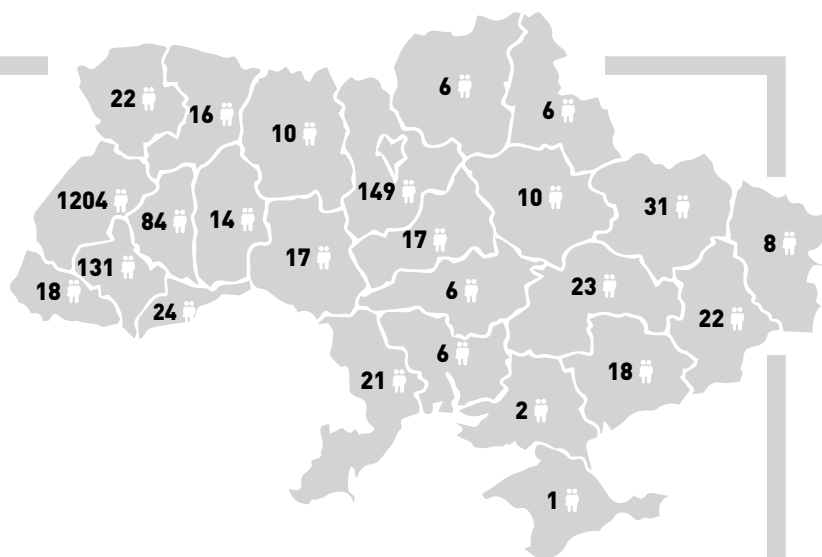
AVERAGE EXAM SCORES OF ENTRANTS:

**FINANCIAL DATA**

## GEOGRAPHY OF STUDENTS, ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

### STUDENTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

	Belarus	1	
	Ghana	1	
	Kyrgyzstan	1	
	Moldova	1	
	Russia	4	
	USA	4	
	Hungary	1	
	Philippines	1	



## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

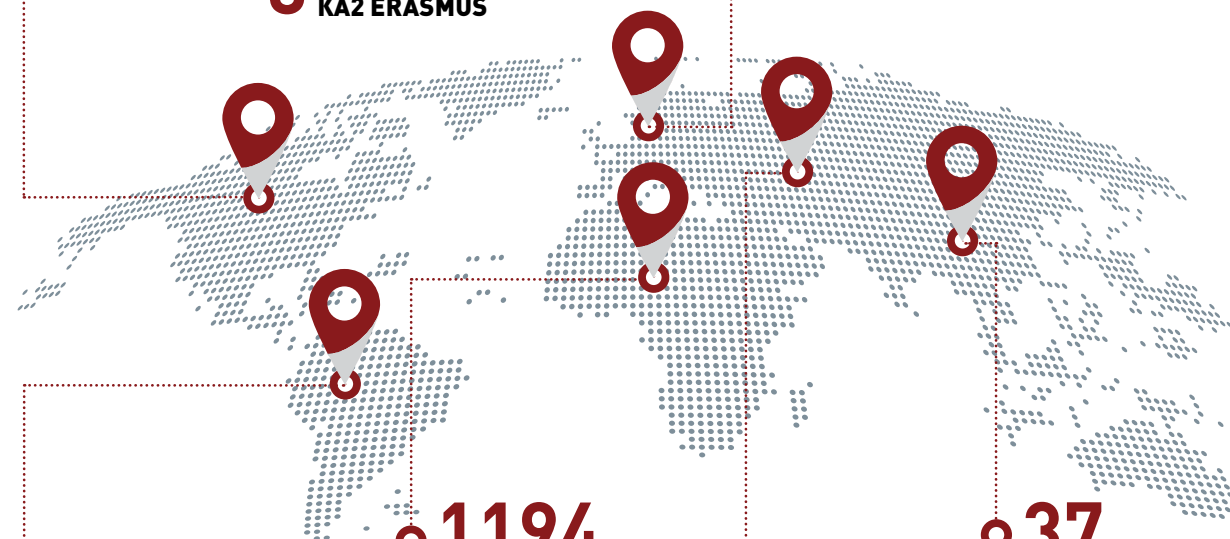
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**ERASMUS PARTNERS**  
with agreements about  
exchange of students,  
teachers, and staff

3  
**active interuniversity projects**  
**KA2 ERASMUS**

### PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

- 3 continents
- 23 countries
- 58 institutions of higher education



108

foreigners  
participated  
in the online  
**UKRAINIAN-LANGUAGE  
SUMMER SCHOOL**

1194

foreign students  
from 69 countries  
took part in  
the online  
**DATA SCIENCE  
SUMMER  
SCHOOL**

6

**FOREIGN  
STUDENTS**  
studied at UCU,  
2 on exchange

37

students  
**STUDIED ABROAD:**  
Czech Republic,  
Belgium, Germany,  
Italy, Netherlands,  
USA, Lithuania, Malta,  
Canada, Austria

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEDAGOGUES

In February 2020, some 20 young UCU teachers received new opportunities to develop additional skills. Teachers from various faculties of the university were invited to participate. The priorities in the selection of participants were: positive comments from students, recommendations from the dean, and age, 40 and younger. The program's goal is the general development of teachers, in particular, improving organizational and managerial skills.



## IVAN ALMES RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS JERZY GIEDROYC PRIZE



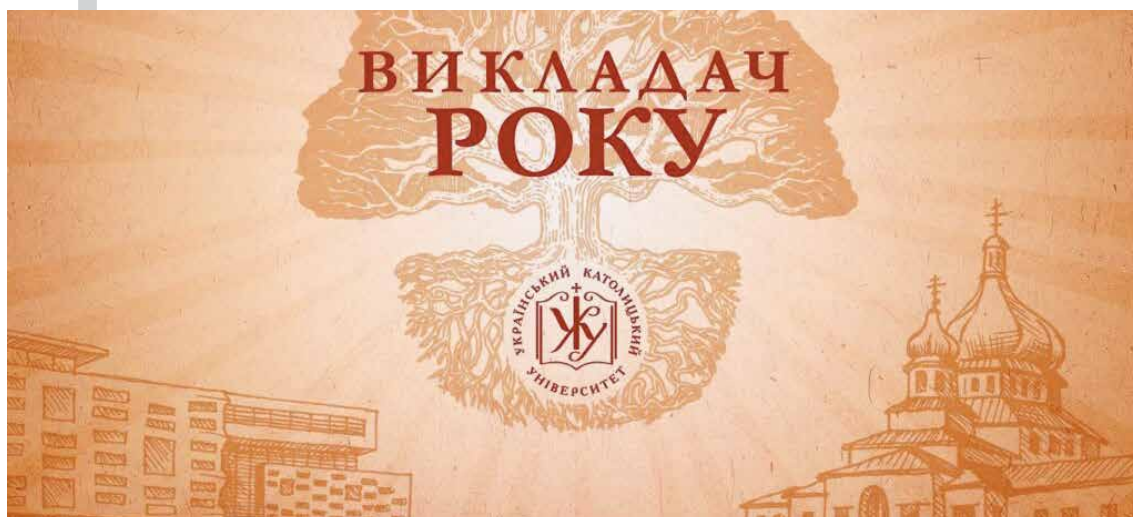
On 29 November 2019 at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Kyiv, young researchers were awarded for best scholarly works in the history of Poland and Polish-Ukrainian relations for the 13th Jerzy Giedroyc Competition. In the category "Doctoral Works," the academic coordinator of the Kyivan Christianity program and a professor of the Department of History, Ivan Almes, PhD, received the prize.

## KYIVAN CHRISTIANITY

The educational and research program Kyivan Christianity has operated at UCU since 2012, and in 2015 the public segment of the program began, United Ukraine and the Kyivan Tradition.

As part of the program, throughout 2019 **two scholarly conferences** were conducted in Kyiv and Lviv, and **19 scholarly seminars** were conducted at UCU's faculties of Humanities and Theology and Philosophy. **Nine presentations of the KC program** were organized, a series in six countries (Italy, The Vatican, Lithuania, Poland, the USA, and Ukraine), and **six books** were published in the Kyivan Christianity series.





**This year, our university for the first time presented awards for “Teacher of the Year.” Three teachers were chosen to receive the award: Oksana Mikheieva, Rostyslav Hryniv, and Halyna Teslyuk.**

“We tried to make the selection of laureates not simply a mechanical process (based on certain quantitative characteristics), but to engage in a lively discussion, and I think we succeeded in the task.” Oleksii Molchanovskyi, head of the awards committee.



Halyna Teslyuk



Oksana Mikheieva



Rostyslav Hryniv

## Honorary Doctors

**At the decision of the UCU Learned Council,, two Ukrainian scholars and longtime friends of UCU were awarded honorary doctorates – historian, professor at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Doctor of History Natalia Yakovenko, and civic activist and director of the partnership of communities program of the US- Ukraine Foundation Vera Andrushkiw.**

The award “Doctor honoris causa” of the Ukrainian Catholic University is the university’s highest honor. It honors people for their service in the fields of learning, culture, and art, and for serving for the glory of God, the common good, and human dignity. It is presented to people whose figure and activities reflect the values by which the university lives and which the mission of the university strives to spread.

TEACHERS' PUBLICATIONS

**O. Zaytsev, A Nationalist in the Age of Fascism: The Lviv Period of Dmytro Dontsov, 1922-1939. Outlines of Intellectual Biography.** Kyiv: Krytyka, 2019.

**V. Adadurov, V. Sklokin (editors). Imperial Identities in Ukrainian History, the 18th to the First Half of the 19th Centuries.** Lviv: UCU Press, 2020.

**V. Adadurov (compiler, introduction, commentary). The Division of the Kyivan and the Rise of the Halych Uniate Metropolitanates. Documents and materials of the Vatican archives (1802—1808).** Lviv: UCU Press, 2020.

**R. Paranko. Tolle, lege. A Practical Course in Christian Latin.** Lviv: UCU Press, 2020.

**Work co-authored by a graduate of the Master's Program in Data Science, co-worker at the Machine Learning Laboratory, Yaroslava Lochman, published in one of the world's most prestigious journals in the field of computer vision.**

**56%** of UCU's first-year students  
are among the top **5%** of Ukraine's high school graduates



## FIRST-YEAR DEVELOPS DEVICE FOR THE BLIND

**Dmytro Lopushanskyi, a 17-year-old Computer Science student, returned from his third international competition, which was held in Singapore, and for the third time with "gold." He received these honors for his device HelpyEyes, which he has been working on for a year and a half.**

Lopushanskyi's device can perform three functions: recognize color, measure the level of illumination, and warn about close obstacles. The device will help people with

serious visual impairments to solve certain problems that they face daily. The device itself is fairly compact in size, comparable to a pocket flashlight.

"Considering previous research, I already knew that startups often work on ideas that don't solve real problems. But I wanted to actually help someone through my skills in electronics and programming, though I didn't really know who could use my help. So I decided that it's best if the request was made by those who really need something," says Lopushanskyi.





## UCU STUDENTS' SORTING PROJECT WINS

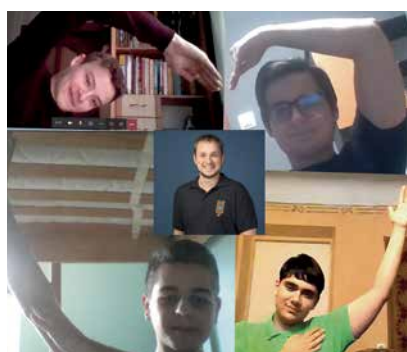
The team of UCU students from the organization Green Box won second place in the city budget of Lviv, proposing the idea of developing a network of public sorters in the city and creating a new horizon.

"It's great that at the decisive moment students and teachers of UCU supported us. Then our number of votes grew significantly," explains the head of Green Box, third-year EPA student Illya Petryk. The activists are convinced that the victory in the city budget shows the great trust of Lviv's residents.

On the new horizon, Lviv will accept secondary raw materials and help to study their various types. In addition, they will collect specific materials. Another task of the project was to demonstrate that advanced ecological ideas are not only accepted abroad but also in Ukraine.

## TWO STUDENT TEAMS ENTER FINALS OF MICROSOFT THE NEXT AI GUARDIANS

The next AI Guardians is Microsoft's annual competition, which gives the younger generation the opportunity to discover its own potential and apply to advantage the possibilities of artificial intelligence (AI) and implement the creative decisions of students, researchers, and teachers in the field of education, based on AI technologies.



This is the idea of Denys Herasymuk, Yevhen Pankevych, Pavlo Liley, Volodymyr Tsapiv, and Oles Dobosevych.

KeyAccess is an instrument for Windows and UNIX-00 which allows full key control. A student team implemented this idea for their common friend Anton, who has a strong desire to learn programming. The young man is fascinated by programming and spends much time writing code and looking for solutions to many problems. But one thing makes everything more complicated for him – cerebral palsy. The following students worked on solving this problem, together with teacher Oleh Farenjuk: Maria Hirna, Zhenya Molodtsov, Zheny Popeniuk, Danylo Kolinko, and Nazar Bachynskyi.

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## UN TRAINING SESSIONS

At the end of November, UCU students Illya Petryk, Katya Podhorska, and Yana Zdioruk, together with students of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, were Ukraine's first representatives in the National Model United Nations 2019, which was held in the picturesque city of Erfurt, Germany.



## UCU STUDENTS CREATE GAME TO TEACH FINANCIAL LITERACY

ОНЛАЙН-ГРА

**ТИ І ФІНАНСИ:  
ХТО КОГО?**



According to USAID research, those in Ukraine least financially savvy are young people from 18 to 24 years old. And so the Legal Clinic of the UCU Law School developed the online game "You and Finances, Who and what?," with the support of the USAID Financial Sector Transformation Project. This acquaints students with the basics of financial literacy. It has 23 questions which help understand how frauds work and how not to fall into financial problems. In addition to the game, the Legal Clinic of the UCU Law School provides training in financial literacy for schoolchildren.

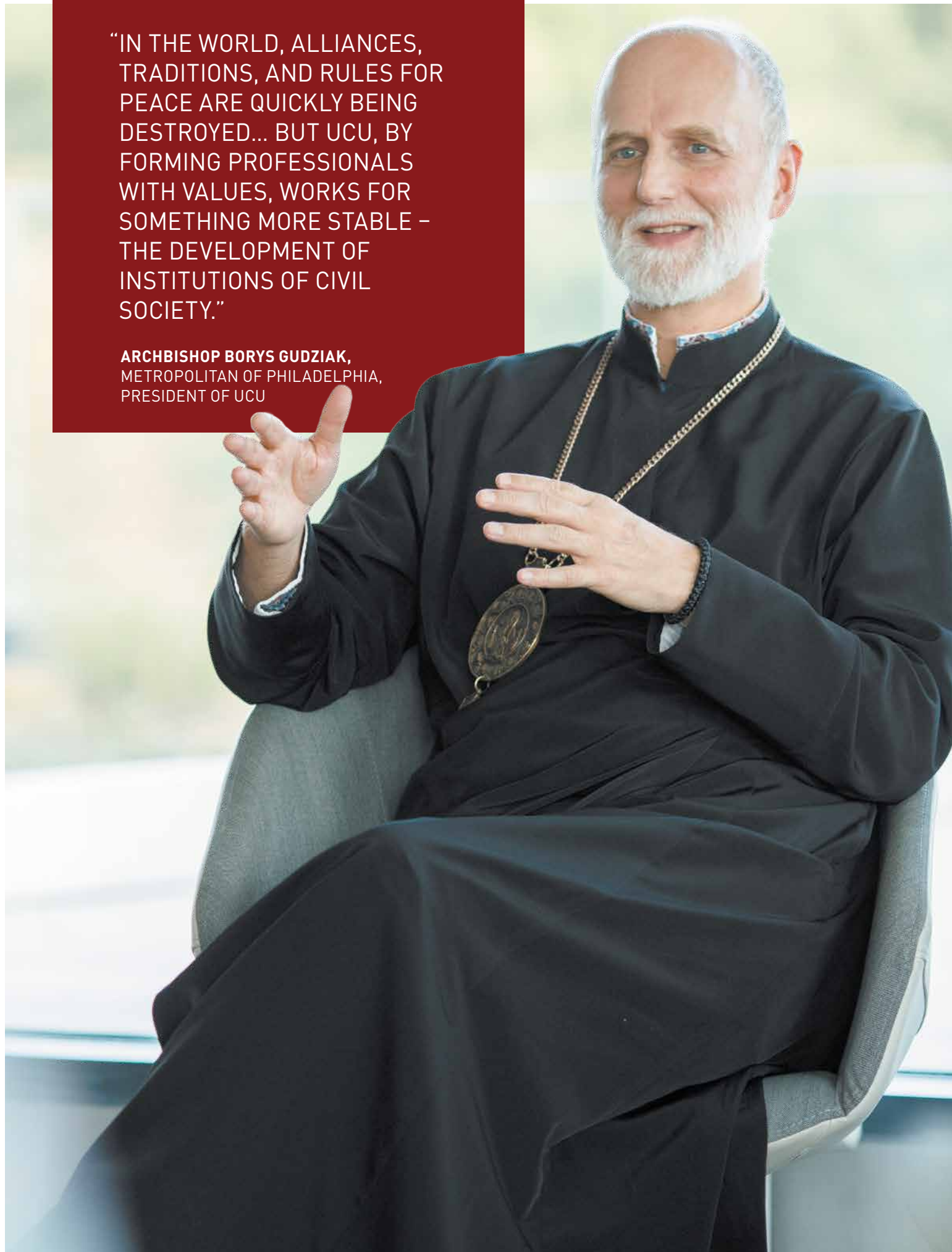
## WINNERS IN INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



**Second-year students of the UCU Applied Sciences Faculty Volodymyr Fedyniak and Maksym Protsyk won the International Mathematics Competition for University Students 2020. This year's competition was held at King's College London. Some 500 students from all over the world took part in the competition, which was held online from 25 to 30 July.**

“IN THE WORLD, ALLIANCES,  
TRADITIONS, AND RULES FOR  
PEACE ARE QUICKLY BEING  
DESTROYED... BUT UCU, BY  
FORMING PROFESSIONALS  
WITH VALUES, WORKS FOR  
SOMETHING MORE STABLE –  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
INSTITUTIONS OF CIVIL  
SOCIETY.”

**ARCHBISHOP BORYS GUDZIAK,**  
METROPOLITAN OF PHILADELPHIA,  
PRESIDENT OF UCU





## FREE ACCESS TO COURSERA COURSES

After the start of distance learning at UCU, the platform Coursera announced the opportunity for free access to courses and certificates for universities interested in the initiative. In a few days, UCU ended up among 16 000 university communities all over the world which accepted the offer and received free access to educational content. UCU was the first university in Ukraine to which Coursera provided access to its educational resources.



## DISTANCE FORMAT: TEACHING AND LEARNING

At the start of the quarantine, UCU went to a distance format of learning. This was possible, in particular, thanks to the efforts of the UCU Center for Educational and Innovative Technologies, which helps teachers improve their teaching skills and abilities. A very useful project was the certificate course "E-Teaching and Hybrid Instruction," which the center has offered for three years in a row, in particular for those UCU teachers who throughout the year raise their qualifications at the School of Teaching Excellence.



## FIRST DIGITAL SCHOOL

The quarantine did not interfere with the first digital school for history students of the Humanities Faculty, which was facilitated by the Center for Educational and Innovative Technologies. The students worked at organizing an online collection of historical postcards of Lviv. As a result, the students created their own mini-sites, where they published the postcards, developed with captions according to Dublin Core standards.





## AT A DISTANCE BUT TOGETHER: 2020 ONLINE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

**Regardless of the pandemic, UCU held its traditional summer commencement ceremonies. More than 400 graduates participated online. In addition to the speaker, who this year was writer and civic activist Serhii Zhadan, the students were addressed with parting words by noted Ukrainians, founders of the university, heads of programs and teachers, and honored friends and benefactors of the university from all over the world.**

The 2020 valedictorian was Maryna Bohun, a student of the Public Management and Administration Program, co-founder with Serhii Zhadan of the Road East festival, volunteer, civic activist, and singer and actor of the rock musical

about the Revolution of Dignity "Got to be free." The salutatorian was a student of the History Program, Marko Klymovskyy, who not only demonstrated high academic success but was an active participant in student government.



## DATA SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL

Lviv Data Science Summer School 2020 was entirely online. And so, more than 3500 students from 70 countries were able to participate.



## ENGLISH SUMMER SCHOOL

Students and friends of UCU took part in the English Summer School. The school was conducted online. Participating were 210 students, 40 volunteer teachers, and 20 invited guests from various countries, including the USA, Canada, and Great Britain. As part of the school, UCU students met with students of various foreign universities. Participants also had a large group of courses offered by the volunteer teachers.

## PERELAZ FOLK BALL: UKRAINE'S FIRST ONLINE CHARITABLE EVENT

Facing the quarantine, UCU decided to organize Ukraine's first online charitable event, uniting more than 200 families of benefactors from around the world and raising more than 6 million hryvnias in donations for the scholarship fund, which will provide 61 semester and annual scholarships for students and 2 stipends for teachers.

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHARITABLE EVENING IN KYIV

**On 14 December 2019 in Kyiv, the 12th Annual Charitable Evening and Silent Auction in Support of UCU was held. During the evening, which more than 350 friends of the university attended, 90 scholarships for students and 10 stipends for teachers were pledged. The general sum of donations exceeded 13 million hryvnias.**

"Exactly 20 years ago I crossed the threshold of UCU. This institution truly helped me grow, gave hope, and formed something important for the Church and Ukrainian state. I am sincerely grateful to the benefactors who, through all these years, open their hearts for the good of our future. I ask you to support UCU! At 38 years old, I feel very young, but I am sure that I received a good education which provides the ability to live through periods of turbulence and trust the pilot, the Lord God." The world's youngest Catholic bishop, Stepan Sus, an UCU graduate, thus addressed the guests.

## UCU DAYS 2019



**Traditionally in September, before the start of the academic year, UCU Days are held. During the festive week, first-year students have an intensive opportunity to get acquainted with the university, and students and guests can join in a marathon of lectures and workshops by teachers and invited experts and friends of the university.**

The theme of this year's TEDxUCU was "The person in a time of changes." Twelve speakers, including graduates and good friends of UCU, spoke about what they are feeling and reflected on their own experiences or through the prism of changes in their profession which happened in the world in the 21st century.

## VIENNA'S FIRST EVENT IN SUPPORT OF UCU HELD

**On 16 February, representatives of scholarly, religious, cultural, and civic circles and the business world from Ukraine and Austria gathered to celebrate philanthropy and support the university's development. UCU today has six faculties, 11 bachelor's and 17 master's programs, and 22 institutes and centers. Such results are possible thanks to the support of benefactors from all over the world.**



The goal of the charitable event was to support UCU's Kyiv Center, which in the three years of its existence has become a place for various worlds to meet in Ukraine's capital. Some 30 000 euros were raised for its development.



“UCU’S DEVELOPMENT IS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN SIMPLY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS OR NEW BUILDINGS. IT’S A MATTER OF REPUTATION AND QUALITY. TODAY THE STUDENTS ENTERING UCU HAVE THE HIGHEST AVERAGE SCORE AMONG ENTRANTS TO ANY UKRAINIAN UNIVERSITY.”

**ROBERT BRINKLEY,**

BRITISH DIPLOMAT,  
AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY  
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY  
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND  
TO UKRAINE (2002-2006)



## 10 GOALS FOR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT

At the end of 2019, UCU Strategy-2025 “A University That Serves,” was presented to the UCU community. The background for the announcement of the university’s new development strategy was reflection on separate conclusions and lessons learned by the implementation of Strategy 2020 “A New Generation for a New Ukraine.” The majority of the goals of this strategy were fully achieved, and some results exceeded expected indicators. And, of course, some goals were not reached to the maximum. It’s important that, over the last five years, the university grew and understood how to plan its development and set priorities. The previous strategy contained 38 strategic goals, while Strategy 2025 has 10.



“Thinking about the future is a very responsible matter. Even more so, when before us stand the questions: How to be relevant today and transform our Christian position into a live-giving, interesting, and understandable proposition? How to best respond to society’s demands and the challenges which face Ukrainian society and today’s world? How to be a small university with big influence? How to remain entrepreneurial and innovative but,

at the same time, structured?” emphasized Senior Vice-Rector Taras Dobko. “We are proceeding from the awareness that academic excellence was and remains one of our founding principles. UCU, however, has no right to be an ivory tower. The university must influence society, work together with it, and respond to its needs. Strategy 2025 is a roadmap which will lead us to implement our vision and confirm our mission.”





# UCU STRATEGY-2025

## STRATEGIC PROJECTS / 2020-2022

## STRATEGIC GOALS

## VISION / to be a university:





## FIRST GRADUATES OF ARTES LIBERALES PROGRAM

This year, UCU graduated its first students in the new model of humanities education, **Artes Liberales**, which includes three educational programs – history, culture studies, and philology.



**ANDRII YASINOVSKIY,**  
DEAN OF THE  
HUMANITIES  
FACULTY

“Go bravely, where no one has gone before, even if before you is the abyss and behind are wolves. For God helps the one who seeks. Finally, who if not you? Don't stop learning. Dare to know more. Undertake great deeds. And remember that great deeds need to be done, but not thought about endlessly... Wherever you fly to from our Humanities nest, you will always hold a special place in my heart, for you are the pioneers, the bravest, the best.



## NEW BACHELOR'S IN LAW PROGRAM OPENS

**This four-year educational program is value-oriented, and graduates will receive a government-accredited diploma. The first admissions campaign was planned for 2020.**

The team of the UCU Law School worked together with the legal community and international organizations to create and develop this bachelor's program. The director is Svitlana Khyliuk, Head of UCU's Department of the Theory of Law and Human Rights, a lawyer, Legal Expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, and a member of the Academic Consulting Council of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

This educational program was developed with the support of the USAID Ukraine New Justice Program (Justice Sector Reform), and the general partner is Ukraine's largest law firm, Asters.

## VATICAN ACCREDITS DIPLOMAS

**The Kyiv Seminary has been accredited through affiliation with UCU.**

The Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education recognized Three Saints Seminary in Kyiv as a branch of the UCU Faculty of Theology and Philosophy. This means that from now on diplomas of the seminary will be recognized by all Catholic universities of the world.





**Fr. Yuriy Shchurko** was chosen Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy.

The Journalism School and Master's Program in Media Communications have been transformed into one structure – The School of Journalism and Communications, whose director is **Fr. Andriy Shestak**.



## WORLDVIEW CORE: STUDENT COMMENTS

One of UCU's most significant steps in the 2019-2020 academic year was the introduction of **Worldview Core**, a unique program which aims at helping the personality develop with values. In the first semester, students had an introduction to university studies, and in the second they took mandatory additional courses in three areas: "God and me," "People and me," and "The world and me."

**Anna Borshchuk,**  
Ethics-Politics-Economics

"I now no longer look on religion as traditions and rituals. For me, it is about perfecting yourself and internal development. Unfortunately, today the question of religion is often reduced to norms and prescriptions which have too little that is alive, which not everyone is able to fully feel. After this course, I understand that God lives not only in church but in my neighbor and in me..."

**Daryna Kolyk,**  
Sociology

"I was fortunate enough to take the courses Bioethics, with Fr. Ihor Boyko, and Person.Society.Freedom, with Myroslav Marynovych and Volodymyr Turchynovskyy. It's an understatement to say I was enthralled with these subjects. One of my favorite and most interesting assignments was preparing comments on Pope John Paul II's encyclical 'The Gospel of Life.'"



## PROJECT FOR THE BLIND



**UCU students do their part in supporting people with impaired vision. Volunteers of the Student Charity Center prepare audiorecordings of books for patrons of the Ukrainian Association of the Blind in Lviv.**

Ulyana Borysovska, a second-year Social Work student, says: "After recording a few books, I started to meet people in the library with impaired

vision who came precisely for the audiobooks. This was a good sign, and it increased my motivation to volunteer."

The Student Charity Center is UCU's oldest student civic organization. It spreads the idea of volunteering among youth of the university. This year for the first time it received financing in the form of a leadership award from the Ihnatowycz Family Fund.

## STATEMENT ON SURROGATE MOTHERHOOD

**On 1 June, International Children's Day, the UCU Rector's Office released a statement on a problem very relevant in Ukraine today – surrogate motherhood.**

A quote from the statement: "According to Church teaching, 'contrary to the dignity of the woman, to the unity of marriage and to the dignity of the procreation of a human person is "surrogate" motherhood.' (Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Health Care Workers). No circumstances or consequences can justify the practice of surrogate motherhood... We call upon Ukraine's Parliament and Cabinet of Ministers to listen to this statement and prepare changes in legislation which will be able to end the further spread of this phenomenon in our country."

## "A STRUGGLE FOR THE TRUTH THAT FREES"

**On 16 April, a document titled "A Struggle for the Truth that Frees" was published in Ukraine. One of the signers of the documents was UCU Vice-Rector for University Mission Myroslav Marynovych.**



"For a number of years in a row, a group of Ukrainians, in particular from UCU, took part in a session of the Truth, Justice, & Reconciliation Commission. During the discussions, we often dwelled on a

problem which still has no solution: The aggressor (Russia) not only does not acknowledge the truth but creates its own 'alternative truth.' Finally, we asked ourselves: What could Ukrainian Christians say in

this matter?" explains Myroslav Marynovych. "And so, a parallel initiative arose to prepare a joint document which would present the reflections of Ukrainian Christians, regardless of denomination."





## LAUREATES OF LIGHT OF JUSTICE AWARD

For the seventh time, a ceremony was held to present the Light of Justice Award for moral, spiritual, and ethical leadership to its laureates: Dmytro Karabchuk, a consultant on questions of forestry, head of the Forest Watch project, and expert consultant for the Danube-Carpathian program of the World Wide Fund for Nature in Ukraine; and Yulia Melnyk, eco-activist and expert at 350.org on questions of the development of renewable energy in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.

## SERVICE LEARNING

**UCU successfully conducted Ukraine's first service learning project, as part of which students worked on a list of 120 registered organizations that provide services to participants of military actions and their families in Lviv and the region and put on the map 76 active organizations.**

### Results of the project:

- A map of services for participants of military actions and their families is freely available on the site of the UCU Social Work Program.
- There is a table of data with verified information about the organizations, the geographical location, and a list of possible services.

## UCU 2020 INTEGRATING SESSION



**For a number of years now, UCU has conducted an integrating session for first-year students. This year, some 130 students had the opportunity not only to get acquainted with but to study the basics of project management and implement the idea of service during the creation of social ideas for civic organizations of Lviv. For three months, the first-years attended training sessions, worked on their ideas, and received an opportunity to continue independent work with civic organizations.**

Of the 23 projects that made it to the finals, the following received prizes:

**Audio fairy tales by blind old women and men** – In cooperation with the Ukrainian Association of the Blind, the students plan to organize the reading of fairy tales by old friends of the organization;

**A charitable ball for Emmaus** – The students propose involving local entrepreneurs in the event, who will help prepare the friends of the community for the event with a cultural-educational program;

**Joint meetings for residents of the Pokrov Center and of the geriatric center who participate in the charitable project Old Age is a Joy** – The initiators plan to organize joint events of interest to youth and older people.

## WHEN WAR IS NOT 'SOMEWHERE THERE': HOW UCU WITNESSES, SERVES, AND COMMUNICATES

Since the start of the war in eastern Ukraine, UCU has not stood on the sidelines. Year after year it organizes the transfer of humanitarian aid for the army's needs and offers training and educational scholarships for soldiers, legal support for veterans, and also research which could be helpful for military needs.

### HUMANITARIAN AID

For a number of years now, the Volunteer Brigade has operated at UCU, a union of teachers, staff, and students which on a voluntary basis dedicates itself to social service in Church and society. Among the main areas of activity of UCU's Volunteer Brigade are: medical and material-technical provisions for military hospitals in Ukraine, fundraising and the organization of treatment of wounded military workers in Ukraine and abroad, help for families of temporary refugees, volunteers, military workers, and members of their families...

### LEGAL SUPPORT OF VETERANS

In February 2018, a Legal Clinic began to operate at the UCU Law School. Under the direction of Khrystyna Kovtsun, among other things it helps those who have suffered because of the war in the east.

### SHARING EXPERIENCE IN MILITARY CHAPLAINCY

In May-June 2019, the UCU Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, the Tilburg School of Catholic Theology, the Ministry of Defense of The Netherlands, the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, and various organizations and depart-



ments of military chaplaincy of both countries conducted a program to share experience and a series of training sessions for Ukrainian military chaplains.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Since 2016, the Lviv Business School of UCU has conducted three educational programs in women's leadership in which women from the east were one of the key target audiences; it organized and conducted three educational programs for entrepreneurs of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions; it conducted an educational program in entrepreneurship for 20 ATO veterans and two open events/forums for entrepreneurs in Kramatorsk and Mariupol; and it also trains the armed forces of Ukraine. The UCU Leadership Center with the participation of the military conducted the educational program "Management and leadership in military divisions" for officers in cooperation with the Return Alive charitable foundation. The UCU Leadership Center also, together with the Ian O. Ilnatowycz Institute for Leadership, in 2018 and 2019 conducted research on military leadership in Ukraine, which was presented at the Lviv Security Forum.

### CHRISTMAS PLAY ON THE FRONT LINE



The UCU Student Association and the One Ukraine student organization for a number of years now has assembled youth to celebrate Christmas in eastern Ukraine, a central element of which is a vertep (Christmas play). This year, the community of student volunteers caroled, as part of the Vertep in the East project, all along the front line, from Stanytsia-Luhansk to Mariupol. They performed for civilians as well as the military.



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