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On behalf of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and members, we welcome you to our 16th Annual Taste of Croatia Golf Tournament at Glen Eagle golf course. Thank you for coming out to support and participate in what will surely be a great day. It is wonderful to see so many familiar faces in attendance each year and thank you for coming back for more! We would like to also thank and welcome all the new faces that are attending for the first time.

We are delighted to see that over the past 16 years this event has become so popular. Our event focus has always been to make it fun no matter your skill level. New this year, we are excited to host a Ladies Golf Clinic and equally excited to announce our special guest Mladen "Monster" Miljas, Canadian heavy-weight boxing champion. Thank you to local businesses and supporters who help share the experience of Croatian culture, food and beverages. I am sure it is the superb food, drinks and people that have much to do with the growing success. We truly appreciate your ever-present support.

Since its incorporation in 1995, Chamber directors, members and volunteers have shared the common goal of giving a voice to the Croatian-Canadian community. While we continue strengthening the bond between Croatia and our Croatian-Canadian community, our main focus is building our local community and supporting businesses through strong economic, commercial, political and cultural connections. Our efforts rely heavily on networking between Croatian-Canadian businesses, professionals and the community and your continued support and belief in what we do is the reason we have been successful. Thank you!

For more information about the Chamber and our activities, feel free to visit our website: [croat.ca](http://croat.ca). It is regularly updated with information, current events, and news relating to our community.

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# ABOUT THE CHAMBER

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Founded in 1995, the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit network of Croatian-Canadian individuals, professionals, businesses and organizations that has emerged as the voice of Croatian-Canadian business in Canada.

The Chamber brings together a vibrant and dynamic group of individuals, professionals, businesses and organizations who have developed strategic relationships in both Canadian and Croatian economic, commercial, political, and cultural worlds and is able to draw on these relationships to the benefit of its members.

## The Chamber's objectives include:

- Providing networking opportunities both in a social and business setting
- Sponsoring and promoting cultural events, educational lectures, seminars, exhibitions, and conferences on relevant and timely topics
- Acting as a source of information and counsel to government bodies and the public in matters affecting Canada-Croatia business and trade and the Croatian-Canadian community in Canada in general
- Promoting the development of bilateral business relations, trade, and investment opportunities between Canada and Croatia and working with the Canadian-Croatian Business Network, the Croatian Chamber of Economy and other organizations on opportunities that advance our common goals and interests

Beyond the wide variety of benefits that the Chamber offers to its members (including business connections, access to government, professional development), membership increases your business' visibility and exposure in the community.

Your investment represents a commitment to the future growth and development of our whole community.

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# THE CHAMBER'S ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE

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## Business Opportunities

- Providing networking opportunities through business, community and social events
- Connecting members with members to facilitate significant trade and commerce
- Organizing various educational and business related seminars including co-organizing (in affiliation with the Canadian-Croatian Business Network which is based in Croatia) Croatian trade missions to Canada hosted in Toronto

## Youth Involvement

- Supporting our youth through a scholarship and bursary fund developed in conjunction with the Croatian-Canadian Library
- Establishing a mentorship program for Croatian-Canadian post-secondary students and recent graduates
- Placing co-op students with Chamber members

## Community Involvement

- Working with and supporting local Croatian organizations and endeavours, including, among others, the Croatian-Canadian Library, various folklore groups, the Croatian Embassy (Ottawa) and the Croatian Consulate (Mississauga), to preserve our common heritage
- Promoting community events and news through our community web portal at [www.croat.ca](http://www.croat.ca)
- Recognizing excellence and leadership in the Croatian-Canadian community through the annual Business Excellence Awards Evening
- Supporting and promoting Croatian-Canadian artists and authors
- Financially contributing to Croatia's demining program and to capital projects in the Croatian community in Canada
- Co-organizing a fundraising campaign and dinner in support of the Vukovar Tower Restoration Project
- Forming the British Columbia Chapter of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce
- Supporting Victim Services Toronto through co-organization of the Toronto Police Chief Invitational Golf Tournament - Victim Services Toronto provides immediate crisis response, intervention and prevention services which are responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities affected by crime and sudden tragedies

## Advocacy and Lobbying

- Educating Canadians on our history in Canada through support of historical research and representation at relevant Canadian organizations
- Building ties with Croatia by receiving and hosting Croatian representatives visiting Canada, attending meetings with contacts in Croatia, and presenting at business seminars in Croatia

# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE

## - IT'S EASY TO GIVE BACK

### Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce **Youth Mentoring Program**

At the Chamber, we take pride in our ability and commitment to help students of Croatian descent pave their path in life by offering our Youth Mentoring Program to assist in planning for their future.

The Youth Mentoring Program was established to offer post-secondary students with an opportunity to communicate with professionals and entrepreneurs in order to discuss career aspirations, work initiatives, and other career related matters. The program has been extremely well received and has benefited both the students and the Mentor volunteers. Matches are established based on the students' career aspirations, interests, location, and other factors.

Mentors participating in the Youth Mentoring Program are carefully selected individuals who have proven themselves successful in their careers and/or businesses, and who support the endeavours of the program to provide a service of high standards and quality, and are prepared to make time available to assist our youth in making career related decisions.

Should you feel you fit the profile of a Mentor and you would like to get involved in the program, please e-mail the following details to [contactus@croat.ca](mailto:contactus@croat.ca). (name and surname, telephone number, email address, business address, and area of expertise) and we will contact you in due course.



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The scholarship recipient will be notified by June 17, 2019.

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The In2ition Scholarship Award is managed by the Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund, which is a joint program developed and administered by the Croatian-Canadian Library and the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce.



# Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund



The Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund is a joint program developed and administered by the Croatian-Canadian Library and the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce.

We take great pride in our ability and commitment to help further the education of full-time post-secondary students in Canada.

Scholarship and bursaries will be awarded to students enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program at a university or college in Canada.

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For details about the Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund,  
please visit [www.croat.ca](http://www.croat.ca)

The application submission deadline for the 2018/2019 school year  
is February 4, 2019.

# Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund: Scholarship and Bursary Award Recipients (2017/2018)



**Ivana Kajic**

**\$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipient**

Ivana is working towards her PhD in Computer Science at the University of Waterloo. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Zagreb, Croatia and a Master of Science in Computational Neuroscience from Berlin, Germany. Ivana has organized events aimed at improving the quality of the academic environment for female graduate students including workshops that are targeted for individuals who would benefit from the knowledge of programming, but do not have an opportunity to learn within their workplace or academic curriculum.



**Ivana Osojnicky**

**\$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipient**

Ivana is majoring in Honours Planning with a minor in Environmental Assessment at the University of Waterloo. Amongst other community volunteer activities, Ivana is a volunteer at Waterloo's Sustainable Campus Initiative and Planning Student Association. She is on the Dean's Honors List and has received Honourable Mention for the Jack Rosen Memorial Award for Environmental Innovation.



**Nicholas Vukelic**

**\$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipient**

Nicholas is currently a student at the University of Western, Ivey Business School studying Engineering and Business. Nicholas is a mentor in the Ivey Consulting Club and a pro bono consultant for the United Way of London and Middlesex. He is a member of the Ivey Case Competition Club and the Western Croatian Club.

We are pleased to announce that the Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund has awarded three (3) scholarships and three (3) bursaries for the 2017/2018 school year. The funds have been awarded in order to help further the education of full-time post-secondary students in Canada.

Congratulations to each of the recipients!



**Damien Sabljak**

**\$1,500 Bursary Award Recipient**

Damien is a student at McMaster University studying Electrical Engineering. Damien is a member of the McMaster Solar Car Team as well as the Golden Key International Honors Society. He is on the Dean's Honour Roll and is competing in the McMaster Sumobot Competition, a robotics organization that challenges students to design their own autonomous fighting robots, which are pitted against each other in tournament-style, one-on-one wrestling matches.



**Liam Hrvoje Kunic**

**\$1,500 Bursary Award Recipient**

Liam is majoring in Bio-Medical Science at the University of Guelph and upon completion of his degree he will pursue a career in Optometry. Liam is an active volunteer at The Riverside Glen and Arbour Trails Retirement Home as well as the coach and captain of his own intramurals team. He is the recipient of several honours and awards and a founding member of the Guelph Croatian Students Association.



**Ana Mrazovac**

**\$1,500 Bursary Award Recipient**

Ana is majoring in Honours Health Sciences with a minor in Psychology, Biology and Chemistry at Wilfred Laurier University. On campus Ana is a member of Habitat for Humanity and Laurier Team Up Against Concussions while outside of school she volunteers at the Waterloo Wayside Centre. Ana aims to pursue a Masters of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and excel in a career in Public Health.



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# Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund

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**KING PETAR KREŠIMIR IV (\$25,000-\$49,999)** - Petar Krešimir IV was a notably energetic King of Croatia from 1059 until his death in 1075. He was the last great ruler of the Krešimirović branch of the House of Trpimirović. Under his rule the Croatian realm reached its peak territorially, expanding Croatia along the Adriatic coastland and in the mainland eastwards and bringing Slavonia into the Croatian fold. This expansion earned him the sobriquet "the Great".



**KING DMITAR ZVONIMIR (\$10,000-\$24,999)** - Dmitar Zvonimir was King of Croatia from 1076 until his death. He also ruled as Ban of Slavonia (1064 to 1074), and was named Duke of Croatia in around 1075. His native name was Zvonimir, while the name Dmitar was adopted at his coronation. He took a hard line against the Byzantine Empire. He was the last native king who exerted any real power over the entire Croatian state, which he inherited at its height and ruled it from the city of Knin.



**PRINCE BRANIMIR (\$5000-\$9,999)** - Branimir was a ruler of Dalmatian Croatia who reigned as Knez from 879 to 892. He was recognized by Pope John VIII as the Duke of the Croats. During his reign, Croatia retained its sovereignty from both Frankish and Byzantine rule, and became a fully recognized state.



**NIKOLA ŠUBIĆ ZRINSKI (\$2500-\$4999)** - Nikola Šubić Zrinski was a Croatian nobleman and general in service of the Habsburg Monarchy, Ban of Croatia from 1542 to 1556, and member of the Zrinski noble family. He was known across Europe for his involvement with the Battle of Szigetvár and is today seen as a hero by both Hungarians and Croatians.



**VICEROY JOSIP JELAČIĆ (\$1,000-\$2499)** - Viceroy Josip Jelačić of Bužim was the Ban of Croatia from 1848 to 1859. He was a member of the House of Jelačić and a noted army general, remembered for his military campaigns during the Revolutions of 1848 and for his abolition of serfdom in Croatia. On April 19, 1848, he proclaimed the union of Croatian provinces, and the separation from the Kingdom of Hungary.



**MARKO MARULIĆ (\$500-\$999)** - Marko Marulić (1450-1524) was a Croatian moral philosopher and poet and Christian humanist, known as the Crown of the Croatian Medieval Age and the father of the Croatian Renaissance. He is one of the most important figures in Croatian literature. He was also the first to use the term "psychology" in his Latin treatise, *Psichologia de ratione animae humanae*.

## Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund

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## **Mladen “Monster” Miljas Canadian Heavyweight Boxing Champion**

In December of 2017 in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canadian boxing champion Dillon Carman entered the ring with a record 12 wins, two losses and two reality TV appearances. First, on CBC’s Dragon’s Den where he received \$50,000 and then moving on to star in Big Brother Canada.

Mladen Miljas, a Mississauga native, entered the same ring with a 7-0 record, and a keen awareness of the Canadian heavyweight title’s history.

In a thunderous match from both fighters, that did not disappoint, Mladen “Monster” Miljas knocked out his former training partner and won the belt that Dillon “Big Country” Carman had held for four years.

This same belt has been held by greats like Donovan “Razor” Ruddock, Trevor Berbick and George Chuvalo. For Miljas, this is just the first step down a long road that he hopes will lead to the world stage.

The now undefeated Miljas, a perfect 9-0 with 9 KOs, stands an impressive 6’ 6” and weighs in around 240 lbs.

“He’s a giant with unbelievable power and a natural gift for fighting. For a fighter with less than 30 fights in his life to take out the Canadian champ of the last four years in under two rounds, that is an amazing achievement”, said Greg Cohen of Greg Cohen Promotions, who proudly recently announced the signing of Miljas to a promotional contract.



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“My ultimate goal is to become a world champion,” Miljas said, and he aims to achieve his goal in the next four to five years. He is also working on a criminology degree from the University of Toronto.

While he may be a monster now, both in stature and in the ring, Miljas was once “a small kid who got picked on.”

Miljas is the youngest of two sons born to Croatian immigrant parents. He said he was “chubby” as a boy and had few friends growing up in Brampton and Mississauga. With the support of his Croatian parents, who enrolled him and his brother in karate as kids, he overcame childhood bullying and believes the experience helped shape him into the man he is today.

“From bad circumstances, you can either let it negatively affect you or you can grow from it,” Miljas said. “I feel like I’ve grown from it.”

He was also encouraged by a conversation he had with one of his idols, Chivalo, who held the Canadian heavyweight title four times from 1958 to 1979 and whose parents are also Croatian.

We wish Mladen “Monster” Miljas all the best and look forward to seeing him achieve his goal on the world stage!



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## THE GMR TURF PROJECT

On Thursday, August 23, 2018, our membership was called to a Special General Meeting to outline details of a new project beginning in October 2018 to upgrade the soccer fields and bocce courts on our grounds at 166 Green Mountain Road East.

Members in attendance were shown the plans and unanimously voted to move ahead with the proposal – the #GMRturfproject.

### Benefits of new soccer fields

- Currently our soccer fields can be used from June to September
- A new turf playing surface would allow our teams to use the fields from March to December
- Our older rep teams cannot use our current fields, nor can our men's or women's teams
- New fields can be used by all ages for training, especially with the planned lighting
- Current fields are not playable if it rains
- Turf fields can be played on even in the rain
- Maintenance requirements are time consuming (cutting, fertilizing, watering, painting lines, etc.)
- Turf fields require very little maintenance – brushing once a month, and deep grooming as required
- Current fields would need major upgrades – drainage, added topsoil, and new sod, or switch to turf (investment needed)



### Our soccer program is growing!

- In 2011 we had five youth boys teams, one girls', and 86 co-ed house league kids
- In 2018 we fielded 12 boys, three girls, and 198 co-ed house league

### Benefits of the new bocce courts

- Current courts are not playable if it rains at any point on scheduled game days
- Turf courts can be played on even while it is raining
- Maintenance requirements are time consuming (leveling, dewatering, brushing, etc.)
- Turf courts have very little maintenance – brush weekly, roll every 2-3 months
- Current courts are in need of a complete upgrade
- Leagues could expand with the addition of a fifth court



### Project timeline

- Work would begin in early October of this year (drainage, curbs, fencing and bleacher pads before winter)
- Poles and lighting would also be done in the fall
- Turf installation would take place in the spring along with any grass and asphalt repairs and other final touches
- The entire project would be completed by Spring 2019
- All leagues would start on time – end of May/ beginning of June

### #GMRturfproject

If you are interested in helping see another major upgrade take place at The Croatian Sports and Community Centre of Hamilton, visit [hamiltoncroatia.com](http://hamiltoncroatia.com) OR <http://gf.me/u/kwswpp> and show your support!



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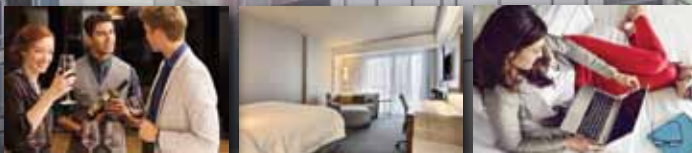
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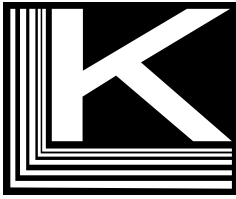
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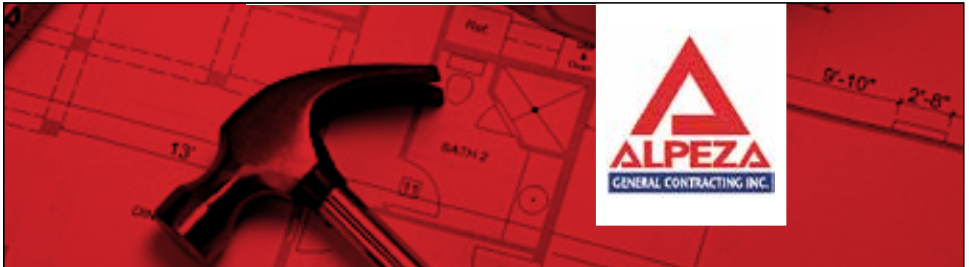
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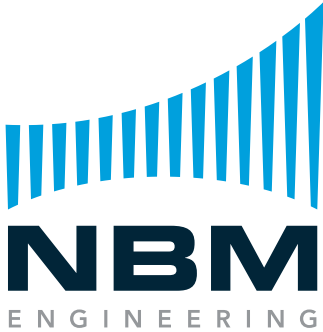
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