

The Dr. Juozas Kriauciūnas Scholarships Have Been Awarded

Every year the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science (LCAS) awards scholarships to deserving students who are working on their master's or doctor's degrees. In the past, both students living the U.S. and those living in Lithuania have received this scholarship.

This year (2024) the LCAS Scholarship Committee unanimously decided to confer the Dr. Juozas Kriauciūnas scholarship to two candidates: \$5000 to Vaiva Vasliliauskaitė and \$5000 to Mikas Danilevičius. Both are especially strong candidates.

Vaiva completed the Master's Program in Classical Studies at Vilnius University *magna cum laude*. She will be working on her Doctorate in Classical Studies at Cambridge University in the UK.

Vaiva is a curator at the Church Heritage Museum in Vilnius. Father Rugevičius, pastor of the Ascension Basilica in Kaunas, says that Vaiva strives to ensure that presentations of Church heritage materials capture the interest of both young and old and that the results of research based on this heritage are documented in books.

Vaiva prepared a presentation of the heritage materials collected in Lithuania concerning St. Josaphat Kuntsevych, a Basilian hieromonk and archeparch of the Ruthenian Uniate Church. She presented this material at a conference at the Papal Eastern Studies Institute in Rome. She received a medal for this work from the Ethnic Minorities Department of the Lithuanian government.

Currently, she is translating Cicero's *De divinatione* Part II into Lithuanian. The translation will be published by a recognized publisher of philosophical works.



Vaiva Vasiliauskaitė.

Mikas Danilevičius completed the Classical Philology (Latin and Ancient Greek) Baccalaureate Program at Vilnius University. His bachelor's thesis was „The Theory of War as a Narrative Tradition in the Roman Empire.“ He is now working on his master's in history at Vilnius University, researching the works of British philosopher Michael Oakeshott.

His essay „Rituals on the Shore“ won him a medal at the international Thomas Mann essay contest. His translation of Plutarch's „Sayings of Spartan Women“ from ancient Greek to Lithuanian was accepted for publication.

Mikas works as a contributor and aide for the journal „Naujasis Židinys-Aidai“. He participates in the activities of young conservative youth political organizations and was elected to the board of the Young Conservators' League. He worked in the Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and studied at the Free University in Berlin.



Mikas Danilevičius.

This year candidates for the scholarship were evaluated by the LCAS Scholarship Committee, consisting of Dr. Aleksas Gedmintas (Committee Chair), Dr. Mirga Girniuvienė and Onutė Traitor. In their opinion, the two scholarship winners are great young scholars and we expect to hear about their interesting insights as well as important achievements in the future.

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