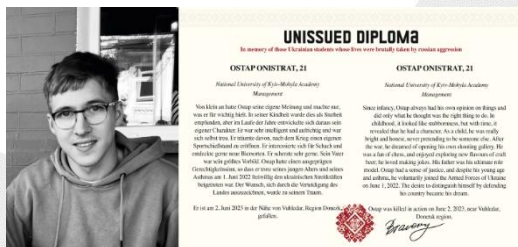


## “Unissued Diplomas” project now also in Bavaria: Opening of the first exhibition at the Ukrainian Free University in Munich

**On May 8, 2024, the first exhibition of the “Unissued Diplomas” project was opened in Munich. On the 5th floor of the Ukrainian Free University, photos and short biographies commemorate the lost lives of young Ukrainians who will never receive a university degree because of the Russian war of aggression.**

“Unissued Diplomas” was initiated in 2023 by students of the National University “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy” and the Ukrainian-Canadian Student Union (SUSK) of the University of Toronto. The project is supported by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the European Commission. Through the International Office of Bavaria in Kyiv, five students from Munich came into contact with the Coordination Office for Ukraine at the beginning of the year in order to organize exhibitions in Bavaria.



*Diploma for Ostap Onistrat, who died at 21 years old on June 2, 2023 - best friend to one of the organizers.*

The first exhibition was opened on May 8 at the Ukrainian Free University (UfU) in Munich. 40 photographs and short biographies honor the lives of young students who lost their lives in the Russian war. The exhibition tells of diplomas that were not awarded, lives that were interrupted and the lost dreams of these students. Pavlo Verholiak, part of the organizing team, opened the afternoon with a speech and emphasized the importance of motivating young people not only to exist, but to live consciously every day and unite for common values. The Rector of the Ukrainian Free

University, Prof. Dr. Maria Pryshlak, spoke about the courage and strength of the students who died for the freedom of their country. She highlighted the importance of coming together and standing up in our common fight for rights. The opening was also rounded off with a musical contribution.



*Visitors of the exhibition at UfU, 08.05.2023*

The exhibition at the UfU ended on May 17, and further dates are planned at universities and student union locations in Munich in the coming months. After that, exhibitions of “Unissued Diplomas” will also be organized in other Bavarian cities. Further information can be found on the [website](#) of Unissued Diplomas, as well as in the reports of [SWR](#) (University of Tübingen) and [RBB](#) (Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder).



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