

# CUPP Participants say it best:

***We are continually pleased by the appreciative and enthusiastic letters which CUPP alumni and friends write. We realized that we should be sharing them with you, members of the Canadian Parliament, our supporters and volunteers who have participated in CUPP for the past seven years.***

"During my program here in the USA, everyday I realize how important and valuable CUPP was for me. CUPP gave me a very good knowledge and experience for the graduate program in both American universities and also gave me a unique opportunity to understand the political, economic and legal system of Western countries. This knowledge is extremely important for students who focus on social sciences and I can see that my participation in CUPP gave me valuable advantage for my studies in the USA.

CUPP is a "long term investment" with extremely high possible returns which will benefit us participants during our lives, our jobs, and in the future."

***Evhen Palenka - CUPP'95,  
University of Kharkiv,  
My MPs: Wayne Easter (PEI),  
Mac Harb (Ontario),  
Oklahoma State University, March 1997***

"It is not surprising that many of the participants of CUPP for the past seven years have received scholarship to continue their studies in various institutions of higher learning in the world. For example, I received the scholarship from the French government for study at the International School of Translation ESUCA (Ecole Superieure de cadres Interpretes-Traducteurs) at the University of Toulouse. Here in France, I often recall my internship in Canada. I believe that the internship in the Canadian Parliament was a culminating moment in my life which significantly changed my consciousness. We saw and we understood how state institutions work in a civilized society. I am delighted that in spite of financial restraints, CUPP is continuing its program with the larger group of Ukrainian university students. They will have a unique opportunity and acquire unique experience working in the Parliament of Canada. Good Luck!"

***Vyacheslav Tolkovanov - CUPP '96,  
Horlivka Institute of Foreign Language,  
My MP: Eleni Balcopanos,(Quebec)  
Toulouse University, France, March 1997***

"My CUPP participation was important in the selection process for the Freedom Support Scholarship. Secondly, I was influenced by Canada personally. Obviously, with the passage of time, impressions do not remain as strong and vivid, but something from my Canadian experience has taken root in my mind. This something pushes me forward to new accomplishments in life. It makes me think about the destiny of Ukraine and Ukrainians more often and more critically."

***Oleksiy Shoshenko - CUPP '96,  
Jaroslav Mudryj Law Academy, Kharkiv,  
My MPs: Chris Axworthy (Saskatchewan)  
University of Minnesota Law School, March 1997***



"The wide diversity of international politics as seen from Parliament Hill was open to me. I was able to observe the exciting complexity of national policy-making as embodied in the Canadian Parliamentary System, with MP's offices as its organic nucleus. I also learned, I hope, the most valuable part of my CUPP experience, namely, the liberal ethics of international and professional business political and academic communities, with its high level of erudition and tolerance, demanding working standards and drive for perfection."

***Nazar Bobitsky - CUPP '94,  
Ivan Franko Lviv University,  
My MP: Chris Axworthy (Saskatchewan)***

"No doubt, the Third Party Neutral course at Saint Paul University, was beneficial for us as Ukrainian students who are the future of Ukraine and who will one day face similar or new conflicts in our home country in the process of building a civilized and democratic society. My conclusion is that while conflicts are inevitable, they are solvable. Incorporating the TPN course into the CUP Program is essential."

***Roman Didenko - CUPP '96,  
Eastern Ukraine University, Luhansk,  
My MP: The Hon. Lawrence A. MacAulay (PEI)  
Saint Paul University, Ottawa, March 1997***