



German and Ukrainian universities receive Uniservitate Award

Community service initiatives of the **Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt** (Germany) and the **Ukrainian Catholic University** (Ukraine) have received an international education award. Their leaders will present their experience in October at an international symposium in Rome.

(CITY, July 21, 2022) Two solidarity projects driven by faculty and students from two European universities have been honored with the [Uniservitate Award 2022](#) in the **Central and Eastern Europe and Middle East** region. The award-winning experiences correspond to social impact initiatives carried out by the [Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt](#) (Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany) and the [Ukrainian Catholic University](#) (Lviv, Ukraine). These projects will receive 5,000 euros each and their promoters will be able to participate in the 3rd Global Uniservitate Symposium, which will take place in Rome from October 26 to 30. This meeting will bring together the winners from the 7 regions that make up the global network of universities of the Uniservitate program.

The **Uniservitate Award** recognizes projects of Catholic higher education institutions that use the pedagogy of service-learning in solidarity. That is, those that combine theory and practice to make students agents of social change while carrying out projects to improve their communities.

Thus, students from the [Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt](#) worked for 6 months on community music projects in a community of their choice. Thanks to the **"Community music project development"** the students planned, carried out and evaluated the project gaining experiences that promote inclusion, creativity, cultural democracy, empowerment and equality, while providing an inclusive space for music to the community.



For their part, students from the [Ukrainian Catholic University](#) worked on the project **"Me - the Other"** in which the students, together with young people with intellectual disabilities, prepared a theatrical performance, which was later presented at the university. The initiative resorted to the pedagogy of inclusive theater to overcome various stereotypes in society and overcome social barriers between people with special needs and the academic environment. The last (third) time was not completed due to the outbreak of war in Ukraine.

In addition to the two award winners, the Uniservitate Award has awarded two commendations in the Central and Eastern Europe and Middle East region to projects of the [John Paul II Catholic University](#) (Lublin, Poland) and the [Ukrainian Catholic University](#) (Lviv, Ukraine).

This award is an initiative framed within Uniservitate, one of the programs promoted by the **Latin American Center for Service-Learning Solidarity** (CLAYSS). CLAYSS is an international NGO based in Argentina that seeks to disseminate solidarity service-learning throughout the world and at different educational levels.

"From Uniservitate we are very pleased with the reception of this first call for the award. We think that the meeting in Rome will be very enriching. There will be people from all over the world. And, in addition, the projects are very varied: they touch on topics ranging from education to the environment and are approached from very different points of view (technology, psychology, social sciences...)," said the **director of Uniservitate, Nieves Tapia**. In the first edition of the Uniservitate Award, 200 solidarity experiences from the five continents participated.

In total, the distinguished projects (two awards and two mentions in each region) will receive a sum of 84,000 euros destined to give continuity to the projects or to initiate others.

In each of the regions, the winners have been selected by a jury composed of leading figures in the field of education. In the case of the **Central and Eastern Europe and Middle East region**, the jury members are **Alžbeta Brozmanová Gregorová**, professor at the Faculty of Education of Matej Bel University (Banská Bystrica, Slovakia); **Bojana Culum**, professor at the Department of Education, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Rijeka (Croatia); and **Peter Beer**,



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is professor and head of research and development at the Child Protection Center (CCP), now at the new Institute of Anthropology, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University Foundation of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt.

The jurors evaluated the various projects presented, taking into account their quality, replicability and ability to inspire other initiatives.

More information

<https://www.uniservitate.org/award-winners/>

About Uniservitate

Uniservitate is a global programme for Service-Learning promotion in Catholic Higher Education Institutions (CHEIs). It is an initiative of Porticus and is coordinated by CLAYSS. Its objective is to generate a systemic change through the institutionalization of service-learning/community engagement as a tool for higher education institutions to fulfill their mission of offering a comprehensive education to new generations and involving them in an active commitment to the problems of our time.

Uniservitate's global network is present in 26 countries on 5 continents through partnerships with more than 30 universities and higher education institutions.

About Uniservitate Award

Uniservitate Award awards service-learning projects in Catholic Higher Education Institutions. It aims to recognize the best experiences of each region, this means, those that better respond to the real needs of their social context from a successful synthesis of education and compromise with the community. The award's objective is to make visible good educational and solidarity practices to inspire new initiatives, so that the social impact is greater. The Uniservitate Award is organized by the Global Uniservitate Program, under the coordination of CLAYSS (Centro Latinoamericano de Aprendizaje y Servicio Solidario) and Porticus, in adhesion to the Global Compact on Education.

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