

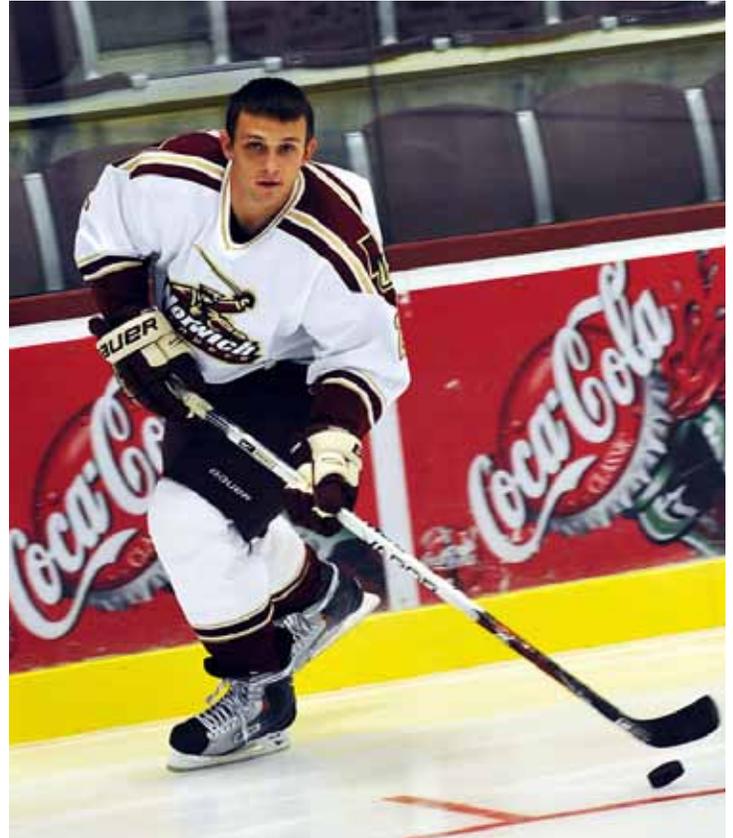


Kinasevich Fund Update: Pasha Kozhokin, Norwich Class of 2012

Pasha Kozhokin has had quite a journey to his sophomore year at Norwich University. Pasha attended Canterbury School in Connecticut for two years where he was an “A student”, played ice hockey and rowed crew. Pasha was accepted to a number of colleges during his senior year, but none offered the engineering program that he had decided he wanted to pursue. So, with the support of the Kinasevich Foundation, Pasha rolled the dice and played a year of junior hockey as he applied to colleges that afforded him the opportunity to pursue his dual passions for engineering and ice hockey. This was very risky because there was no guarantee that a new set of schools would accept Pasha and/or give him the scholarship he would need to attend.

Said Pasha, “A lot of my classmates at high school did not know what they wanted to do study in college. I did. I wanted to master engineering. However, there was a problem. None of the schools that accepted me had engineering programs. I had to make a decision whether I should go to college and try to study something other than engineering, or take a year off and re-apply a year later. I chose to wait another year.”

Today, at 6’3” and 225 lbs, Pasha is an imposing figure on the blue line for Norwich University where he is majoring in civil engineering. Pasha completed his freshman year academically as number one in his class.



Pasha Kozhokin played in 10 games for coach Mike McShane as a freshman defenseman in 2008-2009. He is looking forward to his sophomore year.

“I am grateful to Gene’s fund for its support. I made a very risky decision, but with the Fund’s support I was able to earn a spot at Norwich, a great college with an engineering program. The hockey coaches are counting on me and I am looking forward to playing there for the next four years. I also hope that one day I will be able to help kids in Ukraine the way the Eugene Kinasevich fund helps me today.”

“Pasha is a great human being,” says Mike McShane, head men’s hockey coach at Norwich University. His positive attitude, impeccable work ethic and unselfish nature all play an integral part in his success both on the ice and in the classroom. “Pasha has a very bright future here at Norwich”.





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Gene Kinasevich slips the puck past Boston College goaltender Tom Apprille to win the 1963 ECAC final in overtime.

The Eugene Kinasevich Fund: How It Began

The Eugene Kinasevich Fund was established by Gene and his friends and family to foster opportunities for educational, cultural, athletic and artistic exchanges from and between Ukraine and North America - in recognition of Gene's contributions to humankind and lifelong interest in helping young persons have better lives.

Inspired by the cultural impact of his own educational and athletic experiences, Gene appreciated not only the individual benefits of his own opportunities but also how understanding differences and shared goals could contribute to a safer world with greater economic opportunity for all.

One of Gene's efforts in this regard was his work with a hockey club from Eastern Ukraine called Druzhba (which means "friendship"). Many times from approximately 1995 to January 2005, Gene helped arrange for travel, billeting and competition in North America for youth from this club. During their January 2005 tour, the high school aged children of the Druzhba'78 Hockey Club from Kharkov, Ukraine played against a number of prep school teams and were exposed to the concept of combining education and sport.

During the winter of 2005, Gene and friends worked with the student-athletes of Druzhba to develop opportunities to continue their education and pursue their passion for hockey, opportunities that would not be available to them in Ukraine. A number of these student-athletes wrote applications for admission to prep school. After Gene passed away and the Kinasevich Fund was formed, the Druzhba project was the first project embraced by the Fund.

The Kinasevich Fund currently supports 19 students from Ukraine. During the 2009-2010 school year, 16 students are attending colleges and three are attending prep schools. The fund has made commitments to support the progress of these applicants in several ways. The fund has committed to provide grants to those students admitted to school for expenses including travel, insurance, books, lab fees and certain other non tuition related expenses. In certain instances, the Kinasevich Fund may also provide significant scholarship support as well.

How You Can Help

The generosity of the many host schools along with Gene's friends, family, teammates and classmates have made this effort the tremendous success that it has been. It costs an average of \$10,000 per student per annum in this age of \$50,000 prep school and college fees.

Any help you can provide to assist us in this most gratifying project would be greatly appreciated." Please make your check payable to The Eugene Kinasevich Fund and mail to:

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