



# Holodomor Research and Education Consortium

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### Five Educators Awarded the 2018 HREC Educator Prize

**TORONTO, CA | October 1, 2018** – HREC Education is pleased to announce that our national panel of four education adjudicators has selected the 2018 winners of the *HREC Educator Prize for Holodomor Lesson Plan Development*, awarded this year for the first time to mark the 85th year of commemorating the Ukrainian genocide known as the Holodomor. This year the judges have awarded a total of five prizes to educators, totaling \$4,200. The top 3 winners who will receive a \$1,000 prize are: **Michael Anthony**, *Weston Collegiate Institute, Toronto District School Board, Ontario (for grades 11 and 12 lesson plans)*; **Jeff Kozak**, *Springfield Middle School, Sunrise School Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba (for grade 7 lesson plan)*; **Olga Chassé**, *St. Martin Catholic School, Edmonton District School Board, Alberta (for grade 5 lesson plan)*.

Individual prizes vary up to, but not exceeding, \$1,000.00 CDN and are awarded based on the quality of submission.

“This year’s entries were strong and the judges were pleased to see a variety of disciplines and grade levels represented amongst the submissions,” stated Valentina Kuryliw, Director of Education, HREC, who created the prize. “We received submissions from teachers in provinces from Alberta across to Québec. The prize is intended to foster the development of innovative, creative and interactive lessons which develop critical thinking skills while addressing the topic of the Holodomor for grades K-12 in school curricula.”

The top winning submissions will be posted on HREC Education's website under "Learning Activities" for educators to download and use in their classrooms. Each of the top three prize winners will be presented with their award at a local annual Holodomor Memorial Day event.

HREC Education welcomes educators to submit for the prize in 2019, which will be announced in the new year in the HREC Education newsletter and on the website: [education.holodomor.ca](http://education.holodomor.ca) and social media <https://www.facebook.com/HREC.Education/>. HREC is a project of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta.

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