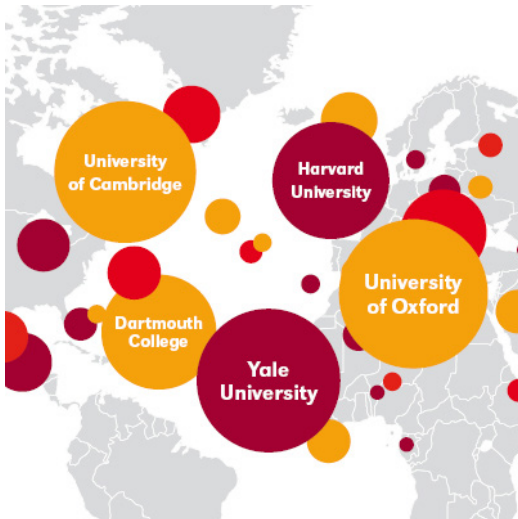




World Universities Include Bakala Scholars among their Students or Alumni



Bakala Scholars, which have so far made their mark on 22 top-tier universities abroad, can be contacted by other students interested in details about the admissions process or life at the university. Below are some of the universities attended by Bakala Scholars along with the number of our students at each of the universities:

Cambridge University 11
Oxford University 9
London School of Economics 2
Dartmouth College 3
University of Pennsylvania 3
Harvard University 2
Columbia University 2
Yale University 2
Juilliard University 2

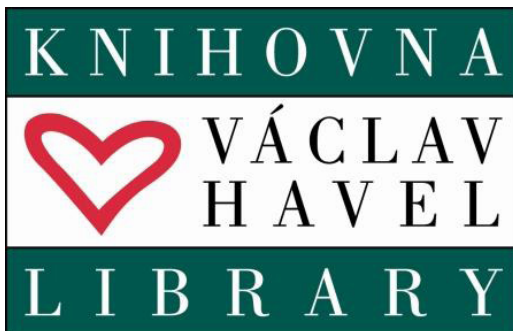
For their names and more details, please visit [Facebook.com/bakala-scholars](https://www.facebook.com/bakala-scholars) or www.nadacezb.cz/nasi-studenti/kde-studuji.

Václav Havel at the University of Cambridge

It is not rare to hear Czech being spoken at Cambridge, which is home to 11 Bakala Scholars. What is rare at Trinity College is the voice of a Czech president, thanking the audience for turning off their mobile phones before stressing that truth and love must prevail over lies and hate. But this is exactly what happened at the February screening of *Odházení* (Leaving), the film version of Václav Havel's last play. Before the showing, Jitka Štollová, a Bakala Scholar who is pursuing her Ph.D. in English Renaissance literature at Cambridge, explained the context of the play and film. Jitka elucidated the numerous references to Shakespeare and Chekhov, offering an interpretation of the plot's possible autobiographical dimension. Although the audience was dominated by Czechs and Slovaks, many of the guests came also from the United Kingdom, the United States, and China. The screening, a courtesy by the film's producer, was organized by the Trinity College BA Society and the Cambridge University Czech and Slovak Society. Special support came from the Václav Havel Library, which supplied badges with photographs of Havel as a keepsake for the audience.



Jitka Štollová



What the Václav Havel Library Has to Offer

In 2004, the Václav Havel Library was opened in Prague, with Zdeněk Bakala as one of its donors. The library is now launching a new series of English evenings dedicated to Havel, hosted by the journalist David Vaughan. His first guest will be Havel's former advisor, the diplomat and politician Alexander Vondra; in May, the evening will feature the Canadian journalist and translator Paul Wilson. Other prominent personalities invited to appear at the library in the coming weeks include "Jan Palach from Riga," Elijahu Rips (3. 4.), and the star of the Polish underground, Robert Brylewski (14. 5.). Some of the evenings will be devoted to reflections on key historical events, such as the petition *Několik vět* (A Few Sentences), which contributed to the fall of Communism in Czechoslovakia in 1989 (27. 5.). Another evening will feature on a debate of leading candidates for the upcoming European Parliament elections (21. 5.). This spring, the library will also host several international conferences. In May, for example, *Havel on the Stage* – stage productions, translations, reception will include discussions of the translations and stage productions of Havel's dramas. And in June, *The Past Inside Us* will take place, co-hosted by the library and the magazine *Babylon*. For more details, visit www.vaclavhavel-library.org

