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## **Ukrainian Authors of the Oral Testimonies**

Materials of Section 2 “Ukrainian Young Scholars’ Oral Testimonies” of the fifth issue of the online journal Young Scholars Grinchenko – Seton International Journal is the result of a virtual meeting of Ukrainian and American students and teachers “Stand with Ukraine! The Experience of Survival of Ukrainian students during the russian–Ukrainian War (2014 – 2023)”, which was organized by the History of Ukraine Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University within the framework of international cooperation with Seton Hall University (New Jersey, USA) on October 31, 2023.

The initiators of the international online meeting were Olha Tarasenko, Associate Professor of the History of Ukraine Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, Ph.D. in History, Associate Professor (Kyiv, Ukraine), James K. Daly, Professor of the Educational Studies Department of the College of Education and Human Development, Culture and Media at Seton Hall University, Doctor of Education, Professor (New Jersey, USA), and Maxim Matusevich, Head of History Department at Seton Hall University, Ph.D. in History, Professor (New Jersey, USA).

The Ukrainian part of the fifth online issue of the journal contains personal oral testimonies of the survival of Ukrainian students and teachers in the context of the russian-Ukrainian war.

The russian-Ukrainian war, which began in 2014, and the full-scale invasion of the russian occupier on February 24, 2022, changed the lives of each of us.

Ukrainian authors of oral testimonies live today in the epicenter of military events, when shelling is heard, when sirens sound, when panic and fear are in their eyes, but despite all this, they all study at schools and universities.

They are at war. They are burying friends. They are waiting for their loved ones and at the same time they are collecting funds for the financial support of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

They know what it is like to have a missile hit your house and what it is like to break through enemy roadblocks. They are strong, fearless, and courageous.

They do not sit idly by – they are looking for every opportunity to bring the Victory closer, and they speak to the world.

They, like all Ukrainians, believe that the world cannot remain indifferent.

They want to be heard: “We know how to fight for our freedom, because we have our land, our history, and our culture – these are our greatest treasures that we will not give to anyone”.

Stand with Ukraine!