24 April–15 May 2014
650 Years of the Jagiellonian University in Street Art – a Cultural Mural
Place: JU Faculty of Physics, Astronomy and Applied Computer Science

As part of the 650th Jubilee of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, the members of the JU Student Government along with Kraków artists and the city's urban designer will create a mural – a monumental painting on the walls of the city's buildings. Large scale graphics made by the students will be thematically related to the Jubilee, combining new trends with the University's history.

6 May–31 May 2014
Exhibition: Jagiellonian University Students throughout the Centuries
Start: May 6, 11.00 a.m.
Place: Planty Park (between ul. św. Anny and Collegium Novum)

The aim of this photography exhibition is to present student culture in the context of the University’s history to the citizens of Kraków and the City’s academic community. Pictures shown will mostly come from the University’s own collection, including the JU Archive and the JU Museum. Large format photographs will be displayed in the Planty Park close to the most important buildings and the University Campus in the University Quarter of the Old Town.

7 May–6 August 2014
Exhibition: A Gift of Beauty in Collegium Maius
Start: May 7, 12.00 noon
Place: Collegium Maius

The exhibition will display selected items from the collection of the JU Museum in Collegium Maius. The exhibits presented were donated to the Jagiellonian University by various patrons or are dedicated to the memory of the greatest donors of the Kraków Alma Mater. Additionally, the exhibition commemorates the 50th anniversary of the grand opening of Collegium Maius in 1964 during the University’s 600th Jubilee.

The exhibition illustrates that the University would never have been able to flourish if not for the continuous support of its patrons, from the founding monarchs, clergy, nobility, bourgeoisie and professors to the modern government representatives and generous countrymen. Many of these benefactors have been JU alumni. The exhibition is also a form of expressing gratitude to all these people and acknowledging their commitment.

An extensive catalogue of exhibits is being prepared. It will be completed by mid March 2014 so as to make it ready for print in May.

Throughout the duration of the exhibition, portraits of the Jagiellonian Laurel Award winners will be shown in the basement of Collegium Maius.
8 May 2014
Planting of a time capsule
Start: 6.30 p.m.
Place: JU Professors’ Garden, ul. Jagiellońska 15

The time capsule will be planted in the evening in the Professors’ Garden. It may be opened again no earlier than after 50 years. The items inside will include a message from the JU authorities, the Jubilee Medal and the special issue of Alma Mater magazine. Besides, the JU Student Government is going to hold a special letter writing competition for the most interesting visions of how the future world will look like on the day of the opening of the capsule.

9 May 2014
University Networks Members’ Conference: Internationalization of Higher Education:
Europeanization and Globalization
Start: 3.00–6.30 p.m.
Place: Collegium Maius, Aula, ul. Jagiellońska 15

The meeting of representatives of Coimbra Group, IRUN, Europaeum and Utrecht Network member institutions will be divided into two sessions. Each session will be devoted to one of the two questions below and will consist of ten-minute speeches by each of the panellists, followed by a general discussion.

The questions – main issues we are planning to discuss:
1. What is the strength of European higher education? What do we have in common? Are there any common European values belonging to our higher education that could be seen as constituting the foundations of European Academia?
2. How to promote European higher education on a global scale, and compete with non-European universities? Should we offer our specific European higher education as something unique and valuable (even at the expense of our position in rankings), rather than accept universal-global standards and values and try to compete globally without contributing anything "specifically" European?

9 May 2014
Opera Gala at the Juliusz Słowacki Theatre in Kraków
Start: 8:00 p.m.
Place: Juliusz Słowacki Theatre, Pl. Św. Ducha 1

The Opera Gala will feature pieces of music by W. A. Mozart, P. Mascagni, R. Leoncavallo, J. Strauss II and A. L. Webber, performed by the Beethoven Academy Orchestra.
10 May 2014

7:30–8.15 a.m. Meeting at Wawel Castle, putting on the Gowns

8:30 a.m. Flower laying ceremony at the tombs of the University’s founders: King Casimir the Great, Queen Jadwiga and King Vladislaus Jagiełło at Wawel Cathedral

The celebrations begin with flower laying ceremony at the tombs of the University’s founders: King Casimir the Great, Queen Jadwiga and King Vladislaus Jagiełło at Wawel Cathedral. The Kraków University was the second university to be founded in Central Europe, after the one in Prague in 1348. After the period of decline following the death of its founder, the University was restored owing to the endeavours of Queen Jadwiga, who pleaded its case to the Pope in Avignon and later bequeathed her personal effects to the University, which was re-established in 1400 by Jadwiga’s husband Vladislaus Jagiełło, after the benefactress's premature death.

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass in Wawel Cathedral concelebrated by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, Archbishop of Kraków

A Holy Mass for the Jagiellonian University academic community will be celebrated in Wawel Cathedral. The service will be led by the Archbishop of Kraków, Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz. Then the Jubilee procession will march from Wawel to the JU Auditorium Maximum.

10:15 a.m. Academic Procession from Wawel Cathedral to Auditorium Maximum

12:00 p.m. The Jagiellonian University’s Senate session at Auditorium Maximum

The Senate will present the gold medal Plus Ratio Quam Vis to the President of the European Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso. Special addresses will be given, inter alia, by Prof. Stephen C. Dunnett (Vice-Provost for International Education University of Buffalo) and the President of the Conference of Rectors of the Academic Schools in Poland, Prof. Wiesław Banyś. Another important part of the ceremony will be the presentation of honorary doctorates to Prof. Robert Huber and Prof Witold Kieżun. For services to Małopolska region, the Jagiellonian University will receive the Gold Medal of Merit, which is to be presented to the Rector of the JU, Prof. Wojciech Nowak by the Marshall of the Małopolskie Voivodeship, Marek Sowa, and the Chairman of Małopolska Regional Assembly, Kazimierz Bralczyk.

3.00 p.m. Feast in Wierzynek Restaurant

8:30 p.m. "UNIVERSA Open Opera"
Kraków Main Market Square (premiere)

Musical-historical performance featuring symphony orchestra, mixed choir, and soloists.
Music: Jan A.P. Kaczmarek
Libretto: Jan A.P. Kaczmarek, based on texts by: Michał Rusinek, Martianus Capella
10:00 p.m. Banquet in Sukiennice

8.30 p.m.–1:00 a.m. illuminations of Collegium Novum and Collegium Minus Buildings

11 May 2014
JU Rector’s Cup International Regatta (coxed eights) on the Vistula River by Wawel Castle
Start: 9.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.
Place: Bulwar Wolski, Vistula River

Nine European sports teams, including the famous teams from Cambridge and Oxford, will compete for the JU Rector’s Cup at a distance of 1000 metres. The regatta will take place on the Vistula River by Wawel Castle. Everyone is invited to come and show their support for the teams.

11 May 2014
Tour of the Jagiellonian University
Start: 11:00 a.m.–6.00 p.m.
Place: University Quarter

You are welcome to visit the unique and magical Jagiellonian University sites, where history meets the present, from the medieval Collegium Maius and the old University courtyards to Collegium Novum Assembly Hall.
Two programmes:
1. Tour through the old University courtyards to Collegium Novum.
   Time: 11.00 a.m., 12.00 p.m., 1.00 p.m. (English), 2.00 p.m., 3.00 p.m., 4.00 p.m. (English), 5.00 p.m., 6.00 p.m.
   Tour length: ca. 45 minutes
   Place: Huta Courtyard, Collegium Maius, ul. św. Anny 10
   No reservation required
   Admission free

2. Collegium Maius Museum tour – From Libraria to Aula
   Time: 11.00 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 12.00 p.m. (English), 12.30 p.m., 1.00 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 2.00 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.00 p.m. (English)
   Group size: max. 20
   Tour length: ca. 35 minutes
   Place: Jagiellonian University Museum, Collegium Maius, ul. Jagiellońska 15
   No reservation required
   Admission free
11 May 2014
Open Session of the Presidium of the Forum of Polish Universities
Start: 10.00 a.m.
Place: Collegium Novum

The session will include student representatives from Polish universities. The Forum is an autonomous association of student governments from the member universities of the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (CRASP). The organisation works on formulating opinions on issues important for the development of Polish arts and sciences, higher education system and culture before presenting them to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, the Conference of Rectors of Polish Universities, Student Parliament of the Republic of Poland and other institutions.

11 May 2014
Open Session of the Presidium of the Forum of Polish Technical Higher Education Institutions Start: 10.00 a.m.
Place: Collegium Novum

11 May 2014
Concert by the Academy of Music in Kraków conducted by Jerzy Maksymiuk at the Karol Szymanowski Philharmonic in Cracow
Start: 6.00 p.m.
Place: Karol Szymanowski Philharmonic in Cracow, ul. Zwierzyniecka 1

12 May 2014
Unveiling of a plaque commemorating King Casimir the Great at Collegium Novum
Start: 12.00 noon
Place: Collegium Novum

On the day of university foundation anniversary, a plaque commemorating King Casimir the Great will be unveiled in Collegium Novum.

12 May 2014
Challenges and Dilemmas of Polish and American Universities in the 21st Century
Start: 5.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Place: Collegium Maius

The debate Challenges and Dilemmas of Polish and American Universities in the 21st Century will be held in English. The main speakers include: Professor Neil J. Smelser, Professor Emeritus of the University of California, Berkeley, long-time Chair of the University's Academic Senate, Professor Piotr Sztompka, Jagiellonian University, Head of the Congress of Academic Culture Programme Committee, and Professor Jarosław Górnia, Dean of the JU Faculty of Philosophy, JU Senate member.
12 May 2014
Chamber Music Concert dedicated to the Jagiellonian University

Start: 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Place: Center for Jewish Culture, ul. Meiselsa 17

The concert, dedicated to the Jagiellonian University on its 650th Anniversary will be organised by the Center for Jewish Culture as part of the 9th edition of Felix Mendelssohn Music Days.

13 May 2014
Małopolskie Centre of Biotechnology Grand Opening
Start: 11.00 a.m.
Place: Małopolska Centre of Biotechnology, ul. Gronostajowa 7a

The JU Małopolska Centre of Biotechnology was created through the collaboration of the Jagiellonian University and the University of Agriculture in Krakow. The purpose of this institution is to conduct research at the highest possible level, to generate innovation and to cooperate with companies working in the field of life sciences. The MCB will also actively work with international partners, such as the Max Planck Gesellschaft, the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and the Kyoto University.