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Dr. Dorota Andraka is the **Chair of Education Committee** at the Polish American Chamber of Commerce of Eastern USA. Her broad experience in education and management helps **her successfully manage 65 schools with 8,200 students and 1,200 teachers on the East Coast**. During her term as the PSSCA President, she organized conventions for the Polish supplementary schools teachers and parents committees with renowned professors from **Marie Curie University of Lublin, Jagiellonian University of Kraków, Warsaw University, KEN Pedagogical University of Kraków and Teacher's Development Center from Lublin**.

Dorota Andraka closely works with Polish-American organizations that financially support the PSSCA and the member schools, including: **Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York, Polish and Slavic FCU, Józef Pilsudski Institute of America**. As the President of the PSSCA, in collaboration with the Education Committee of the Polish American Congress and Teacher's Association in Chicago, she works on **raising the awareness and recognition for the Polish Supplementary School system**. Dr. Andraka is a co-organizer of the Polish Regents Exams, as well as the **Certification Program for Polish as a second language** regulated and **supervised by the Ministry of National Education of Poland**, which takes place at the Columbia University in New York.

Dorota Andraka has been presented with **many distinctions**, including **Ministry of National Education** and Białystok Board of Education Awards. The highest honors, however, she received while in the USA: The Commission of National Education Medal (2001), Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland (2008), Janina Igielska Award of the PSSCA (2008), **Medal Amicis Universitatis Marie Curie-Sklodowska (2009)**, Certificate of Appreciation awarded by the Pauline Fathers from the American Częstochowa for her work with Polish-American youth (2010), and Children Smile Foundation Award.

In 2007, as the **neighborhood's Grand Marshall**, Dorota Andraka proudly led the Greenpoint community along New York's famous 5th Avenue during the annual Pulaski Day Parade. Since 2010 she has worked in the **Polish-American Education Council**. She was **nominated by the Consul General of Poland** in New York to serve as one of the Expert Committee members for the „Outstanding Poles in the USA” contest. Mrs. Andraka has also started the „**Gift from the Heart**” initiative, collecting funds for **the orphanage** in Supraśl near Białystok. In 2003 she became the interim President of the Polish Supplementary Council of America. She launched Polish language course at **Nassau Community College**.

Ms. Andraka was born in Białystok, Poland and currently lives in **Long Island with her husband Marek**, the owner of the construction company. She is a happy mother of her two sons: Sebastian and Damian.

Dr. Dorota Andraka holds **Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education**. She also graduated from the **State University of New York** with **degree in Early Education**. She has **Ph.D. from the University of Krakow**.