

## GALAXY OF VIKTOR ANDRUSHCHENKO

Our galaxy, spirally turning, represents a powerful magnet that attracts new suns and new stars into its body, leaving dissolve, turning into cosmic dust, the old ones that have already exhausted their energy. In its motion the galaxy follows in the direction of evolution, creating a new beauty of the Universe.

It is said: “As in heaven, and on earth”... There are people-magnets who, by their activity, harmony with the tasks of evolution, build their terrestrial galaxies, attracting people-suns and people-stars. For the past 16 years Viktor Andrushchenko has been building his galaxy — the National Pedagogical Dragomanov University. He builds it in the difficult times of political confrontation and economic instability, revolutions, society’s search for moral benchmarks, a new scientific and philosophical understanding of the world in conditions of unprecedented acceleration of life and growing amount of information.

When the synthesis is the main path of evolution, Viktor Andrushchenko also represents a kind of synthesis, combining a philosopher, a teacher, a scientist and a talented manager. This integrity (as a manifestation of culture) we feel throughout the university: here is a picture gallery of portraits from the Kiev princes to the heroes of modern Ukraine; one of the best musical faculties in Kyiv, an incredible choir; scientific library that using modern technologies and careful attitude to its archive; Center for interdisciplinary studies of complex systems with an active scientific seminars, where Ukrainian and foreign scientists prepare their reports. Students come to these workshops. They may not understand the complex issues of Mathematics or Physics, but they are immersed in an atmosphere of scientific discussion, or, as philosophers say, in the “world of Plato’s ideas”, which is similar to listening to complex musical symphony and which always leaves its mark in the mind.

And on the upper floor of the main building of university there is a telescope in which stars can be seen...