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## STARTING THE NEW YEAR WITH THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

## NEWS

Everyone is already familiar with a fact that the Hastor Foundation supports young people of all generations – elementary school students, secondary school students and university students, and follows them all the way until the very end of their education cycle. Our core mission is to help as many young people as possible to get their opportunity for education and our constant wish is a tendency for the expansion in number of scholarship holders.

For this purpose, at the end of November 2016, a call for students to apply for our scholarship was published, and in the period from 22nd November to 11th December 2016, as far as announcement lasted, we received 206 applications. After this the scoring of candidates followed; based on scoring, 57 candidates were selected and invited for an interview. 22 candidates passed the final

round and 21 of them got the scholarship of the Hastor Foundation. Interviews of candidates were led by the director of the Foundation Seid Fijuljanin, a psychologist Edina Lazovic and teacher Ramo Hastor.

What we can say with certainty is that we are entering 2017 richer for twenty one young, ambitious and successful people, and thanks to the qualities they possess we honestly believe that they can help in the improvement of our community and society.

We congratulate these young people and wish them lots of luck and success and to remain part of our family for a very long time.

Dzulisa Otuzbir

*"Do you want to be average? All of you who want to be average raise your hands," Almir said to the college students. The silence in the ASA Group's Main Assembly Hall was deafening. No hand went up. Not one of the scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation is or wants to be average. Naturally, that is the main reason why they are here, among the best; in the Hastor Foundation.*



On Saturday, 14th of January 2017. a monthly meeting of the scholarship holders was held at the main office of the Hastor Foundation. College students from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina eagerly come to Sarajevo to attend these unique gatherings hosted by our Foundation. During the meetings, the students get to know each other most frequently by sharing the experience they have gained during their volunteering hours spent with the primary and secondary school students. In addition, they expand their knowledge by participating in various lectures and workshops, not infrequently organized or hosted by the Foundation for their students' benefit. Our guest for this month was Almir Mukaca, the founder and the CEO of Fress company.

Almir is a young entrepreneur who has developed a system of delivering organic vegetables to the homes of all those who want to eat healthy, but have no time to purchase such produce themselves. The Fress concept, previously known to many by the name of Krompir.ba, evolved from the business, started by Almir and his brother Amel Mukaca, of selling organic potato and subsequently other organic vegetables, over the internet. Today we are talking about a whole concept of healthy lifestyle, which is understood as minimizing, as much as possible, the stress and the time we spend on cooking after a long day at work.

It was not by mere chance that Almir was invited as our speaker today. He is an example of a successful, young entrepreneur who has boldly made his appearance in the business world despite prior inexperience in this field. Today, he is the owner and the CEO of a unique, flourishing company that is steadily gaining recognition even outside of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was happy to share his life story and talk about his path to success. He points out that even as a young student he felt the need to go beyond the average, which is, unfortunately, a zone occupied by the majority of youth. For most of them, it doubles as a comfort zone that they dare not leave. Why is that so? It is mostly because they are afraid that they will fail or be judged by others. It is because of the lack of support as well as many other reasons that can hinder a young person. Almir expresses that his decision to invest in knowledge was the best investment he has ever made, and by saying so he has acknowledged the Foundation that has, over the last ten years, continuously invested in knowledge and helped to ensure a better future for all the young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Dzulisa Otuzbir

## SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

### DZENITA FAZLIC



Dzenita Fazlic is a third year student of the Faculty of Pedagogy in Bihac, Department of Mathematics. Dzenita is a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation Hastor since the sixth grade of elementary school. Besides the faculty activities she is also engaged in producing and selling of the unique greeting cards.

During the secondary school she was regularly winning the first and second prizes in competitions in mathematics. She took part in the competition of innovations in the field of energy where she twice won the silver medal. Within the faculty she participated in the debate competition "EU and YOU" where she reached the semi-finals.

As we were told the support of the Hastor Foundation means a lot to her and it is an important thing in her life. The scholarship allowed her to go to secondary school in another town with no worries, but also to start the higher education later. She also points out that the scholarship was a great motivation in the moments when it was hard. The scholarship means a lot to her parents as well since they are sending three more children to school.

Mirza Okic

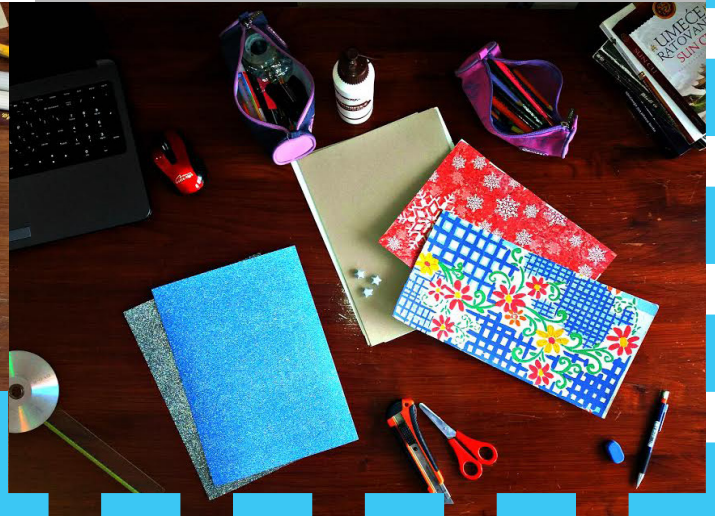
## DO IT YOURSELF

### A making process of the box for gift:

In this edition our scholarship holder Sadzida Kosovac will show you how to make something innovative, but still useful. See how to make a gift box.

For the gift box making you need: thin cardboard, napkins, CD or compass, ruler, pencil, scissors and cloth strips.

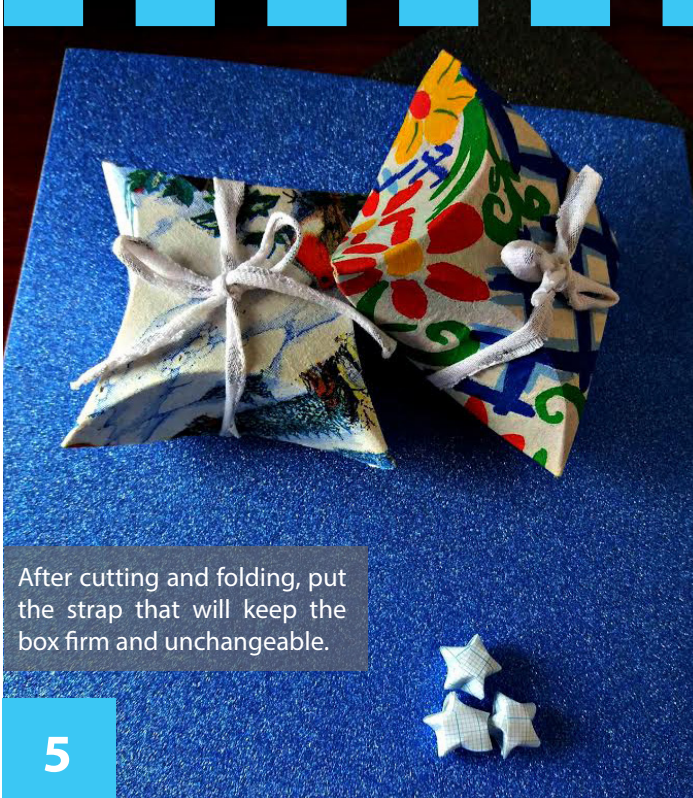
I stuck the first layer of a napkin on the piece of cardboard, the one that has the most color, and I waited for it to dry for an hour.



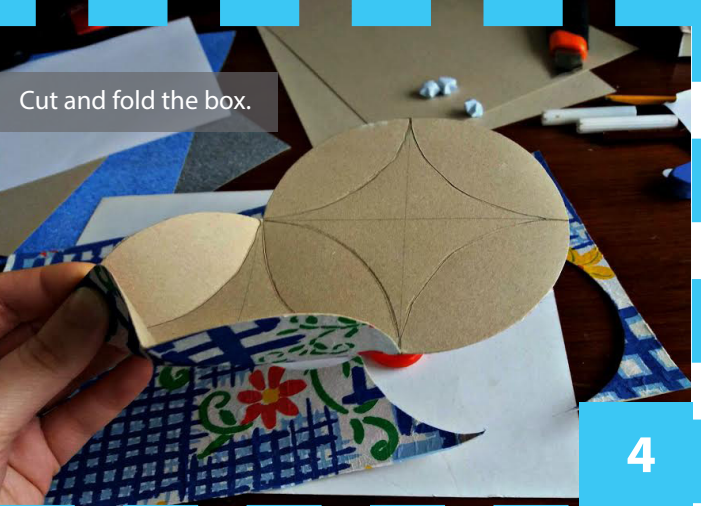
On the other side of the card itself I draw lines with the help of CDs and ruler where I will bend and cut the box.



It is the best to mark the Internal lines to which the box folds with scissors or something similar so to make it easier for folding.



After cutting and folding, put the strap that will keep the box firm and unchangeable.



Cut and fold the box.

To make these things you need only an hour, and at same time you can have fun making various combinations. I showed you only one way to recycle cardboard out of possible million ways, and considering that there's always cardboard, you can be creative as much as you want.

Sadzida Kosovac

**JANUARY 21st, 2017**

On Saturday, 21st of January 2017, in Zivinice in the Bosnian Cultural Center I visited Goletic Dzenita and Halilcevic Maid who hung out with 30 students - scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation, from primary and secondary schools. At the entrance to the room I found six women who are waiting for their children. Dzenita and Maid told me what was the plan for that day and how they are planning to spend the time from 09:00 until 14:00 o'clock, how they will keep the attention of children, students of third and fourth grade of secondary school. They also told me that they contacted the Mayor of Zivinice and got the permission to use that space for all activities related to the tasks of the Hastor Foundation.

At first glance, I noticed that the children were arranged in a circle so that everyone can see each other's face, and it made me very happy that mentors did this as if they were educators who have lots of experience. And yet when I saw that kids have notebooks to record and write down what their mentors are saying it got me back in time when I was a pedagogical counsellor visiting classes of teachers. I cannot but to commend how they carried out the program and organization of these volunteer hours. After a short conversation with some of those present students and giving certain instructions, I greeted and moved towards Srebrenica.

Shortly after 13:00 o'clock I reached Srebrenica. I'm calling Ahmo Mehmedovic and he is not responding. I'm calling Salihovic Arijana and she responded.

I ask: "Where are you?", she says: "In Tuzla!" "And have you planned your volunteer meeting today?"

"Yes!" I hear a voice from the headset, but it gives me the creeps, "... but I agreed with Ahmo that he will be with children today."

While she was talking my memory went back to this morning's ride to Nisic on the slippery road full of snow and ice while the temperature was minus 10 degrees Celsius.

"Why did not you inform me about that?" I asked her.

"Well, I told Ahmo to do that!"

That was enough and I said: "You know the rules! Do you know you lost the scholarship of the Hastor Foundation due to failure to comply with the contract?"

Silence. I ask her if she knows the number of Ahmo's cell phone. "I do not know!" She rudely replied and ended my conversation. I call Nemanja Novakovic and he responded from Sarajevo.

"Have you scheduled a volunteer meeting in Srebrenica?"

"Yes!" he replied "... but I had something at the faculty."

"Why have not you called me and informed me about that? Do you know that you lost your scholarship?"

"I know, thank you for the support and the scholarship I had until now."

"Contact the administration of the Hastor Foundation and explain why you have not fulfilled your obligations, and we will see what the Commission for scholarship awarding will decide."

I greeted and ended the conversation while images of pines and spruce covered with snow over Nisic and Bakic appear in my mind, then the fast ride through Dubrave towards Kalesija and police checks because of the speed of 13 kilometers faster than allowed. And all that to learn that there are

irresponsible students - scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation. My cell phone rings and stops this flow of my minds. Ahmo apologizes for not responding because he did not hear when I called him. I asked him where he is, and he replied that he is at the secondary school center in Srebrenica. This news made me happy and I hurried to the secondary school. In the warm classroom that is heated with one storage heater and two furnaces. I found Ahmo with 12 secondary school students who were discussing about the topic: "How to spend your quality time." Ahmo explained that he got approval from the school principal to use their premises for this purpose because the scholarship holders are mostly students of their school, and Ahmo was their former student, so the director allowed them to use the furnaces so that they can have a warm room.

I recognized students who have come from distant villages and then I asked them how they arrived. Most of them were brought there by their parents, but they said they like coming to these meetings because they have a lot of wonderful things to learn and do, and this made me very happy. From interviews with these students I learned that they received letters of thanks from the Association of SARA - the protection of young people and women for the environmental protection, cleaning the picnic spot Guber and cleaning the old town of Srebrenica. We talked about education and several of them expressed desire for additional English lessons.

I suggested to Ahmo to see how we can make it. With these young people who have a huge desire for learning the time always passes quickly. I looked at the clock and saw that three o'clock in the afternoon is approaching, I greeted them and I set forth to Vogosca.

Ramo Hastor



THE BEST WORK OF ART



Amina Basic, Prva gimnazija Zenica



Fikreta Tiro, MSŠ Gornji Vakuf



Semra Islamovic, SMŠ Zijah Dizdarevic Fojnica



Dina Karic, Cetvrta gimnazija Ilidza



Belma Gutlic, MSŠ Bosanski Petrovac



*Rijad Muminovic, a student of Electrical Engineering, was elected for the scholarship holder of the month. Below, we bring you his profile.*



Rijad Muminovic is a third year student of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Department for Automatic Control and Electronics. In addition to a multitude of student obligations and exam periods Rijad is the type of a student who uses every minute of his leisure time. According to him, he is mostly dealing with programming and electrical engineering, and his favourite is solving the algorithmic tasks. He really likes following the news of the latest technology such as smart phones, solar panels and autoimmune robots. He uses his own ideas to improve the technology he uses. He participated in numerous competitions, where of course, he made only the best results. Some of those are: Juniors Balkan Mathematical Olympiad, International Olympiad in Informatics and Balkan Olympiad in Informatics. "Last year I was the organizer of the workshop Arduino Battles 2016 at the University where university students and secondary school students realized robots that competed in racing and clean power. Motivated by this project we recently completed a project where the students at home alone realized combat robots and had a tournament fight in the ring (STELEKS Robot League 2016), which was very interesting, and not only to the students of Electrical engineering but to a larger and wider audience as well who live monitored clashes on facebook. I am also a participant at IEEEExtreme competition for three years now, which competes with 2,000 teams (and we always were in approximately the top 50). The competition is designed to solve programming problems of varying difficulty in teams of three within the 24 hours (often without any sleep)."

Even though Rijad is a scholarship holder only for a year he is proud to be a member of this big family. He is currently participating in the realization of web applications of the Hastor Foundation, which will be of great help to the administration, students, volunteers and the entire team of the Foundation, as well as to people who are not part of the foundation. He also maintains an official website of the Foundation Hastor and points out that in this he finds extra motivation for the coming period and advancement of modern technology.

Hanka Mujkic

## MY CITY – NOW AND THEN

*When you are wandering alone through empty streets then you get a chance to think. And so, while I was walking through the alleys of Sarajevo City, I realized that I was rich. Yes, indeed. Rich in pride and love that came under my skin for the time of this short life of mine, since I'm only fourteen. Yet, it made me sad when I looked in the street on my right. I saw only a complete void, no voice is heard, even the birds silenced their gentle singing. I remember when I was little, my grandfather told me never to be silence in these streets and how the child's loud voice was always heard across the city. Grief came upon me; I lowered my head and continued in slow steps. Lost in my mind and in an attempt*

*to find a solution to bring child's play back on the street, because I know how important this is, I met a girl of my age. She did not see me because of the cell phone which she carried in her hand. I realized instantly that it was precisely this gadget a reason for not so frequent hearing of children's voices on the streets. I wanted my city to keep living as it used to, that there is no unhappy people in every corner of my city, that I do not meet beggars but smiling children. My thought was interrupted by a calibre sound, a sound known to many people. I'm familiar with this sound because my uncle was a craftsman. So my heart leapt and I was so pleased that I quickly skipped the pavement*

*not even noticing that. I realized that my city is still a historical testimony. Then, from a distance, I heard the first sounds of sevdalinka and i wanted to sing. No matter how young I was I loved tradition, because I knew that she was the one talking about the times that have passed. Indeed, I concluded that the nobility of our people, the joy and positivity that they carry cannot destroy not empty street without children's voices nor improvements in technology. I can change my life, but my town is essentially the same. Indeed, I do not live in my city, my city lives in me.*

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