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WHERE FRIENDSHIPS ARE MADE

On Saturday, 11th of March 2017, another monthly meeting of the college student scholarship holders was held at the Hastor Foundation. Sarajevo, Gorazde, Novi Travnik, Livno, Foca, Jajce...all of them gathered and beating as one thanks to the Hastor Foundation. As it is always the case, our scholarship holders have had plenty of fun and had gotten to know each other better, as well.

This meeting's atmosphere was rather more relaxing than usual. Upon their arrival, the scholarship holders were divided into groups in such a way that they did not sit with people they already knew. The task of each scholarship holder was to interview a person next to them, write everything down on a piece of paper and then put it in a box. The paper was filled with details about the person's education, their major characteristics, interesting and unusual facts about them and personal anecdotes. Once all the interviews were carried out and put in the box, the papers were picked at random and then read out loud. The scholarship holders were supposed to correctly guess who the mystery person was. We found out who is afraid of balloons, which person loves maslenica with chicken filling, who went on a first date in a park, who fell through cracked ice and ended up in a creek, who listens to metal music and who is the girl that loves playing table football.

The next game showed the importance of team work and by relying on each other, the scholarship holders grew as people and expanded their knowledge. The game was a general knowledge quiz, but it also tested their knowledge of the Hastor Foundation. Each group had a differently colored piece of paper that they raised when they wanted to answer a certain question. This game showed how well the scholarship holders worked as a team and how comprehensive their knowledge was.

These activities not only made the scholarship holders laugh so hard that they cried, but because of them they also strengthened their existing bonds and struck up new friendships. The Hastor Foundation once again confirmed its extraordinary ability to bring together people who share similar ideas, occupations and who have similar stories, but are, at the same time, completely different and thus drawn together, never to be bored by each other's company.

Sadzida Kosovac

ESEF KOVACEVIC



“This face longs its fate to meet, new crossroads wants to greet, assailants of life in person to see, and look them straight in the eye...”, are the verses from the recently published book “Talasi duše” (The Ripples of the Soul), a portion of which is written by our scholarship holder Esef Kovacevic. Esef is a student of third grade of the School of Economics in Srebrenik. He lives in the vicinity of Gradacac, in the town Srnice Donje. His particular way of writing, as well as his interest in acting, drawing and impersonations are what makes him stand out. “Talasi duše” is a poetry collection featuring the poems of a number of young poets and Esef’s poems take up a significant portion of the book. His proclivity towards writing stems from his primary school days. He has challenged his own writing skills on several occasions at various contests, but his wish to succeed grew stronger when he started secondary school. He prefers to write poems, chiefly love poems and descriptive poems, but also patriotic ones. He points out several comedy

plays which he wrote and even had an opportunity to enact at school with his friends. Currently he is preparing another poetry collection, and this time he will be its sole author. He wishes to write a novel on the theme of love sometime in the future. He has been a member of the Association of Secondary School Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ASuBIH) for three years, since he is a person who loves to keep himself busy in his free time. He emphasizes that he loves spending time with others and how he loves the laughter and the joy of it, as well as everything involving plenty of science and knowledge. He has been a scholarship holder of Hastor Foundation since seventh grade. “The Foundation supports me in almost everything I do, and the money I receive monthly I invest in myself, that is to say in my process of gaining knowledge, because for me that is the best possible investment,” says Esef.

Hanka Mujkic



THE WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP:

THE HASTOR FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS PARTICIPATE IN THE RENOWNED INTERNATIONAL CONTEST FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

In February 2017, Sarajevo was the host of "The World Scholar's Cup", a renowned international competition for the students of secondary schools. This was the first time that the competition took place in Sarajevo, and thus we were greatly honored that our scholarship holders, Anisa Karic, Dina Karic and Amina Visca participated as well.



The primary idea of this competition is to be different from the traditional academic competitions and conferences and to allow the students an opportunity to show their strong points, but also develop and strengthen new skills. Nowadays, the students from more than fifty countries around the world participate in "The World Scholar's Cup". This year, on the 10th anniversary of the competition, it was hosted in Sarajevo and held at the "International High School of Sarajevo" with more than 300 participants. Our scholarship holders participated as one team and won more than 20 medals together, three of which were gold medals which earned them the entrance into the finals (the so-called "Global Round") which will be held in Athens, Hanoi and Cape Town this year. The first day of the competition began with the highly interesting opening ceremony. The students danced and sang and found the hosts very interesting. Afterwards, the main events of the competition: "Collaborative

Writing" and "Team Debate" took place, and the students were offered a great variety of topics. The general knowledge quiz (Scholar's Bowl) and a talent show (Scholar's Show) were held the following day. For our scholarship holders, the debates were the most interesting part, because they could prepare beforehand. "For me the most interesting debate topic was: 'Should Bosnia and Herzegovina send a female astronaut to the Moon?' We were the affirmative team and our main arguments, among others, were that it would be good for our country, that we would be globally known and that a lot of funds would flow to our country," said Dina. All three of them pointed out that the competition was quite interesting and that it was a nice experience. They eagerly await the "Global Round" in Athens that will take place from 18th until 23rd of July, 2017.

Amra Imamovic



After the Call for the Scholarship Applications for college students, the Hastor Foundation is richer for twenty one new scholarship holders. We are honored to be introducing our new college student scholarship holders in this issue of our newsletter, as well as in the following one.

“The Hastor Foundation became a great turning point in my life. Besides volunteering and communicating with others, the Foundation provides me with means towards advancing in the field of economy and polishing the necessary skills for it. I am a highly responsible, motivated and communicative person. I want to raise my level of knowledge in this field, and it was exactly the Foundation that gave me the opportunity for it.”



AJDA KESEDZIC
Faculty of Economics in Bihac, Second Year



AZRA MAHINIC
Faculty of Civil Engineering in Mostar, Fourth Year

“The support of the Hastor Foundation gives me the strength and motivation for further accomplishments. It represents a pillar in every sense of that word. The Foundation provides its financial support and acts as a constant motivating force that inspires me to improve my community by volunteering and to always give it may all because knowledge is always worthwhile.”

“For me, being a part of this family represents a great motivation for success. The Hastor Foundation offers unconditional support to all of its scholarship holders, and I am not an exception. I am very grateful that I was lucky enough to be a part of this great story of philanthropy. The Foundation teaches us honesty, bravery, tolerance and the value of work, and gives us an opportunity to be a useful member of the society.”



ZINAID KAPIC
Faculty of Technical Sciences in Bihać, Second Year



TARIK MURAT SPAHIC
Faculty of Law in Sarajevo, Third Year

“No matter how good of a student you are or how fond you are of what you do, you almost always experience moments of crisis differing in intensity. We students frequently muse on whether the choices we made about our vocation and life path were right. On the day I became a member of the Foundation, such thoughts and doubts vanished. It was natural that volunteering and talking with people, with all the employees and staff of the Hastor Foundation, would strengthen the character and the right attitude. You simply know that you have an immense support system that eliminates any possibilities of going backwards.”

“Despite being a scholarship holder for a relatively short period of time, from the very first day I felt that I belonged in this large family. The Hastor Foundation is truly that, a family that selflessly offers its care and support for all of its members and motivates all of us together to, above all else, become good people, to never give up on our dreams and to possess enough self-confidence to realize them. It is a wonderful feeling to know that you are not alone and that there are numerous new friends all over Bosnia and Herzegovina that you can rely on. Thank you!”

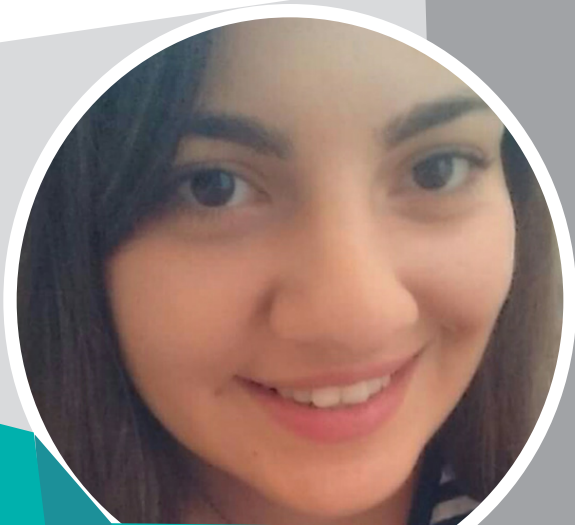


NIRVANA ZISKO
Academy of Fine Arts, Second Year

“I perceive the scholarship of the Hastor Foundation as a wind in one’s sails during the upcoming studies. The scholarship greatly eases the students’ everyday financial burden, particularly so if you study far away from your family. Another great thing is that, through various activities in the Hastor Foundation, we’ve established contact with students from all the corners of Bosnia and Herzegovina and befriended them in a very short amount of time which represents the second, non-financial type of support.”



AHMED KARIC
Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Sarajevo, First Year (Master’s studies)

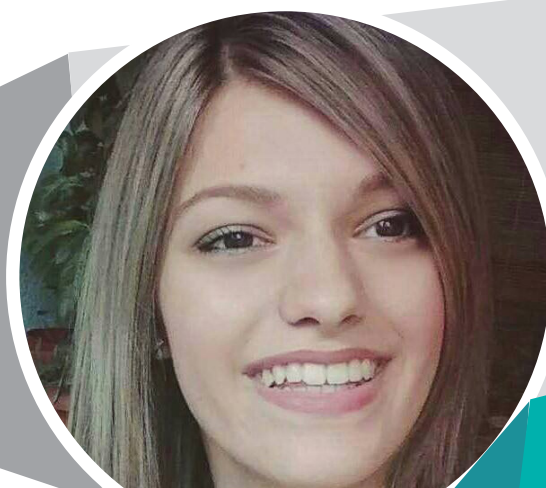


AJLA TABAK

Faculty of Economics in Zenica, Second Year

“The scholarship of the Hastor Foundation is, for me, above all, a great financial support that allowed me financial independence and through it an opportunity to grow and mature as well. Naturally, it ensures numerous other perks such as meeting new people and spending time with them. After every monthly meeting in Sarajevo, I return home motivated, and with a greater will to work. That motivation is also what inspires me to try and impart all of my knowledge to the scholarship holders during our volunteering hours. By teaching the young scholarship holders about the values of volunteering and giving, I greatly increase the possibility that they will participate in their communities’ lives as adults. In addition, I try to teach them responsibility and improve their self-esteem which is highly important for every individual.”

“It is an honor to be a part of the Hastor Foundation. Besides the financial support, what is precious are the new experiences and the new people who are becoming a part of my life. The acquaintances I made in the Foundation evolve into strong friendships day after day. That is why I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Hastor Foundation.”



IRENA KARAMEHMEDOVIC

Sarajevo Music Academy, Third Year

“The support of the Hastor Foundation means very much to me. It is what helps me and my parents survive the difficulties of the everyday life. It also opens up new roads and new horizons, and with monthly volunteering, the Hastor Foundation and I change our country and our world for the better. Through its support of the youth, the Hastor Foundation awards effort and commitment and helps improve and encourage the young people and children to fight the cruel realities of life and gives hope for a better tomorrow.”



AMAR HALILOVIC

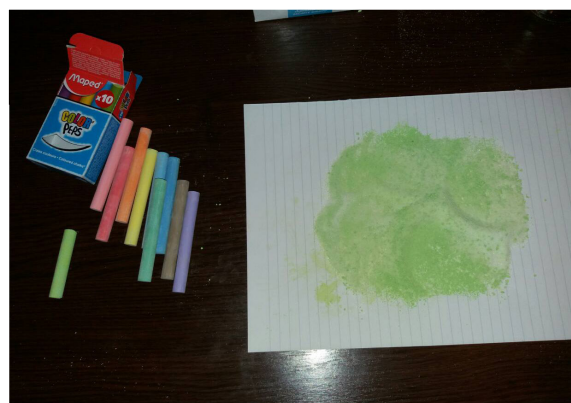
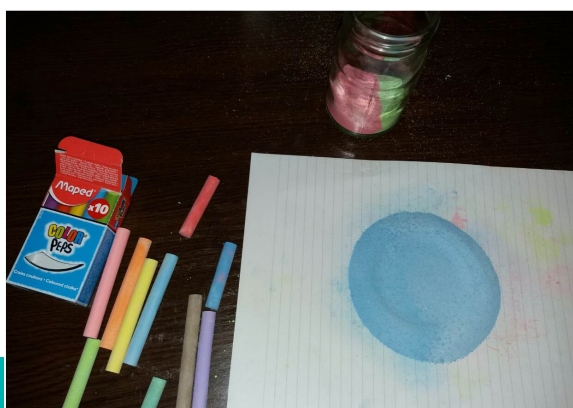
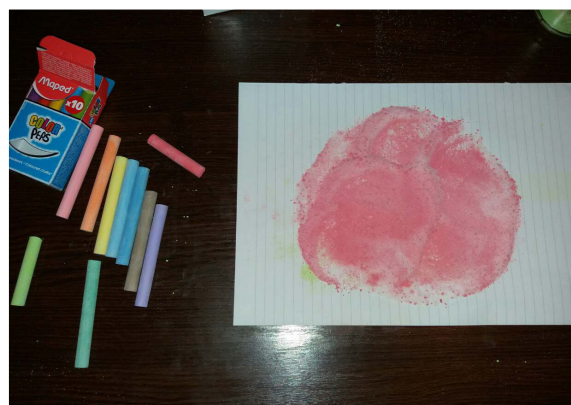
Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Sarajevo, Second Year

In this issue we bring you a simple suggestion for decorating jars using the objects found in every household. The process itself guarantees great fun, while the end result depends on your imagination and creativity. This issue's suggestion was sent by our scholarship holder, Muharema Sabanovic.

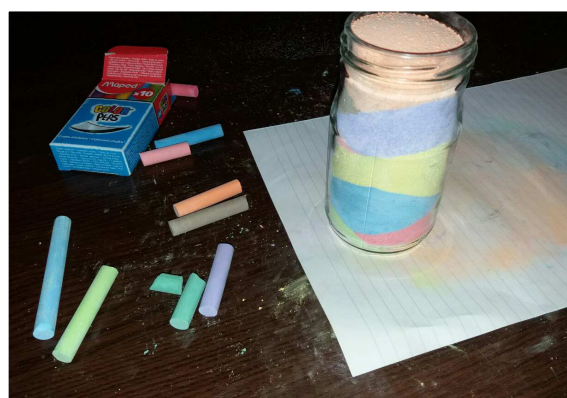
In order to make these jars you will need the following: colored chalk pieces, kitchen salt, jars of different shapes and sizes.

The making process:

Crush the chalk into tiny pieces. The more colors you have, the more beautiful and colorful the jars will be. Mix up the tiny pieces of chalk with the kitchen salt. The salt will immediately turn the color of the chalk.

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After the salt is in different colors, fill the jars in such a way so as to get different patterns inside the jar – you can fill it up horizontally, diagonally, in numerous different ways and by using numerous different colors. The end result is a decorative jar that you can put on your work desk, but also present to the person dear to you as a gift, accompanied with a suitable note of course.

**3.**

The administrative team sent me the announcements for the 25th and 26th of February. 189 students from 35 different places announced their volunteering hours. I decided to visit the students from Gradacac and Brcko, 18 of them who will be spending time with 27 primary school and 42 secondary school students. All in all, it meant that I would be meeting and talking with 87 scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation. On 25th of February, at 6:30 AM, I removed from my car a couple of centimeters of snow that fell during the night. While I am starting the car I am thinking that perhaps the road across Nisici Plateau might pose an obstacle, but there is a tunnel through Karaula, so I am thinking that I will be able to get to Brka on time, where Jasmina and Irma are scheduled to volunteer at 10 o'clock. I reached Gajevo without difficulties, yet with great caution, because the roads were covered in packed snow even though the snowplows were working. At the crossroads leading to Musici, the red warning light on the car's dashboard started flashing. Something was not right. I stopped and turned off the engine. It is Saturday, 7 o'clock in the morning. What to do? I turn on the engine again, but the situation is the same – the sound signal and the flashing signal are there. Since it is the red warning light, I dare not drive. I switch the gears to neutral, drive across the ice and bring the car to the "Panorama" motel above Olovo. A tea and a coffee keep me company until 8 o'clock when I call Foco Asim who organized the arrival of the towing service crew called "Pomoc na putu". At 10 o'clock I could already continue to drive. I decided to head for Gradačac where Mulaosmanovic Amila and Ibreljic Almin

scheduled a meeting on the premises of KULT from 9 until 14 o'clock. 7 primary school and 14 secondary school students will attend the meeting. When I arrived, I found them working in a very productive atmosphere. Almin made an effort to prepare the material necessary for the topic of "Electronic Learning". The part of the lecture I witnessed was very much to my liking. I was talking to those who were present and soon it was 14 o'clock – time for them to go home. A couple of parents arrived in front of KULT so I gave him permission to bring today's meeting to a close. At Gradacac I met an old acquaintance who asked me to come and visit him. "I have a good chess set, and also a guest room, and while we play chess let the women spend some time together too. Later we go to sleep, and a new day dawns." I could not resist such a suggestion. From Medjedja near Gradacac I reached Brka earlier than I planned. At 9:45, Jukić Irma arrives at Brka's Community center. I asked her why she had arrived so early when the meeting started at 10 o'clock. "I got here earlier so that I could warm the room a bit before the students arrive." Soon Lejlić Jasmina, Ćosović Adelisa and Suljemanovic Fatima arrive as well. The room is soon full of students from primary and secondary schools. At 10 o'clock sharp, Irma starts the lecture on the topic of "Electronic Learning". Such punctuality is rarely seen even among teachers who receive a paycheck. Later, during the discussion, Fatima said: "Adelisa and I have 9 secondary school students; we have made a deal to strictly follow the scheduled time for the meeting's start and finish, as well as the time for taking breaks. Everything is arranged beforehand."





At 11 o'clock I enter the premises of Brka's Community center, packed with the scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation. Students Fazlovic Alma, Ibrahimovic Mahir, Dzaic Amila, Hidanovic Merima, Junuzovic Varisa and Secic Enisa are discussing the topic: "Why I Love Bosnia and Herzegovina" with 16 secondary school students. I asked them to talk with me for a while and continue with the assigned topic once I take my leave. The students proudly announced that they were satisfied with their faculty-related accomplishments. Merima said that she prefers it much more when they adjust the meeting time and arrange it among themselves so that more groups spend these 5 hours together, and I agreed and commended this thinking as well. Sejla Huskovic, the senior of the Secondary School of Economics said that these meetings fill her with joy and that she can hardly wait to start her university studies so that she too can help others the same way that Merima and Amela are currently helping her to accomplish more in school. I bid them goodbye and headed for Brcko. In Brcko, the students Almir Arnautovic and Dzenita Ibric with 5 of their primary school students, also joined by Asmir Bajraktarevic and Jasmina Medinic with 7 of their secondary school students are gathered in front of the Stari Grad Community center. They are sitting on the chairs taken from the center and are discussing the topic of teaching via the Internet. Ajdin Jahic, a student of the third grade of Technical Secondary School says that he learns much more from the internet but that it is much easier for him to share the knowledge he learned with the teacher's help with others. We have talked some more about studying and volunteering and then I headed for Gornji Rahic. I arrived there shortly after 2 o'clock and headed for the restaurant "Havana" where the students Kovacevic Emina and Sivcevic Arnela are talking about the topic: "Human Rights" with 8 primary school students. They told me that the two of them are on a friendly basis with each other as well as with the young scholarship holders. "The students come to these meetings regularly and they are very active, so as mentors we need to diligently prepare beforehand to keep up with their tempo. Aldijana, Semir and Hajrudin are the students of ninth grade of primary school and they always pose

many questions so that, with our help, they could get a higher grade, and of course we are happy to do so," said Emina. I bid them goodbye and went on, leaving them to wrap up the meeting. On my way to Vogosca I concluded that all the students I had visited during these two days show maturity, responsibility, punctuality and other good manners. In Janja, on the 4th of March, Amra Redzic scheduled a meeting at the Youth Hall from 10 o'clock until 3 o'clock. The meeting is with 35 students of both elementary and secondary schools and I decided to see how a first year student would handle such a large number of children. I set off from Vogosca so that I would arrive in Janja sometime around 10 o'clock. It is the trip of more than 200 kilometers. A beautiful sunny day, dry road and other favorable driving conditions ensured that I reach my destination on time. At the Youth Hall in Janja, Amra told me: "One student didn't arrive; they called me to say he was ill, so here there are 34 students. Now we are discussing the topic: 'Youth and the Vices of Modern Age.'" I told them to continue as if I weren't there. "For me, vices are everything that meaninglessly eats up your time," said one of the students. "I prefer to read books rather than play games on my phone!," said one boy. A student by the name of Melisa says: "My mother often tells me what's good and what's bad." Salih said: "Vices are drugs, alcohol, but also smoking." "Well if we are talking about what's bad, it is also bad surfing the internet for too long or spending too much time on Facebook!," said Rijad. Amra reads one sentence from her laptop: "Upbringing and manners taught at home are very important for a young individual, but the Hastor Foundation also helps young people avoid various vices and become educated, well-mannered individuals who are willing to work hard, who are punctual, responsible..." Amra looked at her watch and said: "Now is the time for a break. Go to the courtyard, and we will continue in 10 minutes!" Exactly 10 minutes later everyone was in their seats, same as they would be in school during regular classes. We talked briefly about studying and volunteering, and then I let them continue enjoying the merriment, and I drove on further with Fadila.

Thanks to her dedication and outstanding contribution to the work of Hastor Foundation's administration team, the title of the scholarship holder of the month of March goes to Sibela Fetinci who is a student of the Sarajevo Faculty of Health Sciences.



Sibela is a student from Novi Travnik. Upon graduating secondary school, she became a pharmacy technician. When asked about her studies and vocation she said: "Ever since I was little, I wanted medicine to be my vocation, so after finishing secondary school I enrolled at the Sarajevo Faculty of Health Sciences, department of Radiologic Technology. I am currently in my third year, and the more familiar this science is to me and the greater my opportunities for work, the surer I am of my choice. It is exactly what I want to do my whole life. I want to help people and be surrounded by people who are doing the same."

Sibela loves spending her free time in the nature, especially if it involves long walks or playing sports with her friends. In case the nature is not an option, she also enjoys reading a book or watching a film.

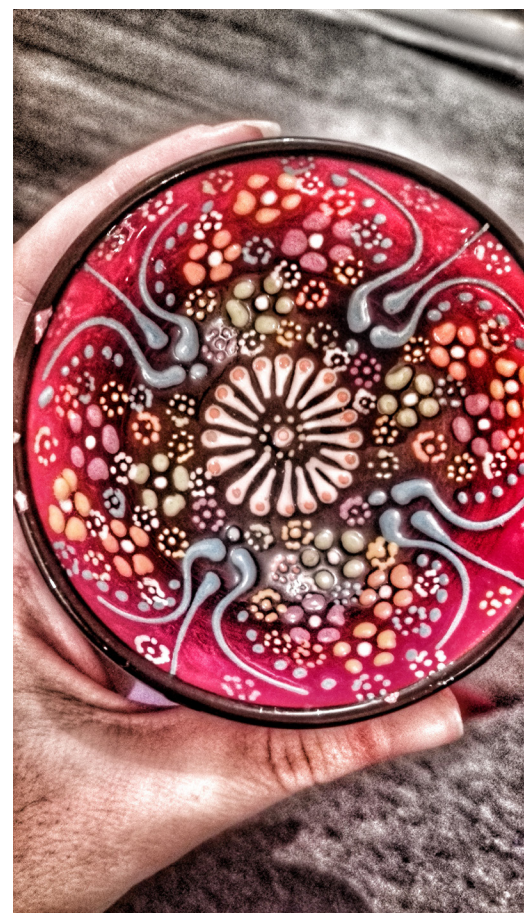
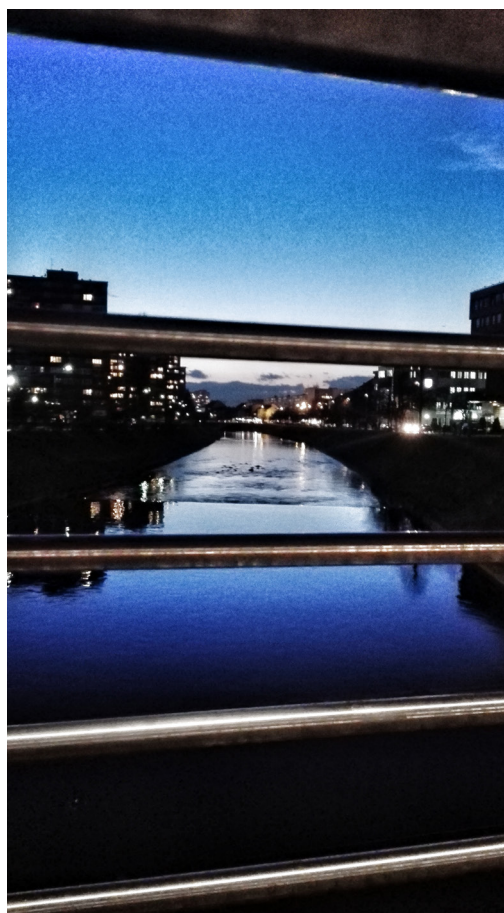
Sibela has been the scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation since the 7th grade of primary school. "Since I have been supported by the Foundation throughout my education, it would be unthinkable for

me if I were not a part of it. I believe that my education would be incomplete without it, because besides all the knowledge that I acquired at school, I learned in the Foundation at the same time as well, and most of all about responsibility and team work. I am grateful to them for helping me become a responsible and diligent person that I am today and I am also grateful for being able to use the acquired knowledge for my studies as well. When I mention the Foundation to someone, the first thing that comes to my mind are our monthly meetings and I tell them that the Foundation brings people together, people from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina, and that I was able to meet new people because of that. It is an honor to be a part of the Hastor Foundation, the place where I am surrounded by successful and smart people with bright futures ahead of them," adds our scholarship holder of the month. We use this opportunity to wish Sibela good luck in her future studies and other projects.

Mirza Okic



Dzulisa Otuzbir
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BOSNIA IN SPRING

When woodlands of Bosnia stir,
And the first swallow from its branch chimes,
Dew-laden pastures slumber no more,
Morning frost remains, but there is no winter or snow.

When the sun stretches its rays
To every corner of Bosnia, every nook of it to reach,
The awoken forests are sleepy no more,
And to life springs each and every pathway of yore.

And the rivers become mirrors of every pebble,
While the sun caresses every drop,
And sprinkles some of its fiery sparks,
Each river mouth and stream to clear and mark.

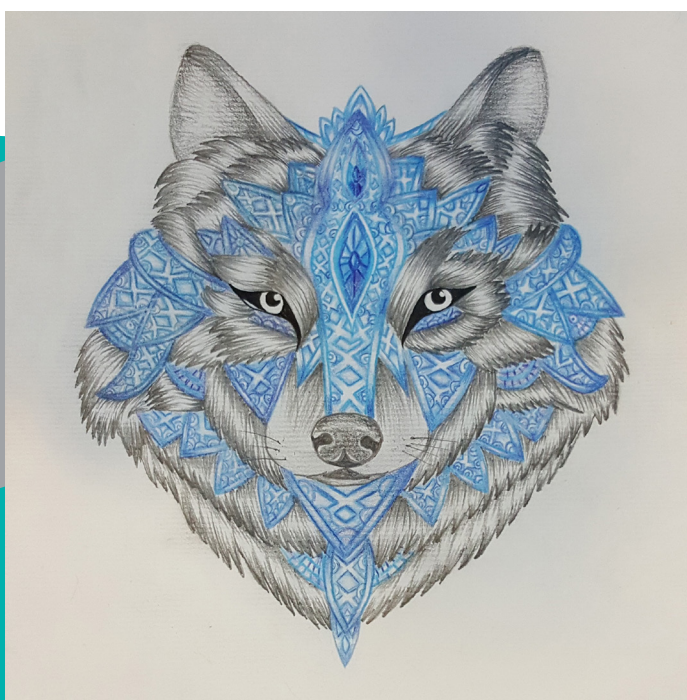
And the bridge in Mostar stretches its limbs too,
Beneath Igman a gurgle of Vrelo Bosne is heard,
I will not let anyone touch our Bosnia, our aging

mother dear,
She is the heart of the Balkans, no villain shall come near.

The peak of each mountain reaches the sky,
Meadows and leas move to touch the trees.
Every single sight in Bosnia paints a picture sublime,
To try and fill a scrapbook there is never enough time.

Sevdalinka heard in the alleyways pierces the twilight,
That is the song of young men, the sons of Bosnia.
This is a poem for Bosnia, because I wish its soul to soothe,
Not a person can deny its beauty and that is the ultimate truth.

Esef Kovacevic



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