



THE HASTOR FOUNDATION – THE SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD RECIPIENT

NEWS

Ever since it was founded in 2006, the Hastor Foundation has had a clear vision – to stimulate positive changes in the society of Bosnia and Herzegovina through education and with the help of young people. This foundation is one of those rare ones that have recognized the power young, educated and ambitious people possess. Those people will be the most powerful force on the path of change that the Foundation bravely follows. Led by the Foundation's mission and using only knowledge and education as their weapons, these young people have stimulated change already and we believe that the best is yet to come.

The future is in the hands of these young people, and by helping them we have commenced a mission of shaping new leaders who will promote the positive change and who as such are an omen of a better future for us all. Eleven years later and we are still here, with the same mission and the same strong will to improve our society, but with a much greater number of young people in the Foundation and with many friends of the Hastor Foundation who have recognized our mission.

The mission has finally been recognized at this year's Sarajevo Business Forum and the Hastor Foundation received the Social Impact Award.

“This award shows that everything we have done so far is acknowledged and we would like for it to show the potential of everything that can be done in Bosnia-Herzegovina. It is necessary that young people, and their families, are supported while acquiring knowledge so they could reach the desired level of knowledge in the field they prefer. We will continue to work hard to spread initiatives and to act, and we would also like to invite all those who want to support our work to do so. That way, we can create a positive influence on our surroundings and the entire Bosnia and Herzegovina”, said Seid Fijuljanin, the director of the Hastor Foundation.

We are pleased to see that foundation's work is being acknowledged by a growing number of people, institutions and organizations. This award is an incentive on this path of change we are creating.

During the eleven years of its existence, the Hastor Foundation has supported the education of thousands of pupils and students, the majority of whom nowadays have a job. We are currently financing and supporting 1,714 scholarship holders from more than 110 municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dzulisa Otuzbir

THE HASTOR FOUNDATION MARKED EARTH DAY

In last month's edition of our newsletter we wrote about the lecture held during the April monthly meeting by our scholarship holders Belmana Gerin and Amina Satara, both students of the Dzemal Bijedic University in Mostar, more precisely Department of Ecology and Environment Managing in Agriculture. Belmana and Amina talked about ecology, its importance as well as threats that lack of care can bring. With this

lecture, the Hastor Foundation symbolically and with the friendly support of State Lottery of Bosnia and Herzegovina marked Earth day. However, this lecture was only an introduction into the events that followed soon after the meeting. In the spirit of marking Earth Day, the Hastor Foundation scholarship holders organized cleaning of the river beds of the Miljacka and the Drina River.



Marking of Earth Day was one more project in the wide range of the Hastor Foundation's projects. For the third year in a row, and thanks to the Foundation's scholarship holders, we could see how important is our presence on our planet and how we should be eco-conscious and share our knowledge with others. This year our initiative was recognized by the State Lottery of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which joined our project as a partner. One way to show our respect toward our surroundings is to remove everything that does not belong to it and to improve the people's awareness of the air we breathe in. On Earth Day over sixty scholarship holders worked together to clean the Ambassadors Alley near the Miljacka River in Sarajevo and one area of the Drina River bed near the "Plavi Cvijet" park in Gorazde.

Besides spending over twenty hours of beneficial work together, the scholarship holders also had fun and showed that a lot can be done with joint effort and some help and support. As members of the Hastor Foundation, we are grateful to be given an opportunity to become useful members of the society, independent leaders and true human beings. That is the Foundation's goal and the path to it is chosen carefully and safely. When 1,714 people from more than 110 municipalities and socially responsible companies and organizations work together and have the same goal – for us all to become winners who will invest in knowledge on the path to success in life – the gold medal is the prize that awaits. The Hastor Foundation's scholarship holders have once more shown their initiative and social responsibility.



EURO-ATLANTIC INTEGRATION



Saturday, 13th of May 2017, another monthly meeting of the scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation was held at the premises of the ASA Group. A new opportunity for them to spend their time together and socialize, share new experiences and new topics with dedicated scholarship students who have, despite all the other obligations and the distance that they needed to cross, once again attended today's meeting in a great number.

Euro-Atlantic integration and the current status of Bosnia and Herzegovina on its path towards stabilization and changes comprised the topic of today's meeting. Dzulisa Otuzbir and Muharem Karac, students of the Faculty of Political Science in Sarajevo, spoke at length about this topic and presented their fellow scholarship holders with several important facts about the steps which Bosnia and Herzegovina needs to take and fulfill in order to join the NATO alliance and the European Union. Our lecturers for this month presented the function and significance of the aforementioned organizations in an engaging, creative manner. The scholarship holders were offered an opportunity to voice their opinions and attitudes in regards to our country's accession into EU and admission into the NATO alliance. They weighted the pros and cons of our

joining, and discussed its significance for our country, but also the ways in which we, as young people, can make our country a better place and leave it in a stronger position compared to the one we found it in. Education is, without a shred of doubt, one of the most significant means of achieving this, and the Hastor Foundation's engagement in this field means that the Foundation has become directly involved in the efforts to ensure a better living condition in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This involvement means that the Foundation is also, subsequently, paving the way for our country's admission into EU and NATO alliance. The presentation was overwhelmingly successful and particularly so if we consider the active involvement of all our scholarship holders, as well as their interest in the topic itself. They pointed out that this topic is widely discussed everyday and that it bears great significance, especially if we are aware that its end result will have influence on all of us. The scholarship holders were once again given an opportunity to learn something new, but also display their own knowledge. We sincerely hope that the youth of this country will be given an opportunity to use their knowledge and experience to improve lives and position of all the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as their own..

Hanka Mujkic



MAGLAJ PAINTINGS BY NADIRA HRNCIC

Nadira Hrcic is a talented young artist and Hastor Foundation's scholarship holder. This year she decided to engage in extracurricular activities in addition to all the obligations she has at school. After participating in art and creativity workshops in her town, she learned new skills for expressing herself, such as acrylic painting, decoupage and fabric painting. Working together with her professor and a friend, she staged an art exhibition dedicated to the city of Maglaj.

“During the winter break we made a series of paintings of the city from different angles. Motifs of the fort Gradina, the Kursumlija Mosque, the old houses of Gornja mahala, Cabra’s tavern and the newer part of the city with its plane tree alley, are some of the motifs we used in our paintings. The exhibition was very successful and the creation of these paintings helped me improve my skills.”

Being a part of this project also helped Nadira

decide where she will continue her education. She decided to prepare and try to pass the entrance exam for the Academy of Fine Arts in Sarajevo.

“I’ve begun preparing for the entrance exam for the Academy of Fine Arts in Sarajevo. I’ve been studying about the art history and taking drawing classes. I think I’ve found something that fulfills me and something that I truly love.”

However, being occupied with painting, drawing and art history does not keep our scholarship holder from participating in her school activities and keeping her 5.0 grade point average.

“Thank you for all your support and for making my education easier!”, said Nadira to the Foundation.

We wish our Nadira best of luck, with her entrance exam and her further work and education as well!

Mirza Okic



OUR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS' SUCCESSES

INELA KAVAZ, THE WINNER OF A BRONZE MEDAL AT THE BALKAN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 22nd Balkan Children Karate Championships was held in Istanbul, from 19th to 21st of May. In the team of Bosnia and Herzegovina, young karate master from the Karate club "Energija" performed brilliantly and the team won 45 medals: eight gold, ten silver and twenty-seven bronze medals.

Among the winners was our young scholarship holder Inela Kavaz who won a bronze medal. Inela had previously won the first place at the National

Karate Championship held at Pale at the end of last month and that way secured her place at this championship.

We congratulate our Inela, and taking into consideration that she is only 11 years old, we believe that this success is a great hint of her future.

Dzulisa Otuzbir



UNUSUAL INTERESTS OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS



Part of collection (left). A well-known note with the image of Alija Sirotanović (right)

The Hastor Foundation's scholarship holder Dzenit Vildic is one of those rare people in our surroundings whose hobby is numismatics. Numismatics is the study of old coins and paper money.

“This has been my interest since the eighth grade of primary school. I've met many friends from Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and apart from currency we exchange experiences as well”, says Dzenit.

Besides numismatics, our scholarship holder also collects war memorabilia, subject of another field of history as a science, as Dzenit explains it to us. This hobby includes collecting military objects such as documents, uniforms, patches, military medals, badges etc.

“I own a collection of notes and coins dating from

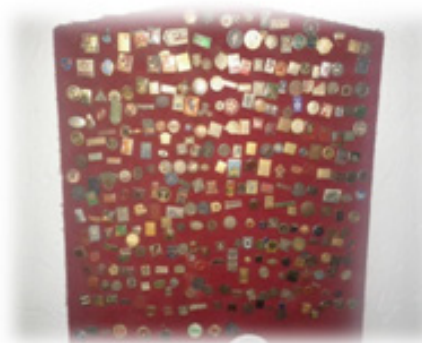
1914 to 2000, and I need only two more coins from the Ottoman period and the period of the Kingdom of Bosnia to have at least one from each period, and of war memorabilia war-related books and diaries written during the war”, says Dzenit.

For Dzenit Vildic these things do not only have material value, but sentimental as well and that is what is most valuable for him. Part of his collection is related to Kalesija, his home area which has a rich history dating from the ancient times until today.

„I've been collecting all of these things, from coins to war memorabilia, so memories are kept and our ancestors not forgotten“, adds Dzenit.

Below the text you can see photographs of Dzenit's collection of numismatics and war memorabilia.

Mirza Okic



On the photo there are: former JNA button (left), a badge collection (middle), notes from the Austro-Hungarian period (right)

Needed supplies and materials: watercolors, white paper, cardboard, scissors, glue, ruler



1.

The making process



2.

Cut the paper in lines, glue them, paint them and leave it to dry.

Then glue the little bands together to make flowers. Make a stem out of paper and glue it to the previously made flowers.



3.

4.

Paint one sheet of paper and leave dry.



Cut the paper in three parts.



5.

Fold the paper at both sides and then make two triangles.



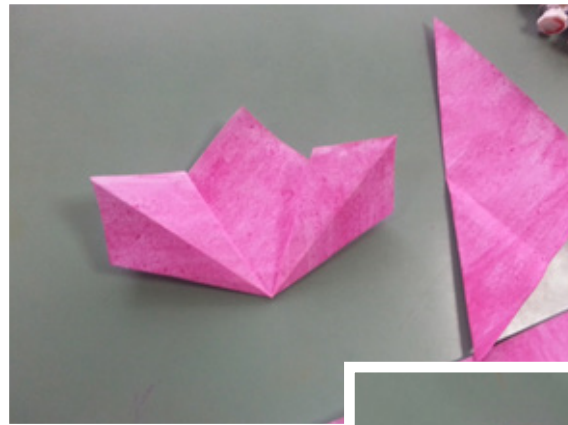
6.





7.

Fold the triangles at two sides to create the shape shown in the photo, then fold and glue them.



Make five such parts and glue them together to create a flower.

8.



Make stems out of paper and a decorative box to put the flowers in.

9.





The mankind's greatest treasure are children. That treasure, those young people need help to grow, to gain education in order to become useful members of the society. Parents of a great number of children cannot do this by themselves. The Hastor Foundation has recognized this so it wants to provide not only financial help, but also as much time, care and education as possible so these young people could use their talents and knowledge and so fulfill their role in the society. Besides the regular obligation during its meetings, the Hastor Foundation's administration plans the program for monthly meetings of college scholarship holders and ways to enact those plans. Eminent experts used to come to these meetings and hold lectures related to their area of expertise, but lately the lectures are held by scholarship holders who don't lag behind those experts.

Ramo Hastor



Thanks to her effort and contribution to the work of the Hastor Foundation, Rabija Sitnic was chosen as the scholarship holder of the month.



She was born on September 8, 1994 in Livno. In her home town she completed the primary and secondary education with excellent success. After finishing high school, she decided to apply at Faculty of Health Sciences in Sarajevo, Department of Health and Ecology. She is currently in her fourth year of college education.

Rabija speaks English and in her leisure time she likes to read books and participates in volunteer activities. She also likes to play sports and spend time with her friends. She has been a scholarship holder for ten years. She volunteered as a mentor to younger scholarship holders for

three years and this year she became a member of the administration and is responsible for documentation protocol.

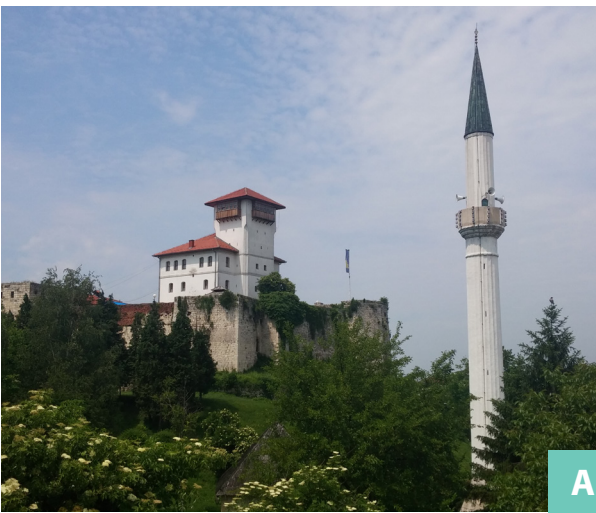
Rabija says that the Hastor Foundation is her greatest support and motivation that urges her to be even better and more successful. She also emphasizes the fact that the Hastor Foundation has helped develop many great characteristics and habits, such as responsibility, communication, creating friendships and meeting new people.

Sadzida Kosovac

Photographs for this month's column Through Lenses were sent by our scholarship holders Marija Mrda – photos of Derвента, Almin Ibreljic – photos of Gradacac and Adis Mehic, a member of the Aero club Bihac, who sent us photos of Bosanska Krajina taken in the air.



Marija Mrda



Almin Ibreljic



Adis Mehic





Nadira Hrnčić,
Maglaj



Lutrija BiH has joined the Club of Friends of the Hastor Foundation.
We use this opportunity to express our gratitude.



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