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THE ONLY PERSON YOU SHOULD COMPARE YOURSELF WITH IS **YOUR FORMER SELF**

On Saturday, 10th of March 2018, a traditional monthly meeting of the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holders took place at ASA Group's Main Assembly Hall. What made this month's meeting particularly noteworthy was an inspirational lecture delivered by Haris Muhibic, Foundation's scholarship holder and a second year student at the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Department of Information Technologies.

Prompted by *Twelve Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos*, a book written by a Canadian professor and psychologist Jordan B. Peterson, Haris decided to selflessly share the valuable experience he gained while reading it with other scholarship holders. The book addresses and deals with essential life principles that every ambitious young person should follow so as to feel content and fulfilled while working on something he or she loves. In addition, living in accordance with these principles fuels a person's desire for success and improvement.

The focus of the lecture was the book's twelve rules for improving one's life quality – we should adhere to these golden rules in everyday situations because by doing so we will experience fulfillment and be content with ourselves and people around us. Haris emphasized the message that nothing in life is absolute and that there is a need to seek balance in

everything we do. Scholarship holders discussed the following principles in particular: face life's problems directly and always walk with your head held high; pay attention to yourselves the same way you would to those in need of help; nurture friendships with people who truly care about you rather than with toxic, envious people; compare yourself only with your former self, not with others; sweep around your own front door before you try to sweep around others' doors; strive for higher, long-term goals; aim to always speak the truth; recognize that every new person you meet can potentially teach you something new. In addition to these principles, it is crucial to surround ourselves with good people who will acknowledge our aspirations and efforts. We need to become aware of the fact that we are makers of our own destinies, and that each good deed of today makes us a better person than we were yesterday.



Scholarship holders did not hide their enthusiasm about Haris's interactive lecture and praised his topic selection, but even more so his earnest treatment of it and his general approach. Smiling faces and positive comments of the scholarship holders were more than enough to conclude that the primary goal of Haris's lecture was fulfilled – his words reached the scholarship holders and inspired them to rethink their habits and recognize that small changes pave way for profound ones which result in a better and happier self, which can then influence person's immediate surroundings, and eventually lead to a better and happier life. What both the audience and the lecturer agreed on is that productive and inspirational conversations and discussions are truly necessary for young people, because demotivating stories are often foregrounded and often contribute to an inner state of inertia and indifference.

Haris wrapped up the lecture by emphasizing the following once more: Always walk with your head held high. Sweep around your own front door (focus on your personal improvement, not on other people). Give your attention to whomever you



meet on your path, be it a cat whose back you will stroke. Move forward and treat every difficulty and obstacle as a challenge to be solved step by step, with persistence.

Finally, small things in life are all too often neglected and ignored, and yet they should be our focus. They are what truly matters and what affects our mental health, our drive and will to succeed, and our accomplishments.

Amina Vatres

The Hastor Foundation Launched the “Training for Job – Training to Stay” Project

The Grant agreement for the implementation of the “Training for Job-Training to Stay” project was signed on Friday (March 30th), in Sarajevo, by the representatives of the International Executive Service Corps (IESC) and the Hastor Foundation. The project is to be carried out in the period between the 2nd of April and the 31st of October, 2018, and will be implemented in partnership with the Prevent Group.

Workforce and Higher Access to Markets Activity (WHAM) is a project financed by USAID and implemented by IESC. The project's aim is providing training and development of skills that are necessary for obtaining employment with the Prevent Step Bugojno Company. Over one hundred people from the Bugojno municipality and nearby areas will be included in the project. Those participants who

prove most successful will be given the opportunity to work in this company.

This way, the Hastor Foundation is taking another step forward when it comes to developing the potential and cadres needed in the labor market.





Edin's "Soft" Story

Secondary school student Edin Maslo is just one among countless young people who wish to start their own business, but he is one of the few who dared to take a bold step forward in order to do so. He is only 19 years old and an excellent student at the Secondary School of Civil Engineering and Geodesy in Sarajevo, becoming the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holder in September last year.

Edin reveals that he thought about starting a small business for a long time, and this idea started to take shape two months ago when he purchased first items necessary for starting his brand of decorative furniture.

"Being a secondary school student in Sarajevo, this city of fast-paced living, I soon concluded that I needed more pocket money than I was receiving at the moment. I didn't want to stick out like a sore thumb, and even more so I didn't want to burden my father with additional expenses. I spent a lot of time on the internet and it eventually made me realize that I could support myself if I started a small business of my own. Some two months ago I decided to purchase a certain quantity of decorative cushions, ottomans, puff sofas etc. with hopes of selling custom-made furniture and earn some money. My idea is slowly becoming a reality," says Edin.

This is how Edin's "soft" story began. Pursuing his idea, he started a brand called "Mekano" (Soft) which is based on manufacturing and selling decorative furniture in accordance with the customers' personal tastes, bringing them closer to their idea of a dream home and comfortable living.

Having been established so recently, "Mekano" is still developing and it will take considerable effort, Edin says, to make it a source of greater income. He admits

that every beginning is difficult, but that he doesn't intend to give up any time soon – with hopes of developing and expanding his small business, Edin will work diligently. *"I see my success come about through a variety of products "Mekano" offers, because attempting to sell products and designs depends on having an offer which appeals to as many people as possible,"* says Edin.

In his interview with the Foundation's Editorial Board, Edin admitted that he is very glad that the Hastor Foundation and its scholarship holders recognized his work and hopes that such support will continue:

"I do hope that "Mekano" becomes a recognizable brand in the future. If so, even someone from the Foundation will perhaps join me in navigating these entrepreneurial waters. I would ask all of you to like "Mekano" Facebook page and share it with your friends because I see it as one of my paths towards success."

Edin is grateful to his mentors Tesnim Karisik and Anes Pajic in particular because they recognized his work and brought it to the attention of the Hastor Foundation's Editorial Board.

We hereby invite all the scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation, as well as all the readers of our Newsletter, to support Edin Maslo and his brand "Mekano" by liking and sharing the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Mekano-282006605664650/>).

We wish our Edin plenty of success and we believe that "Mekano" will become a recognizable brand whose products will decorate many homes in the future.

Dzulisa Otuzbir



Emil Saric

describes himself as a person who loves challenges and enjoys solving problems, most often related to mathematics and programming. Emil is also very competitive as shown by all the awards he received at various mathematics and computer sciences competitions, ranging from municipality to state level.

Emil sees himself as an optimistic person and finds that in the future his work will revolve around software development and the field of artificial intelligence. This talented and versatile scholarship holder spends his free time playing chess, darts and pool with his friends. The news of receiving the Foundation's scholarship motivated Emil greatly, inspiring him to keep pursuing excellence but also to impart his knowledge on others.

"The scholarship means much to me as both a source of financial support and further motivation for my studies. I believe that the Foundation's stance towards volunteering is a good influence on me because I do my best to fulfill my obligations fully and on time and be responsible."

Belma Zukic

In January 2018, twenty-one-year-old Emil Saric joined our Foundation. He is currently in his third year of studies at the Faculty of Technical Sciences, Department of Electrotechnics.

Emil completed his secondary education in Cazin Gymnasium where he stayed an exemplary student with excellent grades for all four years. Prior to this, he was recognized as the best student of his generation in "Liskovac" Primary School in Cazin. He

SCIENCE

NASA Wants Various Photos of Clouds Sent Until April 15

The American space agency, NASA, is asking all the sky lovers across the globe to share their cloud photos via a special app. This citizen science project is needed so NASA can validate data from six Earth-observing instruments on different satellites.

The instruments are a part of a project called "Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System", whose aim is to enhance the understanding of the roles clouds play in global climate changes.

However, clouds are sometimes difficult to identify from up high. For example, thin cirrus clouds, the most common type of high clouds, are difficult to spot when there is snow in the background, claims NASA. That is why all satellite observations need to be compared with observations from the Earth.

If you want to participate in the cloud-observation challenge, the easiest way to do so is to download the GLOBE Observer app which provides step-by-step instructions on how to submit your cloud photos to NASA. If you love to observe and analyze changes happening in the sky, this app will further improve your knowledge of astronomy.

NASA said that they are launching the observation project now because interesting cloud activity can be observed in spring. The change of seasons can be very stormy, and NASA wants to double check the data of a particular instrument that was launched into space last year in November.

All those who want their photos to reach NASA have until the 15th of April to submit up to 10 photos a day.

IN MEMORIAM:



Stephen Hawking

Stephen Hawking was a figure who people admired not only for his intellect, but also his personality and attitude towards life.

Hawking had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a condition which first manifested itself in his youth and which causes the death of neurons controlling voluntary muscles. Deterioration of muscles was gradual but eventually left him completely paralyzed and unable to speak without the aid of a speech synthesizer.

Hawking's ultimate scientific aim was a complete understanding of the universe – why particular principles govern it and why it even exists. His ideas on black holes emitting heat started one of the longest debates in modern cosmology, and his research in general greatly shaped the understanding of theory of relativity and quantum mechanics.

He was named an honorary member of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) and a member for life of Pontifical Academy of Sciences. In addition, he received a myriad of awards and accolades, including the foremost U.S. civilian decoration, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Hawking's book "A Brief History of Time" is the most well-known book on cosmology in the world, and it stayed on Sunday Times' Bestsellers list for 237 weeks. Hawking often

commented on global events and problems. Among these are his warnings that artificial intelligence poses a great threat to humankind and that our future as a species depends on humankind settling on other planets.

For his fellow scientists and people close to him, Hawking was a symbol of humankind's unbounded potential, but was also loved for his intuitiveness and sense of humor. After the film "The Theory of Everything" began screening, Hawking, who is played by Eddie Redmayne, jokingly commented that: "Unfortunately, Eddie did not inherit my good looks."

One thing that always remained a mystery for Hawking is women. When he was asked, on one occasion, what he thought about the most during the day, he replied: "Women. They are a complete mystery."

The whole world mourns the loss of this great scientist who passed away at age 76, but he left behind an enormous legacy which includes numerous interesting, provocative, but also humorous quotes. As a way of honoring Stephen Hawking, in this issue of our Newsletter we bring several of his quotes that you may find inspirational and motivating.

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stephen hawking

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.

The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge.

I have noticed that even those who assert that everything is predestined and that we can change nothing about it still look both ways before they cross the street.

People won't have time for you if you are always angry or complaining.

We are in danger of destroying ourselves by our greed and stupidity. We cannot remain looking inwards at ourselves on a small and increasingly polluted and overcrowded planet.

We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the Universe. That makes us something very special.

People who boast about their I.Q. are losers.

To confine our attention to terrestrial matters would be to limit the human spirit.

I'm not afraid of death, but I'm in no hurry to die. I have so much I want to do first.

IT Competition Organized by EFSA UNSA



Department for Management and Information Technologies at the School of Economics and Business in Sarajevo is organizing the Second IT Competition in Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship. The goal of the competition is to test the skills of secondary school pupils and students when it comes to using Microsoft tools: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. The best competitors will be invited to represent our country in the World Championship that will take place in Florida, U.S.

Students and secondary school pupils can apply via the following link: <http://eepurl.com/cOO1ij>

More information can be found on the faculty web page: <http://www.efsa.unsa.ba/ef/bs/it-takmicenje>

February visits

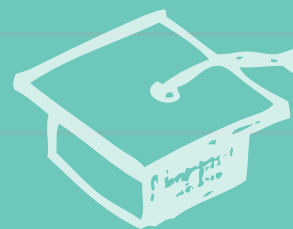
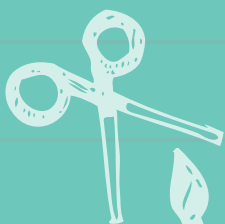


During the month of February 2018 I went to 7 cities and visited 11 volunteering groups: 22 student scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation, 61 primary and 60 secondary school pupils volunteered together. That is 143 scholarship holders in total. With the exception of two student scholarship holders from Milici whom I did not find in the agreed place at the agreed time, I can say that I'm more than content with how the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holders fulfill their obligations. Nizama Barucija and Lejla Biogradlija in the Theatre cinema in Busovaca said that they had good mentors while they were in primary and secondary school so now it's easier for them to meet their obligations to the Hastor Foundation. Segmedina Buljina has the key of the school in Kacuni: "The principal gave me the key so the pupils and I can spend time in the school during the weekends as well."

Ostruznica, near Fojnica. Dalila Krsic and Hasija Huseinbasic are in a sunny classroom on the second floor of the school and they are checking the pupils' assignments. They discussed the theme and wanted to see whether the pupils understood it or not. In the

Primary school "Branko Radicevic" in Bratunac, Zeid Orlovic and Milica Djokanovic are with the pupils, but due to illness many of the children are not present. On the 24th of February, at 9am, I arrived in Jablanica, to the house where Nejra Subara lives, and the pupils were already there. From the conversation I had with them and with Nejra I concluded that they worked hard. Since one of the girls comes from a far-away place I suggested that Nejra should give the pupils homework so that they don't have to travel such a long way tomorrow. Nejra Dzeko and Aida Suta-Maslo were in Karadjoz-bey Madrasah in Mostar with 10 secondary school pupils, two of which achieve great results on football fields. In Karadjoz-bey Library two groups held their meetings: Anela Maric, Azra Mahinic and Ifeta Cukovic with 7 primary and 6 secondary school pupils in a great work atmosphere. In the First primary school in Stolac, Edin Gerin, Belmana Gerin, Anela Medar, Adna Elezovic and Ena Haracic were with 10 pupils. Considering that they know each other very well, it was not difficult for them to have a nice, purposeful meeting.

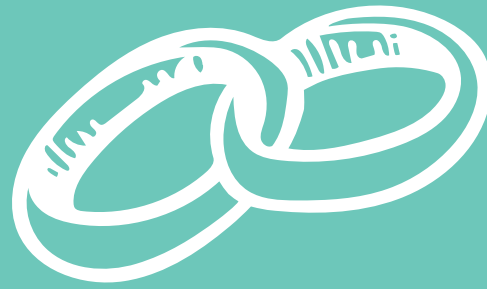
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a wedding



I'm reading the announcement sent to me by Ajla Calas: "Dear teacher Ramo, moved by the life situation I am currently in, I keep thinking about many wonderful things that I had experienced, being the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holder. I became an academic and a young working girl, I've made many friends and found a life partner as well. Enver Fejzovic and I are to marry on Thursday, 22nd of March, 2018, in Visoko. I'm informing you of this because the Hastor Foundation was the reason our paths crossed a long time ago."

There are many girls and boys who were scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation, and who are now married. Most of them have children as well. Nothing unusual, but today, March 22, 2018, Ajla Calas from Gorazde, the former scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation, married Enver Fejzovic from Visoko,

another former scholarship holder. The newly-weds come from low-income families, but with the help of the Hastor Foundation they completed their college education, became academics, found jobs, helped and are helping their parents, and now they can plan their own future, certain that their children will not be in need of anyone's scholarship. Those who know the aims of the Hastor Foundation can conclude that this marriage is a proof that the Foundation actually accomplishes its aims: scholarship holders from different parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina meet each other and spend time together, they become academics, find employment and live by their own work, so that they can help someone else and thus everyone in B-H can live by their work and not need anyone's help.

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AJLA & ENVER



■ ■ Nejra
Dzeko

NEJRA DZEKO

Based on her dedication, effort and contribution to the work of the Hastor Foundation, this month's scholarship holder is Nejra Dzeko.

She was born in 1995 in Mostar where she completed primary and secondary education. She then enrolled into the Faculty of Education, at Dzemal Bijedic University of Mostar and became a student at the Department for Chemistry. After completing the first cycle of studies there, she decided to enroll into the second cycle of studies at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Sarajevo.

While studying at the faculty in Mostar and exploring new fields of chemistry, she decided that she wanted to continue exploring and improving her knowledge through practical work.

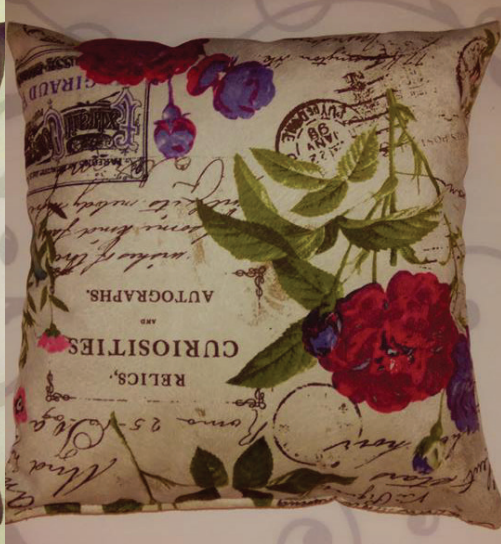
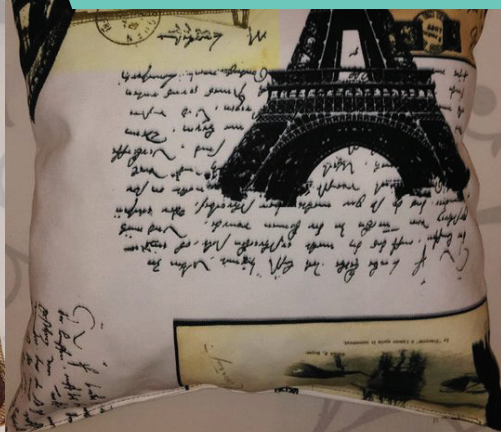
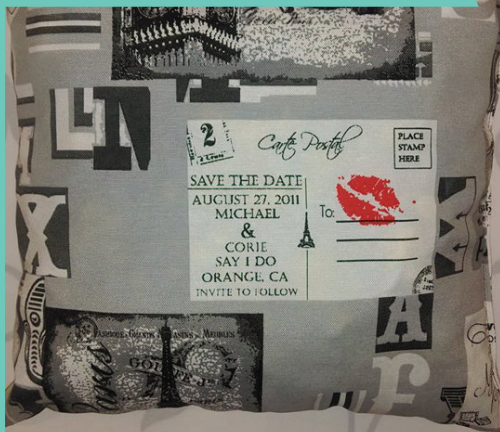
She considers herself to be a one-day-at-a-time kind of person and she always tries to seize the day while at the same time doing what she loves. She spends her leisure time reading psychology and modern life coaching books, which contributes to her character development and makes it easier for her to overcome the obstacles that appear in her way.

Nejra says: "Effort should be what keeps us moving, we should give our best in every situation and try to be the best version of ourselves that we can. Personally, faith is what gives me strength, along with the support of my mother, my family, and the Hastor Foundation, of course."

Nejra is an exceptionally hardworking scholarship holder; she volunteers regularly with her pupils in Mostar and is always glad to volunteer with the administration team when asked to do so.

She advises the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holders to educate themselves in every field of life they consider important, to always believe in themselves, be optimistic and to work hard. They should let their actions speak more than their words, and they should be modest, kind, cheerful and willing to help others. Finally, they should work on themselves and the development of their communities, something that they are, after all, taught to do in the Hastor Foundation.

Razim Medicin



Photos of cushions with various patterns handmade by our scholarship holder Edin Maslo

The database showed that the scholarship holders and volunteers of the Hastor Foundation reached the number of 14957 volunteering hours during the previous month. As usual, most of these hours were spent on our scholarship holders' volunteering meetings – students, primary and secondary school pupils in 296 volunteering meeting in 60 municipalities across Bosnia and Herzegovina. Our students who volunteer with the Administration team and Editorial Board of the Hastor Foundation contributed greatly to this number, as well as students who work on developing the Hastor Foundation app and are in charge of web page maintenance. The compulsory theme that our scholarship holders discussed during volunteer meetings during the previous month was “E-learning”. Besides the compulsory theme, the scholarship holders discussed other interesting topics as well, and our students also spent some volunteering hours helping our younger scholarship holders in understanding the school material better.



Some of the most interesting themes:

- “ Good communication ”

Promoting oneself by emphasizing one’s qualities
- “ The importance of the environment we live in ”

The greatest treasure of our country
- The advantages and disadvantages of modern technology** ”

The educational system in B-H ”
- “ Tricks and optical illusions ”

Friendship, then and now ”
- “ Entertainment methods that are efficient for personal development ”

TED TALK: “HOW VOLUNTEERISM CAN CHANGE YOUR WORLD” ”
- “ **The power of freelancing and its presence in today’s economy** ”

TED Talk: “The nerd’s guide to learning everything”
- “ Best language-learning apps ”

Perfectionism (healthy–unhealthy aspiration)

Municipalities in which volunteering workshops were held during the previous month:



The artwork of the month of March is a Women's Day card sent to us by our scholarship holder Amina Belegic.

Lijepo je danas biti žena
čvrsta i postojna kao stijena
uvijek radišna, nikad lijena
nježna i tiha kao morska pjena
Lijepo je znati da nas je više
i da se naše ime nikad ne briše!

Na ovaj praznik uživaj u sreći
nek ti ljubav bude saputnik najveći
neka te moja ljubav prati
svaki dan a ne samo
ovog osmog marta!

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