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FREELANCING: USE YOUR TIME WISELY AND MAKE A PROFIT

On Saturday, 18th of May, the young, diligent and motivated students of the Hastor Foundation gathered at the ASA Prevent Group's Main Assembly Hall once more. As is always the case, they rushed to the monthly meeting with smiles on their faces, knowing that they will have the opportunity to learn something new, meet successful people and hear their stories, and walk the path of becoming successful people in their own right.

At the beginning, the Hastor Foundation director Seid Fijuljanin spoke to the students. They were previously asked to write a short story based on personal experience, titled "I did a good deed". Aware of the fact that the Hastor Foundation comprises of very talented and successful young people, active in the domain of social engagement and volunteerism, he decided to gain a more detailed insight into what they actually do when it comes to helping others, since many don't share these things with others. The best people keep their good deeds solely for themselves, while others often make personal or business advertisements out of them. The effort of the Hastor Foundation is to find the balance between these two extremes in the near future, and to share the positive stories with the public. This is not for the sake of promoting ourselves, but is there to serve as a bright example to others on how to make our community better.

Through his address to the students, the director particularly outlined that it is of great importance that all those who are a part of the Foundation keep in mind its long-term mission: offering selfless help to others by means of volunteerism. The financial assistance that the Foundation provides is only one small segment on the path of reaching this philanthropic mission. Thirteen years of Hastor Foundation's existence present the thirteen years of persistent and consistent endeavour, primarily in the direction of building a brighter and more prosperous future for the future generations, as is witnessed by the exponential growth of the Foundation's members, friends and donors who have recognized this.

The second part of the meeting was reserved for the scholarship holder of the Foundation and a student of the second year of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Sarajevo, Vedin Klov, who expressed the desire to share his experience with other colleagues in a similar or identical situation. He has proved to be very successful, dedicated and persistent, but also a talented writer, as is evident from the fact that he wrote two books while he was still a boy.

Vedin has decided to explain to the scholarship holders the concept of "freelancing" as one of the

possible ways of earning profit, but also of gaining progress and experience in certain areas in which they are interested. A freelancer is a person who independently carries out tasks or is involved in managing projects for a company, without officially being their employee. All that is needed for this type of job is internet connection, a computer, and a certain skill.

Vedin presented to the scholarship holders the numerous platforms through which the concept of freelancing is realized, with special emphasis on the Upwork website, where he also began to build his career (as a writer) in the field of freelancing. The Upwork platform, recommended by Vedin, is based on the concept that provides an opportunity to earn a profit in two ways: through a fixed price per project for which the person is selected, or through the price determined by the hours spent on a particular task/project. In addition to the technical conditions of applying to this platform, and optimizing one's own business profile, Vedin has also presented in detail the categories of jobs that students can potentially be qualified for, including writing, translation, web design and development, legal jobs and accounting, marketing, writing scientific and professional papers etc. He also talked about his beginnings and experiences during the two-year period of work and progress, the advantages and disadvantages of this kind of work, but also of experiences with individual clients.

Vedin Klov is an extremely intelligent, consistent and resourceful individual and a successful freelance writer today, but also a positive example to others that it is possible to find an adequate solution for every problem if we work hard enough, if we are organized, and if we know how to create a list of our own priorities. At the very end of his lecture, Vedin stated that the quality of our work, responsibility and commitment are essential factors for advancement, and that every well-done job results in opening the door to another opportunity.

Amina Vatreš



TIJANA MARKOVIĆ: "I THINK OF THE WORLD AS A LARGE TABULA RASA, WHERE THE MIND IS THE ONLY TOOL, AND CHALK IS JUST A WAY OF EXPRESSION."



Scholarship holder Tijana Marković comes from Srebrenica, where she attended elementary school, and decided to continue her high school education. Currently, she is a third-grade pharmacy student at the High School Centre Srebrenica. She has shown a great love for music even back when she was an elementary school student, when she began attending piano classes in the fourth grade thanks to the "Superar" organization within which she was also member of the choir. Tijana successfully completed three grades of elementary music school in Zvornik.

For the past two years, she has been a volunteer at the gynaecologist Dr Fatima Klempić-Dautbašić at the Srebrenica Health Centre. When it comes to foreign languages, she speaks English and knows the basics of Spanish and German. Tijana does not miss out on extracurricular activities at school either, where she is currently a member of the chemistry club and the department of pharmaceutical technology. It is precisely her membership within the chemistry club that paved the way towards participating in numerous projects, through which she gained not only the necessary experience, but also very consistent achievements. Namely, as a member of the chemistry club, she participated in INOST of youth in Banja Luka in 2018, where the film "The Guardians of Planet Earth", in which Tijana had one of the main roles, received the Golden Plaque Award.

At INOST of youth in 2019, she took part in two projects; a project of extracting essential oils, and project of creating perfumes, where she led the team with another student. He was responsible for

the extraction of essential oils, while Tijana's task was oriented towards the creation of four perfumes. This project, too, has been recognized and awarded with the Golden Plaque Award. The second project at this year's INOST of youth was also a video essay titled "One Memento of Dunav", which describes the life of young Milutin Milankovic. Tijana, along with several other students, was the team leader of this project that won the Silver Plaque Award. In addition, she participated in various art and literary competitions. She is a fan of epic fantasies, so she spends her free time reading books, drawing, writing poems and stories.

Tijana is particularly proud of the fact that she has been a Hastor Foundation scholarship holder since 2018: *The Hastor Foundation represents a way of praising my efforts and success, but also the opportunity to meet certain goals.*

I consider the world a big tabula rasa, where mind is the only tool, and chalk is just a way of expression.

Her mentor, Nikolina Gagić, points out that she knew Tijana even before she became a scholarship holder and a volunteer of the Hastor Foundation. She says that Tijana has been extremely valuable, responsible, open to new challenges and flexible when it comes to regular monthly volunteer meetings. She shows significant achievements at school, is an excellent student, and is always ready to help people around if she can. Nikolina points out that she is particularly delighted that Tijana is communicative and therefore always ready to openly and honestly discuss any topic.



SUCCESS OF THE YOUNG NEDIM DŽAJIĆ

Cheerful spirit, conviviality, spontaneity, independence, perseverance, and humanity - qualities of the scholarship holder Nedim Džajić. Nedim is a second-grade student of Gymnasium in Konjic, and with his qualities, actions and achievements, he distinguishes himself among his peers. With his unobtrusive ambitiousness, multiple talents, and with constant and systematic work, he achieves outstanding results during his education. Nedim serves as an example for his peers.

He completes his school obligations on time and in full. He works and studies conscientiously and continuously, throughout his education, which has resulted in excellent grades at the end of each school year with a GPA of 5.0. Equally talented in both natural and social sciences, he achieved the most notable results in the field of information technology, winning first place at the Microsoft competition in the field of Microsoft Office Specialist - Microsoft Office Word 2016, qualifying for the state competition and winning the first place on the cantonal competition. He worked on the SPF project - Students Programming Framework. This is the first project of this kind in BiH, where students learn programming and apply the latest technology of programming and developing concrete applications. In addition to IT, he participated in other competitions and achieved remarkable results:

- 1st place in the school competitions in the fields of mathematics, physics, chemistry and Turkish language
- 3rd place in the cantonal competition in mathematics and Turkish language

General knowledge, versatility, connecting various fields, continuous work and his interest in science showed results at competitions every year. The Hastor Foundation can only be proud of such a young and ambitious person who continuously achieves excellent results.

Razim Medinić



A POSITIVE STORY OF A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT OF THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE IN SARAJEVO, ANISA KARIĆ

"Do not let your fear of failure stop you from playing!"

Anisa Karić, a 20-year-old girl from Hrasnica, is a student of the first year of the Faculty of Architecture in Sarajevo. At the very beginning of her higher education, her enormous ambition, perseverance and consistency played a significant role in opening the doors to success.

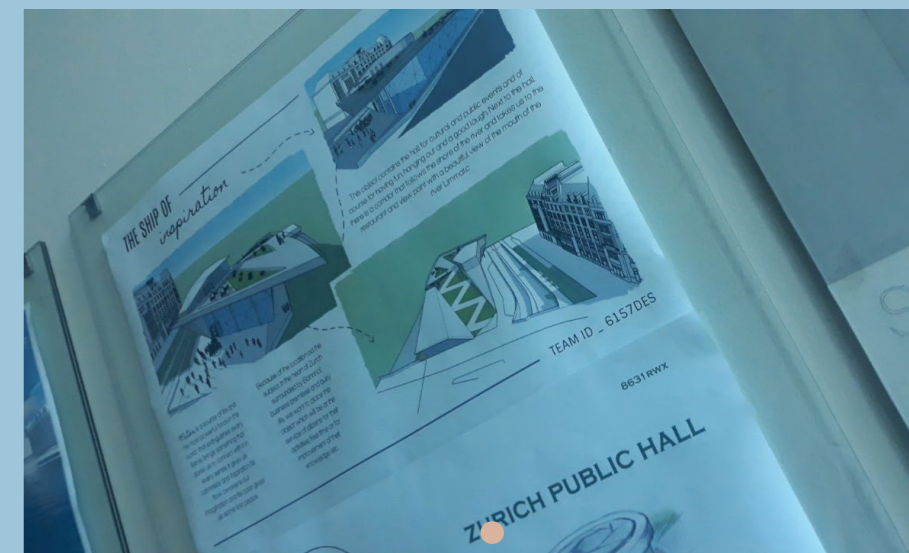
After completing the first semester, Anisa decided to take part in the European competition for architecture students, DocexDoce, where together with several other colleagues, she managed to finalize her first major project. The aforementioned competition, considering its very concept, was not simple at all, and this is clearly evidenced by the fact that it lasted for twelve hours. Despite the scepticism that members of Anisa's team expressed during her proposal to be a part of this competition, these young and inexperienced students of the first year achieved a remarkable success in completing their project. Anisa points out that there were moments where she had doubts herself, as one of the teams included demonstrators from the Faculty of Architecture, who are much older and more experienced in this field. However, in the end, her great ambition and aspiration for progress succeeded. She realized that regardless of the ultimate outcome, she would at least be richer in experience, advance her knowledge and get familiar with the very atmosphere of such an event. She points out that the full twelve hours of the competition went by quickly, in a pleasant, working atmosphere.

The task of the project was focused primarily on the projection of an object, as well as the determination of its purpose, function and form, on a previously given location. This year's location on which the aforementioned competition was based was Zurich, more precisely the bank of the river Limmat. The

participants were presented with the parameters which were to serve as guidelines for the design, but also the requests and the needs of the citizens themselves. Anisa points out that the first four to five hours were certainly the most demanding, since within this period the teams needed to carry out a detailed location analysis, while at the same time seeking the adequate solution for it, regarding the function of the object as well as its form and appearance. The hypothetical object was on the coast beside others, to a significant extent, more dominant objects. However, during the contest itself, many teams gave up, so Anisa's team felt partially demoralized. Even those who were much more experienced had given up. Although extremely tired, thanks to the great power of will and perseverance, the project was successfully finalized in the last ten minutes. Their tiredness after twelve hours of exhausting work faded in contrast to the great happiness they felt when they became aware of the fact that they, as first-year students, succeeded in achieving such a significant success.

After a month, Anisa was invited to receive a certificate for a successfully finalized project. That was a great proof and I am now certain that the words of our beloved teacher Ramo are true when he says that every effort will ultimately be paid off and that education is the key to success.

This is another proof that by working and developing our affinities and trying to improve what we really love, a positive outcome is inevitable. To our delight, Anisa is one of those young people who have great dreams and who do exclusively what they love and what makes them satisfied by pushing them constantly forward. In this context, Anisa points out that architecture as a future domain of her



work was chosen precisely because she had grown up observing her late father's architectural and constructional projects. She remembers that she and her sister, although they were very young, used their father's catalogue of designs for residential and business spaces as their first colouring book, and Anisa never doubted her choice when applying to university.

Today, Anisa lives with her mum and sister in Hrasnica, and says that they are her invaluable support, a safety net and a wind that pushes her in the direction of progress and success. It was to her mother's proposal that she applied on the aforementioned European competition. Her mother had unconditional faith in her, even in those moments when she had doubts about herself and her potential.

Anisa also outlines her great love for horses, as extremely noble and powerful animals with whom she feels some sort of a connection. She has been

a Hastor Foundation scholarship holder for seven years now. She is happy and proud of the time spent as a member of a large and successful family such as the Foundation. She believes that it is extremely important to emphasize her invaluable gratitude on the opportunity offered to her by the scholarship: *I am grateful to you because you have always been there for me. I happily remember the beautiful moments of our volunteer meetings, the World Scholars Cup, Sarajevo Film Festival and many other events. I hope that I will one day be able to support you in some way, despite the fact that it cannot compare with what you already do for me.*

KENAN KRAKOVIĆ PARTICIPANT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS AMGEN SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Kenan Kraković, a student of the International Burch University at the Department of Genetics and Bioengineering and our scholarship holder, has been selected to join one of the most selective research programs in the world: the Amgen Scholars Program. This program selects the most prominent students from all over the world to participate in firsthand research during the summer.

The program of science and research chooses young extraordinary students to make an original scientific project in their own field of interest, together with scientists who are leaders and often pioneers in the field of science. It's as if Eric Clapton invited you to work with him on a new song. The Amgen Foundation chooses top research institutions from every continent to host each generation of students. For example, in North America, these are universities like Harvard, Stanford and Yale, while hosts in Europe include Cambridge, Karolinska, LMU Munich, Pasteur Institut Paris and ETH Ciri. Meaning: it is as if Eric Clapton invited you to play the most expensive guitars in the most elite studio. The program lasts for two months and it includes laboratory work, education, seminars, final presentation of the scientific work at the end of the program at the same institutions, and it culminates in September, when Amgen scholars from all institutions meet at a traditional conference held at Cambridge. **There we will have the opportunity to get to know each other, discuss our work, and take a couple of selfies at the famous science places of this university.**

The application condition is that you have the objective to continue the education in the direction of research and science; therefore, future graduates from across Europe apply to this program. According to Amgen Scholars data, between two and three thousand students apply to the European program, and there is room for about eighty of them. **A name from Croatia or Serbia appears occasionally on this list, and I'm not sure if anyone from Bosnia and Herzegovina has ever participated in the Amgen Scholars Program, which makes me even more pleased - to be the first or among the first to set an example for our country.**

As a part of the program, Kenan will spend the summer at Karolinska Institute, one of the world's leading biomedical research institutes. This is evidenced by the fact that the committee of scientists which decides who will get the Nobel Prize is located at the Karolinska Institute and consists of 50 professors from that university. For our editorial staff, Keabab reveals that his scientific research will certainly be based on neurobiology or molecular biology of psychiatric disorders, given that he outlined this preference in his motivational letter. The only thing left for us to do, finally, is to sincerely congratulate Kenan on his outstanding success. We believe that he will make the best out of his stay in Stockholm!

Džulisa Otuzbir

What is correct and what is not: the most common typos on social networks

The web portal Radiosarajevo.ba asked its followers on Facebook about the most common typos that they see on social networks. The responses were various, interesting, and honest, and a great discussion arose over the verb primijetiti (to notice). We give you a thorough analysis of these typos below. In the following tables, the left column presents correct forms and the right those that are incorrect.

1. PROPER ADJECTIVES

Proper adjectives ending in *-ski* (*-čki, čki, ški*) and derived from proper nouns are often written with a capital initial letter, but the correct way is to write them with lowercase letters: bosanski humor (Bosnian humor), posavske kuće (Posavinian houses), američki predsjednik (American president).



3. PLEONASMS

Pleonasm is a group of words in which one is redundant, i.e. when a word whose meaning is contained in the meaning of another word occurs with that word.

PRAVILNO:

Siđi!
Popni se!
Saradnja
Mnoštvo

NEPRAVILNO:

Siđi dole.
Popni se gore.
Međusobna saradnja
Veliko mnoštvo

2. PREPOSITIONS S/SA (WITH)

The preposition *sa* is used with words beginning with consonants *s, š, z, ž* (*sa sestrom, sa Žanom, sa Šejlom*) or consonant clusters such as *ps, pš, ks* (*sa psom, sa ksilofonom*). The preposition *sa* is used with the pronoun *l* carrying the instrumental case (*sa mnom*).

4. POTENCIJAL

Potencijal is a complex verb form used to express a desire, possibility or intention to perform an action. Mistakes regarding this verb form in both spoken and written language occur most often in the use of the auxiliary verb *biti* (to be) in 1st Person Singular and Plural, and 2nd Person Plural.

PRAVILNO:

Ja bih išla na koncert.
Kada biste došli u
Mostar?
Došli bismo u aprilu.

NEPRAVILNO:

Ja bi išla na koncert.
Kada bi došli u
Mostar?
Došli bi u apilu.

6. ASSIMILATION OF THE CONSONANT D INTO THE CONSONANT T

If two consonants that are differently voiced occur next to one another in a word, they tend to assimilate, with the first one assimilating to the second one.

D changes to t before the consonants: *f, h, k, p*.

PRAVILNO:	NEPRAVILNO:
otkriti	odkriti
otpjevati	odpjevati
prethodni	predhodni

The exceptions occur when d comes before *s, š, c, č, ć*.

PRAVILNO:	NEPRAVILNO:
gradski	gratski
predsjednik	pretjesdnik
načovjek	natčovjek

8. DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN CONSONANTS DŽ AND Đ

The incorrect pronunciation of sounds dž and đ is often reflected in writing as well. The sound đ is also often written as dj.

PRAVILNO:	NEPRAVILNO:
Gospođa	Gospodža
Leđa	Ledža
Džezva	Đezva
Smeđa	Smedža

5. PARTICLE NE (NO/NOT)

This particle is written separately from the verb, exceptions being the verbs: *neću, nemam, nemoj, and nisam*.

PRAVILNO:	NEPRAVILNO:
Ne čujem muziku.	Nečujem muziku.
Neću se vratiti.	Ne ću se vratiti
Ne mogu doći sutra.	Nemoug doći sutra.

7. SUMNJA OR SUMLJA (A DOUBT)

In our language the word *sumlja* does not exist, the correct spelling and pronunciation is: *sumnja*. Numerous other words are derived from it: *sumnjati, nesumnjivo, posumnjati*.

PRAVILNO:	NEPRAVILNO:
Čitam Sumnjivo lice.	Čitam Sumljivo lice.
Posumnjali smo u sve.	Posumljali smo u sve.
Sumnja nas progoni.	Sumlja nas progoni.



9. FUTUR I (FUTURE TENSE)

Futur I is formed from unstressed forms of the auxiliary *htjeti* (will) and the infinitive of the lexical verb. When the infinitive occurs before the unstressed forms of the auxiliary *htjeti*, the final *i* of the infinitive form of the verb is not written or pronounced. This rule applies only to verbs whose infinitive form ends in *-ti*, not for those ending in *-ći*. When the infinitive occurs after the unstressed forms of the verb *htjeti*, the final *i* is preserved.

PRAVILNO:	NEPRAVILNO:
Pjevat ću.	Pjevat ću.
Ja ću pjevati.	Ja ću pjevat.
Ići ću.	Ić ću.

11. SUPERLATIVE

The superlative form of adjectives and manner adverbs is written as a single word:

PRAVILNO:	NEPRAVILNO:
Najveći	Naj veći
Najспособniji	Naj sposobniji
Najjači	Naj jači

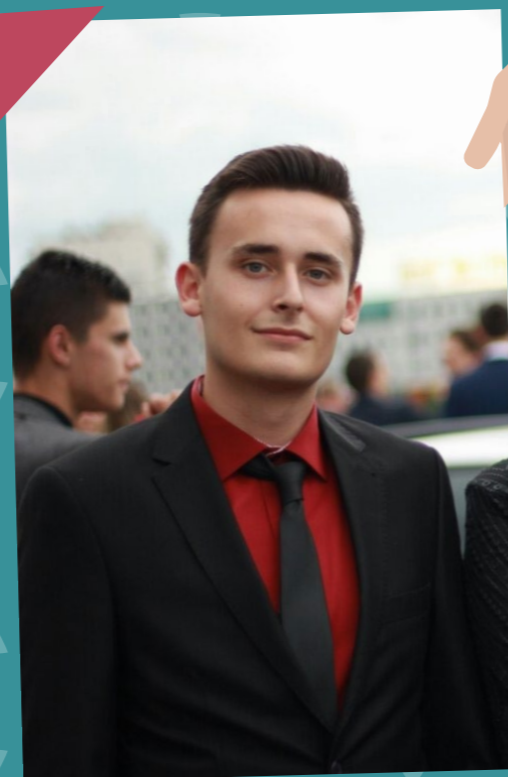
The standard language is the one above regional dialects and one used by all social classes in a given area. Besides the standard language, the lexical treasure of Bosnian also includes region-specific lexical items – localisms, regionalisms and dialectisms. The social network users listed localisms, dialectisms and regionalisms as the most common typos. **Mistakes are also made when writing the potencijal verb form, and particle ne with verbs. Spelling rules clearly state that the particle ne is to be written separately from verbs, the only exceptions being: neću, nemam, nemoj and nisam.**

10. CLITICS OF THE VERB HTJETI IN FUTUR I ARE WRITTEN AS A SINGLE WORD

PRAVILNO:	NEPRAVILNO:
Da li ćete doći kod mene?	Da li će te doći kod mene?
Da li ćemo ga poslati?	Da li će mo ga poslati?

The clitics of the verb *htjeti* in Futur I are written as a single word, as are adjectives and manner adverbs in their superlative form. Spelling mistakes regarding potencijal occur most often when using the auxiliary verb *biti* in the 1st Person Singular and Plural, and the 2nd Person Plural. **The incorrect pronunciation of sounds dž, đ, č and ć is often reflected in spelling.** The examples of these mistakes given by our readers shows that the local use of language is different from the rules of the Standard Bosnian language, which need to be studied constantly; at the same time, dialects and local usage should be cherished and nurtured.

Vedin Klovo



The best proof of how successful the work of the Hastor Foundation is can be found in the successes of its scholarship holders. The enterprising spirit, commitment, readiness, and devotion to volunteer activities are only some of the qualities our scholarship holders possess, besides all the abilities and skills they have gained during their educational process. One such example is the scholarship holder Vedin Klovo, who is the scholarship holder of the month of May due to his many activities.

Vedin Klovo comes from Goražde, where he graduated from the Primary school "Husein ef. Đozo". Once he completed his primary education, he enrolled into the Sarajevo College and later into the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Sarajevo, Department of Automatic Control and Electronics, where he is currently in his second year of studies. Vedin is one of the ten students who managed to pass all their first-year exams before the September term.

He has been a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation since it was established 13 years ago. He says that he has gained many wonderful experiences in the Foundation and met many people with whom he is still in touch although many of them are former scholarship holders.

I can say with certainty that I would not be where I am today, hadn't it been for the Foundation. Being given the financial and motivational support, I tried to be the best pupil possible and to talk about the Foundation everywhere I went. One of my most beautiful moments in the Foundation happened so

long ago that I won't even try to say precisely what year it was; I will only say that I had "just" become a scholarship holder. I got my first computer as a gift. But I got another one as well. Considering that I did not need the other computer, I decided to give it to someone so my family asked the Hastor Foundation for help. Together with teacher Ramo we visited a girl, a scholarship holder of the Foundation, and I am sure that we made her day. You will have to forgive me for the lack of details since I was just a boy back then. However, I haven't forgotten the special feeling that I had that day and I still remember it to this day, said Vedin with joy.

During the previous month, Vedin expressed his wish to share his experience with his colleagues who are in the same or a similar situation. He proved to be very successful, committed and hard-working, but also talented for writing, as can be seen in the books he wrote while he was still a little boy. He decided to speak to the college student scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation and to introduce them to the concept of freelancing.

The monthly meetings are always an opportunity for the Foundation's scholarship holders to listen to interesting speakers, whether they be members of the Foundation or not: *Every meeting taught me*

something new and interesting, and I gained new acquaintances, which made me feel in a way richer after every meeting. I've had this wish of speaking about freelancing to the scholarship holders for a long time, because I think that additional income is a matter of interest for a greater part of students, said Vedin.

According to him, students are one of the most vulnerable classes in the society. This is particularly the case with those who don't go to college in their hometown because there are many expenses and they have to get used to not living with the family they've been growing up with. Vedin left the comfort of his home relatively early, having enrolled into Sarajevo College after completing his primary education, and spent 4 years there in a boarding school. However, at that time he did not think about some of the obligations that arise in college days.

Aware of the fact that full-time students are not able to sign an employment contract, that the range of jobs they can do is not as large, and that it is difficult to coordinate any job with one's studies, he decided to find some way to help his parents when it comes to covering expenses. He discovered the world of freelancing and after two years and four months he finds it difficult to imagine his life without that source of income.

He says that the atmosphere during monthly meeting was great, and that he takes only positive impressions and experiences from it:

After the inspiring talks by the Managing Director Seid Fijuljanin and teacher Ramo and the wonderful stories by the scholarship holders on how they did something good, the bar was set very high and I knew that I will have to put in extra effort to keep the students' attention at the level I found it. As I expected, the scholarship holders showed great interest, and their absorbed and focused looks on me as the speaker kept me going despite my cold and lack of sleep. There were moments when I

would lose focus and move away from the key points of the presentation, but I would find support in their undivided attention.

He particularly emphasizes his delight that the scholarship holders engaged in the conversation on this topic, since they had many questions for him after the presentation, which proves that it was a successful one. Still, Vedin says that he will consider the meeting completely successful only when his presentation helps at least one person in making the financial aspect of their student life not as difficult.

When it comes to his plans for the future, he says that he would like to start his own company in his current field of study and expertise, and that his greatest wish is to be able to use the knowledge he will gain in college: *After they graduate, many students from my Department want to find employment in related branches such as IT, computing, etc. Although those jobs are considered to be among the better-paying ones, I would like for the technological development in BiH to reach the level where future engineers will be the most wanted "commodity" on the market in their industries.*

In addition to his faculty tasks and freelancing, he spends his leisure time doing sports, being particularly interested in football, basketball, and billiard. He spent the previous summer developing games for Android, and he plans to continue with this activity in the upcoming summer, hoping that he will manage to release his first game. Given the lack of time, he has neglected one of his hobbies, namely reading, but he says that in the following period he plans to start reading books again: *Besides creative writing, that was one of my main hobbies in primary school and no longer pursuing it is something I've been regretting for several years now. Also, I plan to learn a new programming language!*

MAY 1 INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

The International Workers' Day is celebrated on May 1, in memory of the Chicago riot in 1866, when workers' demonstrations ended in bloodshed.

Namely, on May 1, 1866, about 40.000 workers protested in Chicago, their requests being symbolically represented as three eights – 8 hours of work, 8 hours of sleep, 8 hours of cultural ascent. The police intervened, killing 6 and wounding about 50 workers. Many protesters were arrested, and the leaders of

the strike were brought to trial. Five of them were sentenced to death, and three to long prison terms.

During the first congress of the Second International in 1889, and in memory of the bloodshed in Chicago, it was decided that workers' demonstrations will be held annually on May 1. The very next year, in 1890, that day became the International Day of Solidarity of Workers, and the red carnation was taken as the symbol of workers' revolt.

MAY 8 WORLD RED CROSS DAY

World Red Cross Day is celebrated on the anniversary of the birth of Henry Dunant, the founder of one of the largest and oldest humanitarian movements.

On his way to meet with Napoleon III, he found himself amidst a raging battle near the city of Solferino. Seeing thousands of soldiers killing and maiming each other, and the horrible human suffering of those wounded, changed him and the course of his life. He came up with the idea that all countries in the world should establish organizations which would provide help to the sick and those wounded in conflict, disregarding the side they were fighting for.

Neglecting his earlier business due to the idea that now occupied his attention, he went into bankruptcy and ended up in a workhouse, in complete misery and forgotten. However, the idea that he gave to the world had a different destiny – the Red Cross movement continued to develop.

In the beginning of the 20th century, the Norwegian Parliament awarded Dunant the Nobel Peace Prize. He donated the money he received with the Prize to the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations which were devoted to providing help to those in need.

The period from the May 8 to May 15 is celebrated as the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Week.



MAY 9 VICTORY DAY

Victory Day is one of the most significant holidays in the calendar of Europe, and considering that it marks the watershed moment which defined the future structure of Europe, this day is also celebrated as Europe Day, in memory of the Schuman Declaration with which the process of European integrations began. These two dates are celebrated to commemorate the end of the Second World War in Europe. Namely, 74 years ago Germany signed its unconditional surrender, which officially marked the end of the Second World War.

Europe Day was introduced to commemorate the 1950 declaration of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of

France, Robert Schuman. This declaration is taken as the first official step towards the establishment of the EU.

The declaration was a proposal to former enemies, France and Germany, to establish an organization which would regulate their coal and steel industries, in order for the war in Europe never to be repeated.

The proposal led to the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community in 1951, the precursor of the European Economic Community, and the today's EU.

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MAY 18 INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

International Museum Day has been celebrated since 1977, as proposed by ICOM. On this day, the aim is to present to the public the achievements from the previous period and to affirm museums as public institutions. Every year, the International Museum Day is marked through various activities on a particular theme, proposed by the ICOM Advisory Council.

The theme, proposed annually by ICOM with the aim of celebrating the International Museum Day, enables all the museums in the world to focus on the same content in May, in that way working together to make the messages of the museum community better heard among the general public. Recommended activities for this day, the aim of which is to make it easier for people to visit museums, contribute to that. Different

events are organized, such as promotion campaigns, opening exhibitions and new museum areas, working long hours, organizing concerts and different programs for target groups.



MAY 21 WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT

In 2001, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and proclaimed May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

The aim is to deepen our understanding and raise awareness of the important relation between culture and development. The cultural diversity should be the moving force of development, based on tolerance, mutual respect, understanding, and acceptance.

Culture encompasses the comprehensive way of life, the overall system of values, traditions, arts and beliefs. On this day, the opportunity arises to foster awareness of the value of cultural differences and to encourage living in peace, with dialogue and openness.



MAY 29 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS

International Day of UN Peacekeepers or International Day of Blue Helmets is celebrated annually on May 29. In the last 60 years, ever since the first peace mission of this worldwide organization was launched, more than 2.400 members of "Blue Helmets" died while "serving for peace", with millions of lives being saved due to their bravery.

Devoted to helping others, often in dangerous and difficult circumstances and far away from their family and friends, these peacekeepers are the embodiment of the values and principles of the UN. The UN peace missions are becoming more complex, with 110.000 civilians currently involved in twenty peace missions across the globe, in nine time zones. Ever since this mechanism was established in 1948, over a million UN peacekeepers partook in 63 peace missions.



LAST WEDNESDAY IN MAY – INTERNATIONAL SPORTS DAY

International Sports Day is celebrated on the last Wednesday in May as a large worldwide event in which cities from different countries compete to attract a greater number of participants, offering a more attractive and richer program.

On that day, citizens of every age are invited to voluntarily participate in some physical activity, sports competition or training, a P.E. class, to practice or play, for a minimum of 15 minutes.

Marking this great sports day is an opportunity for citizens across the world to do sports and show their

positive attitude towards physical exercise and an active and healthy lifestyle.



MAY 31 WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

On May 31, 1987, the World Health Organization (WHO) marked the World No Tobacco Day for the first time. It is estimated that there are 3.3 billion smokers in the world. According to the World Health Organization data, around 6 million people in the world die of consequences of smoking annually, with one death occurring every 8 seconds.

The harmful effect of the tobacco smoke causes numerous diseases, some of which include cardiovascular diseases, cancer, respiratory infection,

asthma, infertility, etc. Every smoker needs to be aware of their responsibility, since tobacco smoke does not harm only them, but also the people around them.

Raising awareness of this mass problem and phenomenon is done to reduce the number of people who become ill or die of the consequences of smoking, and to encourage people to substitute every cigarette for time spent outdoors and healthy life habits.

June

JUNE 4 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF INNOCENT CHILDREN VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION

In 1983, the United Nations decided that the 4th of June will henceforth be marked as the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression. Ever since then, the day has been marked in order to raise awareness of the many children who currently face various forms of violence, but also to emphasize the importance of protecting children's rights and the need for the international community to fight together in order to end violence against children.

The wider public needs to be aware of the need to protect children from various forms of violence and discrimination. Violence is often concealed and it happens everywhere: in family home, in school, on the street, and on playgrounds. Its form may vary from neglect, physical abuse, emotional violence, sexual exploitation, cyber bullying etc.



JUNE 5 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

In 1972, the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment was held in Stockholm, and as the conference began on the 5th of June, the aforementioned date was chosen to be the World Environment Day. Nowadays it is marked all around the globe, with the aim of raising awareness of the numerous ecological problems and reminding the humanity of the need to be more engaged in protecting the environment.

The day is marked by both governmental and non-governmental organizations that carry out various activities that involve the public and call for responsible approach to nature and the environment.



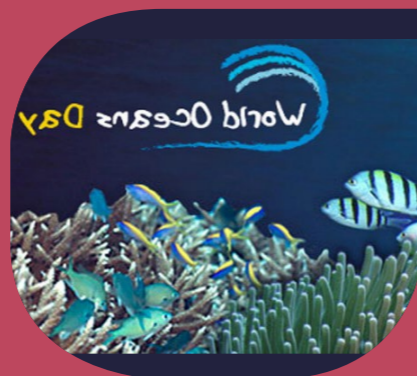
JUNE 8 WORLD OCEANS DAY

The first mention of the World Oceans Day dates back to the 1992 Summit in Rio de Janeiro, but it was officially recognized by the UN only in 2008.

The aim of the World Oceans Day is to highlight the importance of oceans for the ecosystem of the Planet Earth and warn of the consequences of humanity's neglect and exploitation of these vast water surfaces. Oceans, which are an integral part in preserving the fragile balance of the natural world, are increasingly affected by global warming, overfishing, and merciless whale and dolphin hunting, as well as similar activities.

The European Commission regularly marks the World Oceans Day and uses the opportunity to raise

awareness of the vital role of both oceans and seas for Europe. The health of oceans is essential to the health of the entire planet as they are not only guardians of biodiversity, but also aid in climate regulation.



JUNE 12 WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

In 2002, the International Labour Organization made a decision to mark the 12th of June as the World Day against Child Labour. Current estimates are that 218 million children, between 5 and 14 years of age, are forced to be workers. The greatest number of child laborers is found in Asia and the Pacific, but industrial countries are no strangers to such exploitation. An astounding number of 126 million children works dangerous jobs and/or faces dangerous working conditions. Many are victims of child-slavery and

around 300.000 children are child-soldiers embroiled in numerous conflicts.

In most cases, these children are forced to work because the livelihood of them and their families depends on it. Although child labor is illegal in many countries, children still do physically-demanding jobs and are thus limited in gaining education and advancing in life in any way.

JUNE 21 WORLD MUSIC DAY

The inception of the World Music Day dates back to France and the year 1976 when an American musician, Joel Cohen, who was an employee of a French radio station at the time, had an idea to host a music fest that would last the whole night of the summer solstice. Jack Lang, the French Minister of Culture, accepted his proposal five years and so the first Fête de la Musique (Festival of Music) was held on the 21st of June 1982. Ever since, more than 460 cities in 110 countries of the world organize musical gatherings and gigs that feature both amateur musicians and professionals, all of who play for free for the whole first night of summer. Many countries of the African continent have made the World Music Day a national holiday.



JUNE 26 UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE

The United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is marked in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the aim of reminding the public of the consequences of tortures that occurred during the country's most recent war and the difficult position in which the victims find themselves, but also violence in general. The Day was recognized as such on June 26, 1987, the date when the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment became effective.

The Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina advocates for the victims of torture to be able to exercise their rights and puts particular emphasis on the availability of all forms of support, protection, and also adequate compensation. For its 2016 Annual Plan, the Ministry included the drafting of the Law on the Rights of Victims of Torture in BiH.

The aim of the Law is to ensure a legal framework that would enable all victims of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment equal opportunity to exercise their rights and receive compensation.



JUNE 26 INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

In 1987, the United Nations' General Assembly recognized the 26th of June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. This was done with the aim of warning the public of the problem of drug abuse and the need to actively involve key actors, on both global and national level, in a joint effort to make the society free of drug abuse.

This day is marked by educational institutions, the media, NGOs and other institutions whose task is to suppress abuse of drugs. The primary aim of these activities is to raise awareness of the extent of this problem and find ways to combat this dire problem of today together.

According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, there is an estimated 210 million people who are users of drugs of some sort, while 27 million people are addicted.

Photos from volunteer meetings



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While volunteering with children, I noticed a girl in my group who always behaved or dressed differently from other children, and spent most of the time on her own, being rather quite. I observed her for several meetings and decided to talk to her about her financial status. As I supposed, she lived in very difficult circumstances, with both her parents being unemployed. The girl, her parents and two sisters live together as tenants. Her scholarship is used to pay the rent, and their neighbors help them with other issues, both financially and by bringing them food, clothes, shoes, etc. I was shocked by this situation and decided to help the girl together with the Foundation. We were well organized and helped the family quickly by providing them with clothes and money, doing it in a rather humane way. Although I am no longer a mentor to that girl, we still communicate regularly. She is an excellent pupil, which makes me really happy. I am also in touch with her parents, who have never stopped thanking me for helping them, together with the Foundation. Knowing that I helped one family and made their at the time upcoming holidays better made me feel wonderful.

The database showed that the scholarship holders and volunteers of the Hastor Foundation reached the number of 20.128 volunteer hours during the previous month. As usual, most of these hours were spent in our scholarship holders' volunteering meetings – students, primary and secondary school pupils in 270 volunteer meetings 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 in volunteering meetings during the previous month was *Balancing between reality and online fiction*. 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.

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Some of the most interesting themes:

- World Letter Writing Day, May 11
- Health, protection and prevention in the fight against diseases of modern times
- **How do video games affect the younger generations?**
- Traffic culture – pedestrians, cyclists and drivers
- Critical relation to media
- **The greatest vices of today**
- How to choose the right profession when choosing a faculty
- Grammar and spelling of Bosnian
- **The significance of recycling**
- The travelling rucksacks of the Hastor Foundation
- How to react to lies
- **Internet and safety**
- Your worth lies in the literature you've read

Municipalities in which volunteer
workshops were held:

A gift box made by scholarship holders from Posušje: Marija Pišković, Ana Jurišić, Anamarija Landeka, Antonela Širić and Anđelka Begić


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