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DON'T GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAMS!

NEWS

On Saturday, 11th of February, at the premises of ASA Prevent group, the monthly meeting of the Hastor Foundation scholarship holders was held. As with all meetings, this one was a great opportunity for our scholarship holders to get to know each other, exchange their knowledge and experiences, and also to learn something new.

We believe that motivation is the key factor for improvement and specialization. This is one of the reasons why we try so hard to introduce our scholarship holders with young, perspective and mostly successful people and with their inspiring life stories. Such a successful person is this month's lecturer Darko Savic. He is currently the best kayaker in Bosnia and Hercegovina, a member of Kajak-kanu club Vrbas and a senior student of Physical education and sport faculty in Banja Luka. With his accomplishments Darko Savic made it to the top of the kayaker scene and he is one of the most successful kayakers in the world.

He shared his life story with our students. He talked about the beginnings of his career and the barriers that he faced on his way to the top. At the beginning the support of the country was missing, but that didn't discourage him and he bravely and persistently moved on. While his best colleagues were situated in the best hotels during the world competitions, Darko slept in his tent, and besides that he made great results. He shared his impressions from

the meeting with the scholarship holders of with us, and to our scholarship holders and all the young people in Bosnia and Hercegovina he recommended to be persistent and to never give up when it comes to your dreams.

„Firstly, I'm glad for this opportunity to meet such lovely and educated people with whom I will stay in contact. I'm happy that they are the future of Bosnia and Hercegovina, and with that fact we can all be sure that our country remains in the right hands. One thing that I can recommend them is that they should never give up on their dreams. Even when they come across an obstacle in life, they should know only the path is like that, after it comes everything they dreamed of.“ Darko is proof that the path of success is a hard one, but also an achievable one. We wish him good luck and a lot of medals in his career, and we are looking forward to seeing him again

Emina Adilovic



THE SECOND CYCLE OF THE TAKT ACADEMY STARTED:

TRAINING AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN PROMISING B&H INDUSTRIES



The Hastor Foundation, with the support of the Embassy of Switzerland, officially opened the second cycle of the program TAKT which will in the next month provide students with knowledge and skills needed for work in industries of fashion, textiles, and furniture and automotive industry. The program offers a systematic approach to adapting the education system to labour market needs and includes programs for the production and management processes. The target group are graduates of secondary vocational / technical schools and graduates of the Faculty of Social and technical colleges.

"Having successfully completed the first cycle of training for young leaders in the automotive industry we have opened a new call for participants of the second cycle. Reported staff requirements are distributed by education level with added basic information about the competencies needed to perform these functions. Over 70 participants will go through the program and they will then get the opportunity for employment in various areas of ASA Prevent Group", said Seid Fijuljanin, the director of the Hastor Foundation and added that this is a unique opportunity for young people to gain competitive skills in the labour market.

Tenaïd Zukic is a student of the first generation of TAKT Academy, and today he works on the position of technical project coordinator in the Prevent Group. He, together with his colleague Selma Spago who also, after TAKT Academy, got her first job, addressed the future students. They stressed the importance of such training in the process of preparing for the labour market and recommend to future participants to seize the opportunity they were given.

Adis Gljiva applied for TAKT Academy for a second time, which according to him says a lot about the motivation to go through the training process. "I am happy that I got a chance to broaden my practical knowledge and learn from some of the best experts in the field of industrial production. I believe that this event will contribute to the improvement of my professional development", said Adis during the opening ceremony of the Academy.

TAKT Academy will use modern methodology for training which will consist of a theoretical part with lectures given by industry experts and practical classes that will run on the location of a potential employer.

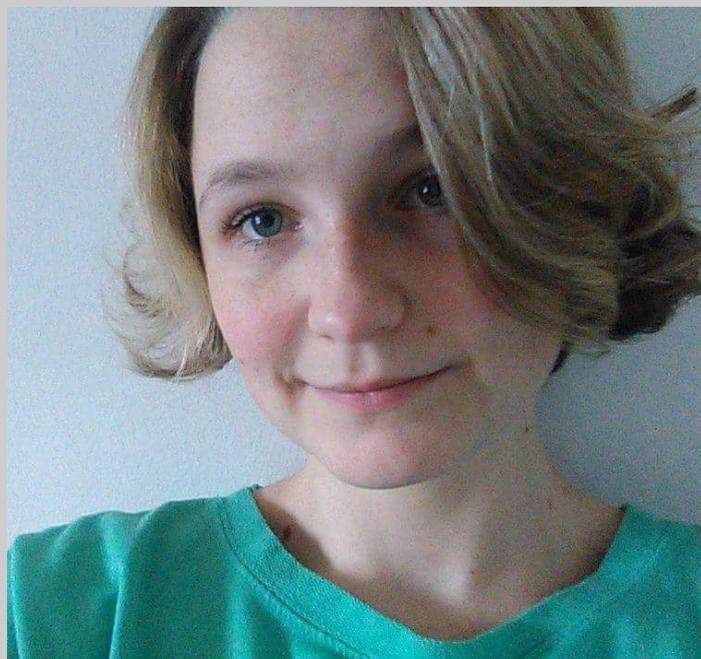
Emina Adilovic



SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

ZERINA POLUTAK

"In life, nothing is going strictly according to plan, but while we live, dreams grow and develop with us" says Zerina Polutak, a second year student of German Language in Sarajevo. The roots of love for the German language were visible at an early age; in the future she wants to work with all that includes the language, either as a teacher or as an interpreter. In her free time she is writing stories, poems, reading books, and helping her parents and learning to cook. For the Hastor Foundation she learned through social networks and from friends. She points out that regardless of her fears to the obligations that scholarship holders carry with them, she eagerly accepted the challenge.



ALMEDINA SMAJLOVIC

Almedina Smajlovic is a nineteen years old and comes from a small village Solakovici, Ilijas Municipality. She lives with her parents, her brother and his family. She graduated from the First Grammar school with honours, but her love for language led to English Studies at the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo. She is currently the second year. She likes sports, music and crosswords, and spends her free time with friends. She mostly listened about the Hastor Foundation in society, and regardless of strong competition and overhead of candidates, she was chosen to become our scholarship holder. Believe in yourself and in your dreams and say that nothing is impossible with properly set goals.

ADNA KARKELJA

Adna Karkelja is a student of the third year of Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Department of Accounting and Information. From an early age, the basic part of her life was the ballet, Latin American, jazz and modern dance. While she was in elementary school she began to make blogs and websites and started to love programming. She is interested in design, mobile applications and all kinds of interaction with the user. She is currently working on a mobile app for the photographed image in order to identify the species of plants on the basis of texture and shape. Besides the faculty and a multitude of duties she always finds time to dance. In the Hastor Foundation she prefers volunteering because, as she says, it can influence the improvement of the quality of life of young people. She paces positively through her life and is looking forward to the future, in the hope for majority of young people to succeed in their dreams, as she is did it..

Hanka Mujkic



VISITING THE OLYMPIC BEAUTY

The volunteer meetings that are organized in accordance with the rules of the Hastor Foundation, and implemented by students – scholarship holders, with young scholarship students of primary and secondary schools, are an excellent opportunity to socialize, exchange experiences and interact with our scholarship holders. The aim of these meetings is a volunteer work with scholarship holders, exchange of ideas, contribution to the development of local communities, and dialogue and work for the improvement of the success of our students in the schools.



The most important component of volunteer meetings is just gathering and meeting of acquaintances. For this purpose, our students often take the opportunity to interact, entertain and also do something useful and thereby learn something new.

We received a report from the scholarship holder Melisa Dzindo, a student of the Faculty of Transport and Communications, who together with Tesnim Karisik, Emina Subasic and Muamera Habibovic and their group of students, used the January volunteer meeting to visit our Olympic beauty - Bjelasnica.

"We were delighted with the charms of beautiful snow; we enjoyed the winter activities, sleigh tracks that evoked memories from our early childhood."

During the break our mentors talked with their students about

the importance of volunteering in the Hastor Foundation, and how much these volunteer meetings help in school, daily activities and other aspects of life.

"We used the opportunity to open the debate about the importance of mountains to preserve the quality of life of mankind, and we took a deep breath of fresh air from the Olympic beauty, where we escaped from the stifling atmosphere in the city centre."

During the meetings the idea of visiting the Orphanage Bjelave came up, so are our scholarship holders on this occasion agreed that they will use some of the next meetings to visit this institution.

Dzulisa Otuzbir

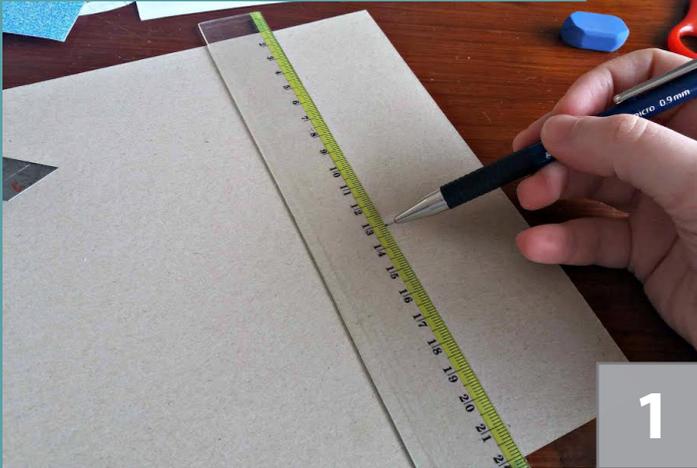
If you want to surprise yourself or a person who is a great lover of books you can make a unique bookmark following the instructions that our scholarship holder Sadžida Kosovac sent to us. To make a bookmark needed supplies and materials are: scissors, glue, ruler, pencil, crayons, a scalpel and a thin card.

Sadžida Kosovac

DO IT YOURSELF

A making process of the bookmark:

Create a strip width of 5 cm and a height of 21 cm on the cardboard A4 and cut it.



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I painted Pikachu after I drew it. On your bookmarks, you can write an inspirational quote.



I cut the excess cardboard with a scalpel and made a semicircle around Poke ball, so that this part can be retained for a book page.



In Hadzici, on January 27th 2017, in the building of a secondary school, in a warm classroom, from 10 o'clock Muharema Sabanovic volunteers with five students. The two boys are primary school students who are mentally disabled and come accompanied by their mother, and three other students are the fourth year of a secondary school. Muharema explained to me that she is coping well with this group of children.

"I give secondary school students tasks that they can perform quietly and I occasionally supervise, while talking to the elementary school students. For them I have to prepare a lot of obvious resources and I need to repeat the same task many times to make them understand me, because when they manage to understand, then delve into work and I can be commit myself to the secondary school students."

I liked this combined work and so I took a task to keep time with the primary school students. Upon completion of the time I gave a couple of instructions to Muharema and secondary school students. Then I greeted with them and left for Vogosca.

On Saturday, 28th January 2017, I start my car that shows the temperature of minus 13 degrees Celsius. I'm on my way to Tomislavgrad where six students scheduled a meeting with 23 students from primary and secondary schools. I plan to stop by in Novi Travnik too, in the Youth Centre where Petak Lejla scheduled her volunteer meeting with 17 students; the plan is to come to Bugojno in the building of the Grammar school where Dautbegovic Amna and Muratspahic Tarik will be with their 38 students. If everything is going to be well today I could manage to meet with 9 students and 78 pupils, scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation.

Even though thick fog reduced movement speed I came at 8:10 am to the Youth Centre in Novi Travnik where Lejla waited for me with students who in this cold came from villages, some of them more than 20 kilometres far away. They said that they have problems on Sundays because the buses do not ride, so I asked Lejla that the future meetings should not be planned on Sundays. I talked with students of fourth year of a secondary school about their further education. I gave a couple of instructions, and then moved to Bugojno. I passed Rostovo with no difficulties even though here and there was still some ice (in shady places). In Bugojno, in a warm classroom of the Grammar school Amna and Tarik told me what are they doing now and what they will do during the day. Again short talk with students about their learning and their plans for further education. Everyone agrees that this gathering is good

for them. One student said that he prefers coming to these meetings, rather than being home or in school at regular classes. I had feeling that the students established a good relationship with pupils so I greeted them and left to Tomislavgrad. At exactly 11:20 o'clock I entered the classroom in the building of the Vocational School in Tomislavgrad where I found Bagaric Josipa, Bukvic Atif and Sekelja Ana in a working atmosphere. I waited for them to finish the class they started, and then joined this nice gathering. I talked to them and learned that students are well prepared for exams in their schools, but that they are also very happy with their mentors. I asked for Sanela, Ahmed and Ana. They told me that they went home. I called all three of them one by one and they explained their reasons. Since I do not care for such reasons I told them to contact the administration of the Hastor Foundation noting that if I'm being asked they lost their scholarship. As it was already 13:00 o'clock, I greeted them and left for Vogosca.

Sedin Mrackic calls me from Fojnica and says that they have bad conditions at school in Ostruznica, asking me whether tomorrow 29th January 2017. they can volunteer in another building of primary school "Muhsin Rizvic"?

I asked him: "Will the kids know where to come?"

"If you approve it, the children will be informed."

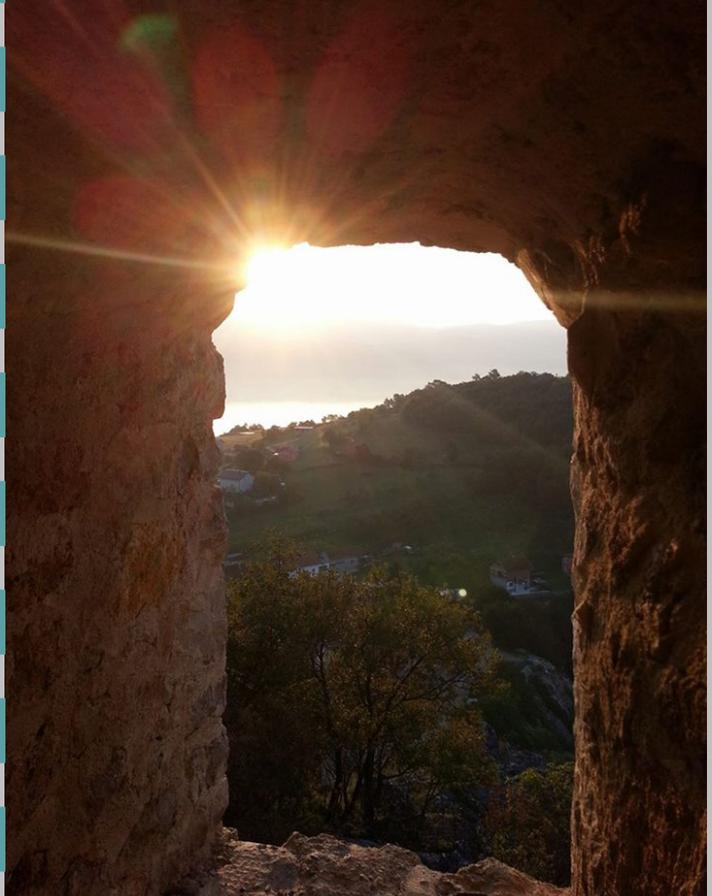
"All right, you have my permission." I told him and I thought of going there to see them and convince myself that he is telling the truth. At eleven o'clock, I came into a warm classroom of the elementary school "Muhsin Rizvic" in Fojnica. Mrackic Sedin, Mehic Mirza and Mesa Ensar hang out with students of secondary and primary schools. While they were discussing about the topic: "What are useful ways to spend your free time." I observed how they were doing it and then joined. In the meantime, I asked for Krsic Dalila. They told me she was sick. I called her and she responded from the house. She said he is sick. I asked her why she didn't call to inform me. She began to apologize. I told her to write that to the administration of the Hastor Foundation and ended the conversation. I talked a little bit more with those present, and then went further. During these visits from conversations with students of fourth year of secondary school I learned of their desire to enrol next year not to college but to a private laid senior year of medical school, so they can go abroad as medical staff to work there and earn that way for life. This is another example of how our educated youth is going to leave Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Emina Adilovic with her hard work and many years of dedication to the Hastor Foundation earned the title of the scholarship holder of this month.

This girl from a town with the river Drina is currently a student of the fifth year of English studies, Department of Translation studies at the University of Sarajevo. She's the type of person who likes dynamic surroundings, and she has adventurous spirit, which explains her love for the sport and any hobby that involves some form of activities such as jogging, hiking, rock climbing... In addition to this, Emina emphasizes how much she likes to travel, and her dream is that if she doesn't manage to take a trip around the world, to at least visit every continent. She uses her free time for socializing with friends, taking long walks and engaging in long conversations with her loved ones, and regardless of the fast pace of life, she

ensures that in addition to the professional literature she finds time for reading books that belong to the domain of casual literature.

She has been a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation since the first year of a secondary school. Within the Hastor Foundation she started as a mentor to younger scholarship holders, and then volunteered as a member of the administration for two years, and she is currently a member of the editorial staff where she is responsible for the creation of the newsletter and the website of the foundation. An important segment of her volunteer work as a member of the editorial staff is the fact that she was able to use the knowledge acquired at the university in the practice of translating texts from various fields for the purposes of the Foundation.

Emina says that the Foundation was always there for her and precisely this is something that is mutual. They are there for her from the start and follow her work for nine years. She also points out that all the opportunities she had over the years helped her to develop her personality and acquire vast experience in various fields of work. The thing she is most proud of, and the Foundation has a lot to do with it, is a network of people and friends that she met through work and activities of the Foundation. She is proud of the fact that she knows so many young, smart, versatile and successful people who are part of the foundation and she sincerely believes that they are the ones who will lead our country towards a better tomorrow.

Sadzida Kosovac

THE BEST WORK OF THE MONTH

My life has changed a lot from an early age until today. From a young child a big girl has grown up who knitted her plans and goals. During my schooling I achieved so many successes, thanks to my parents, teachers, or of course by relying on my own abilities and skills. Learning and effort are a better side of life because, frankly, I want to succeed and become a successful leader who will teach other people.

The Hastor Foundation have me the opportunity of advanced learning for better education, the personality development, and increase of work efficiency, speed and quality of work and at same time the faster and joint problem-solving process. At the meetings is very nice and comfortable. Together with my colleagues I solve different problems, socialize, fulfil our obligations on time, present our work and be very creative. Also, the Hastor Foundation motivates me to be the responsible, reliable, honest person and most importantly to learn to help others.

Thank you a lot for giving me the opportunity of advanced, higher and better quality of work in order to form successful leaders. I'll work very hard to fulfil your goals and my desires!

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