

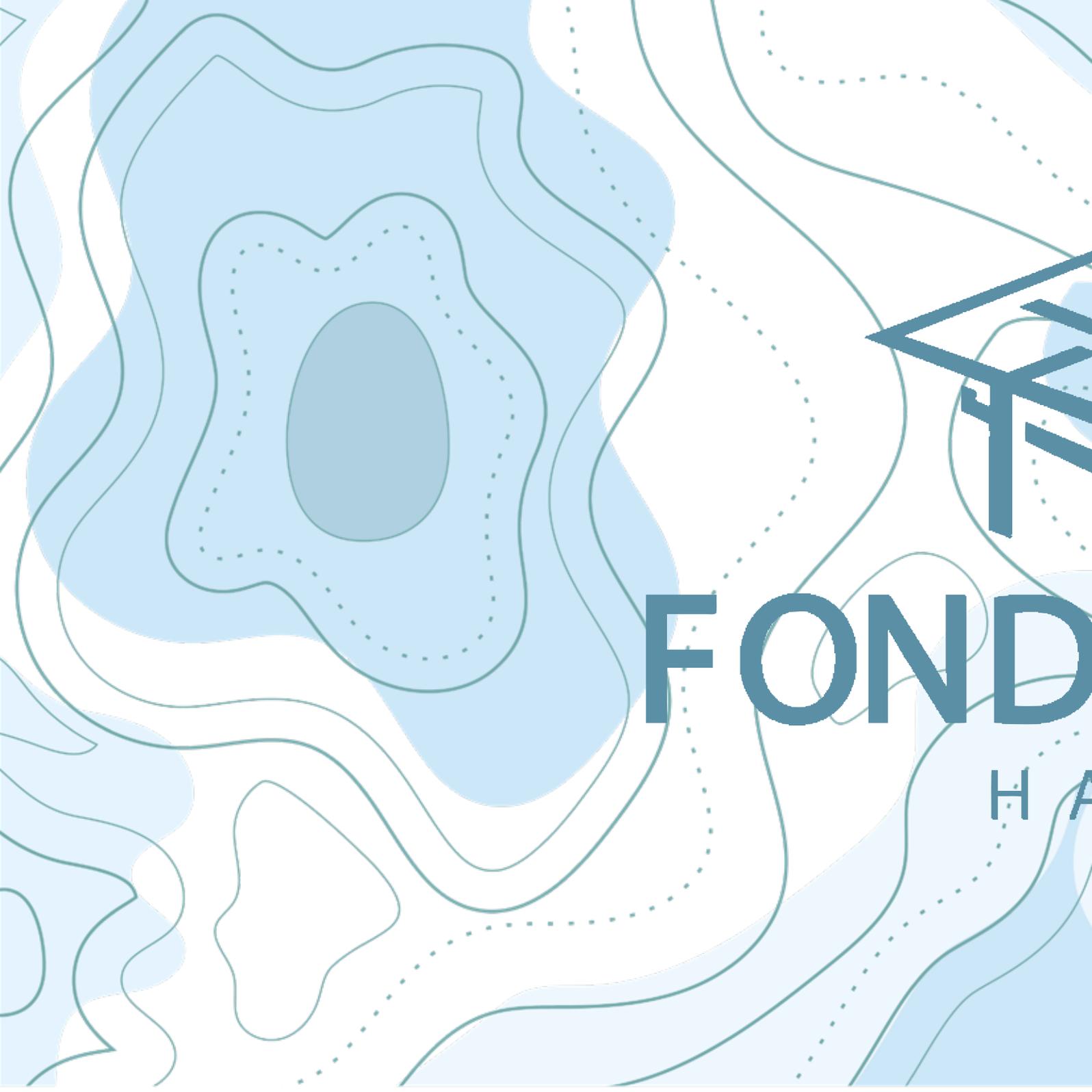


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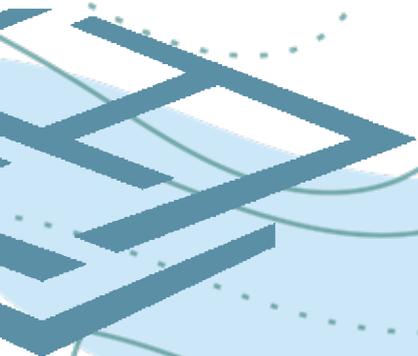
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## FOREWORD

Writing this foreword for another proud presentation of the Annual Report, which you will have the opportunity to read on the pages that follow, I thought of how every year I have spent as the Managing Director of the Hastor Foundation, though pleased with the great achievements made so far, I secretly expressed a specific aspiration. Namely, this is an aspiration that is primarily reflected in the great hope that the Hastor Foundation will further strengthen the already stable foundations of its activity every following year and accordingly will expand the base of its scholarship holders, activities, influence, success and that this will be further reflected in the effective accomplishment of the long-term mission, which our entire ongoing commitment is also subject to.

Through my years of professional work within the Foundation, its mission and its short-term and long-term goals have become my guiding principle, and therefore a significant part of my life journey. Speaking in this context, I would like to emphasize the fact that the Foundation itself prospered precisely because of its strong faith and ambition to orient the overall existence, as well as concrete activity in different social domains, towards creating a more prosperous image of BH society and its future in general. When I talk about a more prosperous future, I focus on young, ambitious and educated people who are eager for knowledge and self-realization, which are certainly the backbone of our fundamental vision and therefore our motivation and immediate affirmation that a small but honest idea that was born thirteen years ago did not remain solely at the projection level, but resulted in the fact that today we are the largest foundation of its kind, not only in BiH, but also in the region.

The status of a scholarship holder or a former scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation is for people no longer an association solely to receiving some form of financial aid during their education. The status reflects and refers in many ways to all the essential values that the Foundation seeks to nurture and promote and to instill within its scholarship holders. This reflects a segment of our consistent and dedicated work and influence that I am extremely proud of. Socially responsible work and volunteerism, as the basic concept of our work, are the primary focus of our aspirations, but also a factor that

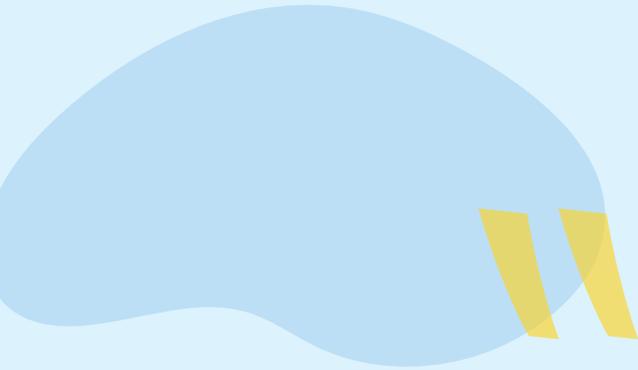
differentiates us from the mass. A kind of synergy of similarities, but also of the inspirational differences of the people who are part of the Foundation, are at the basis of our motivations and desires to become better and more convincing every day, month and year in our endeavor to show others that knowledge itself is a stable cohesive factor, but also the very foundation of a better and more prosperous society. Therefore, the selfless investment of resources into knowledge and the transfer of that knowledge from the older to the younger are the basic determinants, a kind of *differentia specifica*, which are the key element on which the whole concept of our activity in the last thirteen years has been based. It seems relevant to point out that our aspirations do not dwell solely on this. Our primary goal is to build good and empathetic people, those who will know how to recognize another person's distress and help them in the way they are able to, because what is a successful and highly educated professional if they are not a good person?

Diplomas, badges, victories in various competitions, successfully implemented projects and innovations resulting from the dedication of our scholarship recipients, but also good people, each and every one of them representing a small and successful foundation, are just one of the aspects that we use, practically on a daily basis, to argue for the progressiveness and feasibility of our initial idea. Together with friends and numerous benefactors who have recognized and supported our mission, we continue to write a book of our success, a book of great and significant achievements of young people worth investing in and whose knowledge is worth pointing in the right direction. We are sure that the pages of our book will write a better future for BiH and society as a whole, and I am glad that the following pages can tell in more detail about that which makes every atom of all of us at the Foundation tremble, because we know how many good stories and quality opportunities came from each of the following stories.



Seid Fijuljanin  
Managing Director

## ABOUT US



### Mission

The Hastor Foundation has been driven by the knowledge that education is the most powerful tool one can use to catalyze positive change in society – for the last thirteen years, the Foundation has reaffirmed its long-term mission which revolves primarily around building a more stable and prosperous BH society. The Foundation’s governing principles of self-sustainability, volunteerism, and social responsibility, as well as its numerous implemented projects, are only some of the relevant indicators of the resources and time that the Hastor Foundation invested in young, talented, and successful students from all across BiH.

### Values

Having recognized ambitious and successful young individuals as instrumental to the future of the society in its entirety, bringing about change in all its facets, the Foundation encourages its

scholarship holders to discover where their affinities lie, while at the same time directing this process in such way that it results in a sense of responsibility and self-fulfillment for each individual. In our endeavors to have the Foundation’s scholarship holders reflect its values and principles, we have recognized and positioned volunteerism as one of the key factors which contribute to building up our local communities, and in that way the BH society as a whole.

In accordance with the exponential growth of the Foundation’s scholarship holders and its short-term goal of providing financial support for children who face marginalization due to their socioeconomic status, the Hastor Foundation’s future efforts pertain to expanding the range of its activities and ways of aiding youths hailing from BiH’s most economically underdeveloped areas.

### Recognizability

Education is indeed the choice of winners, and the winners are those who consider education to be one of the most significant processes in life of any self-assured person, as well as the greatest investment whose direct result is progress on all levels. **The synergy of both similarities and differences of the Hastor Foundation’s scholarship holders is what its winning team is built on!**



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## FROM SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS PERSPECTIVE

"My dear Foundation, I don't know how many times I've thanked you, and I don't know if I will ever be able to thank you enough. I thank you for your selfless help, not only to me but to all the scholarship holders."  
Adna Čehajić (Bugujno)

"Your scholarship allowed me to go to a folklore competition in Austria where I spent three days. Together with my folklore group I won many awards and gifts. I want to thank you for your hard work and effort for us scholarship holders."  
Ilma Ravkić (Brčko)

"Your work is a great inspiration to me and I try to be as good as possible so that one day I can help young people like you do."  
Haso Ibršević (Brčko)

"You made me a happy child and provided my family with what we needed most. You are a Foundation that has a heart and a soul and makes many children happy. You are my support and hope, my backbone at all times."  
Hana Malkić (Bugojno)

"It is a wonderful feeling to be a member of such a large family that aims to assemble, not disassemble. To build, not to demolish. To highlight the good and reduce the evil. Since this is the first year I've been a member of your team, I want to point out that I've never encountered this manner of work before. You are proof that hard work and effort always pay off and we, your scholarship holders, are proof that progress can be made in our country."  
Almir Brkić (Konjic)

"I want to thank you for all the years you have been with me and helped me throughout my education. You have been with me for nine years. You gave me support and the wind in my sails."  
Jasmina Bajrami (Brčko)

"Dear Hastor Foundation, your scholarship means a lot to me because I can buy school supplies, pay for my ticket and school snack. I work hard to learn and I want to achieve great success in school. Math is the hardest, but I study as much as I can. I regularly attend volunteer meetings and we have a lot of fun."  
Melisa Mehmedović (Bratunac)

"I am glad that there are people and foundations in our country that can recognize young talents and help them in situations like this. With this manner of work, you have enabled us to make new friendships, expand our perspectives and discuss the topics for which no one could give us an adequate answer before."  
Lejla Mrkonjić (Doboj)

"You have enriched my life in a special way and made it more beautiful. Love is the light and the most beautiful gift that life gives and the photo I send to you is only a small sign of gratitude and respect for you for being there for us. It is not a souvenir but a memory because memories are for eternity."  
Fadil Subašić (Sapna)

"I am proud to be one of your scholarship holders. We live in an age when most things focus on money, and people become strangers, both to themselves and others. You have recognized gifted students who care about knowledge. I am glad that one of the most important conditions when applying for the scholarship is knowledge."  
Ajna Perenda (Novi Travnik)

"Thank you very much for encouraging me, for being my support when I need it the most, for listening to me, for giving me advice, thank you for all of this from the bottom of my heart. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have anyone to open my heart to."  
Medina Omerović (Osmaci)

"My dear Foundation, I have been your scholarship holder for five years. I think that is a long enough period to see how nice it is to help others and to enjoy watching that make others happy. Not only with the financial aid, but also with your own example, you teach us to become good people."  
Anđela Radumilo (Samac)

"One of the duties of every person is to thank those who are there for them as a source of knowledge and fun. The goal of volunteering is to combine these two elements to make those few hours pass like minutes. Ten hours a month is not a little and this time should not be wasted. Volunteering is not for sitting and reaching new levels in a game, but for reaching a new level of knowledge and capabilities. During the meetings we met many people with different views of life, with different experiences, character and sense of humor. That is a fortune. The fortune of meeting others, recognizing their qualities as well as enhancing your own, and developing interpersonal intelligence."  
Aiša Hodžić i Iman Belko (Sarajevo)

"I would never have achieved all that I have if it were not for you, who are my support and my role model, as I wish to become one in the future to children who have dreams and goals in life. I will strive to achieve the best success possible and I have built my will and dreams only thanks to you who encouraged and rewarded every step of mine towards success."  
Ajla Omić (Maglaj)

"I am very pleased to know that there are people like you who help and support education in our country. Educated people are the greatest value of every society and country. I am happy to know that there is an institution in BiH like you that invests in the education of those who care about science."  
Mersid Alihodžić (Tuzla)

"You deserve happiness  
and joy  
Nurturing our young years  
Helping us to grow  
Into honorable human  
beings."  
Vedad Imamović (Zenica)

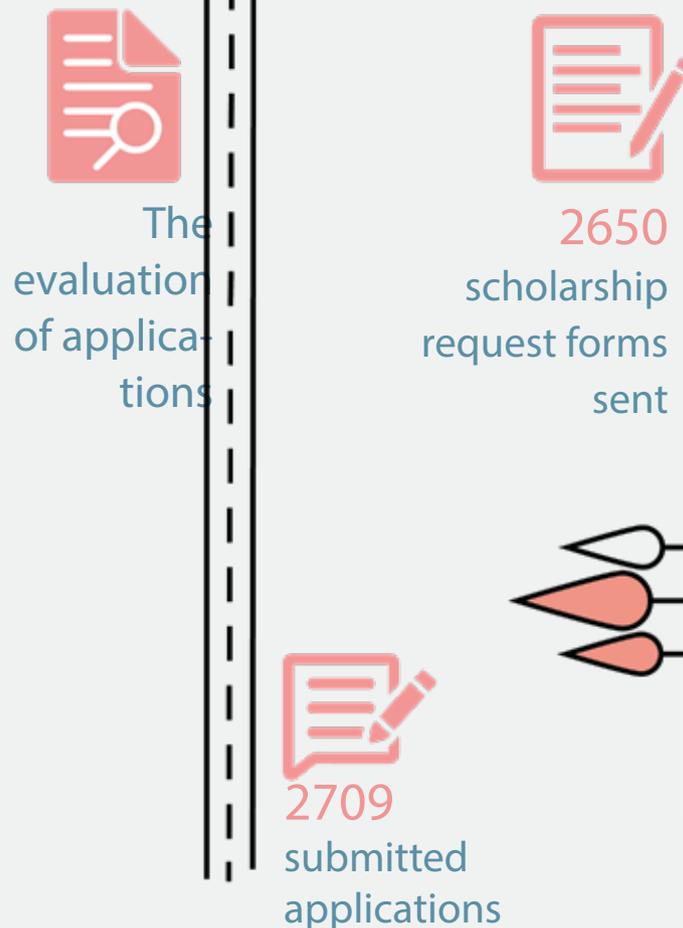
"Thank you for being mine and other scholarship holders' true friend who trusts us! You do not know our personal identities, but you still trust us and provide financial assistance throughout the months of the year. Thank you for encouraging us to do good and for additionally rewarding every success of ours to make us even better. It is our responsibility to change the world with our success. Thank you for making us happy and let our happiness be your motive to make other children, secondary school pupils and college students happy!"  
Maid Hamzić (Maglaj)

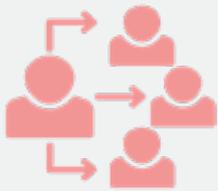
# SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS SELECTION PROCESS

Throughout the year, the Hastor Foundation receives scholarship applications, via letters and an online form (found on the Hastor Foundation's website), from students of primary and secondary schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The applications comprise the applicants' contact information, short description of the applicants' socio-economic situation, as well as the information about the applicants' grades and GPA.

The evaluation of the applications is conducted once a year, in the period from February until March, and upon its completion a request form is sent to the applicants. The request form needs to be filled in and submitted together with the additional documents that demonstrate the validity of applicants' claims about their socio-economic situation and GPA. The accumulated data is entered into computer software that automatically generates the ranking list of the candidates. Afterwards, the Hastor Foundation's team visits the candidates with the highest number of points. Once the evaluation is complete, scholarships are awarded to a certain number of candidates, in accordance with the budget approved for that school year.

College students can become scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation if the Foundation issues the Call for the Scholarship Applications for college students. The Call is issued in the period from October until November of the current year. Applications are submitted exclusively via online form, and no additional documents are required. Computer software automatically generates a ranking list based on the applicants' academic success, as well as the economic situation in their families. The candidates who are awarded the highest number of points are called for an interview with the members of the Commission for awarding scholarships.





The first meeting of the Commission for awarding scholarships



1190 scholarship request forms received



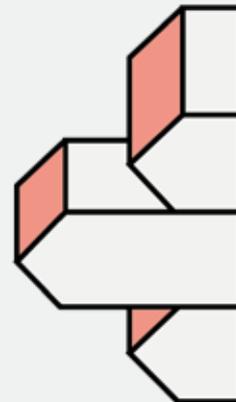
271 new scholarship holders



The second meeting of the Commission

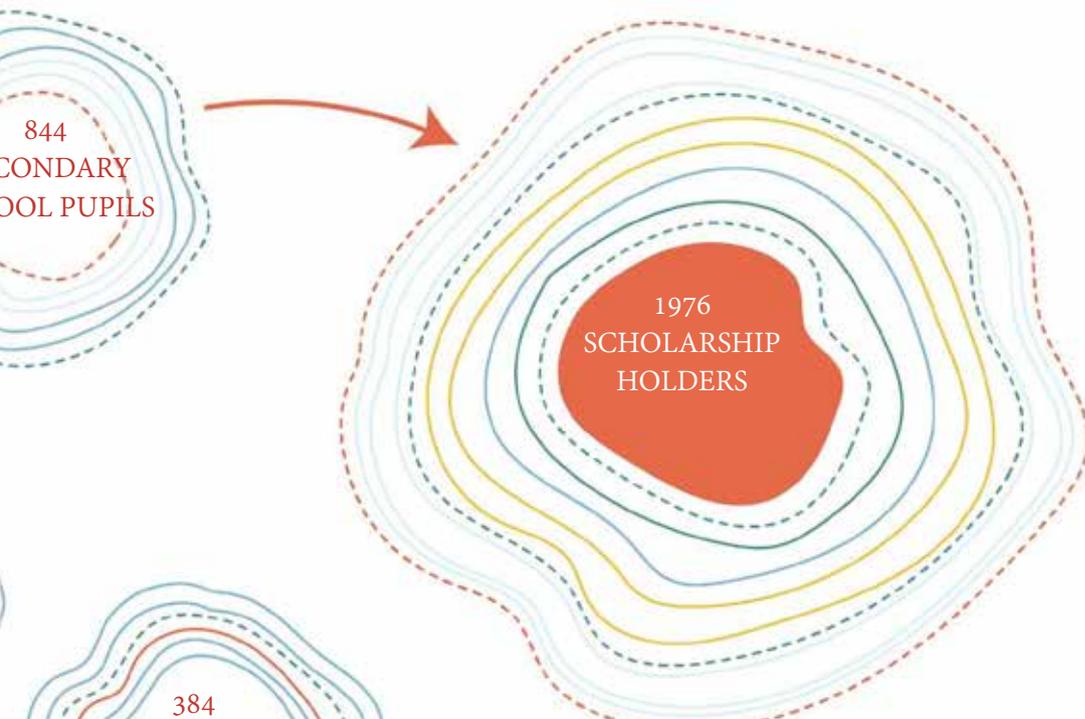


Visiting 292 with the highest number of points



# THE MOVING FORCE OF THE HASTOR FOUNDATION





844  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL PUPILS

1976  
SCHOLARSHIP  
HOLDERS



384  
COLLEGE  
STUDENTS



861  
STRAIGHT-A  
PUPILS



PERCENTAGE OF GROWTH OF THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMPARED TO 2017, 2018, AND 2019

## ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS IN 2018/19.

SEPTEMBER

Signing scholarship contracts for the school year 2018/2019 with the primary and secondary school pupils

For a longstanding support, cooperation and contribution: the Hastor Foundation Commission awarded accolades to teacher Ramo and Nermina Smajić

OCTOBER

Project titled *"Strengthening of Educational Practices in Bosnia and Herzegovina – Introducing the Dual System"* brought to a close

NOVEMBER

Assigning college student scholarship holders to local communities  
The Hastor Foundation and USAID WHAM successfully carried out the *"Training for Job – Training to Stay"* project

MARCH

The sixth cycle of *TAKT Academy* completed

Scholarship request forms are sent

APRIL

The 13th anniversary of the Hastor Foundation is marked

The new version of the Hastor Foundation app is presented

MAY

The evaluation of forms and visiting the candidates

DECEMBER

The Hastor Foundation's scholarship holders

The selection of new scholarship holders who have applied to the Call for the Scholarship Applications for college students

JUNE

The end of the school year

*"Summer Holidays in the Netherlands"* project

JANUARY

The Hastor Foundation in cooperation with Prevent Group initiated the new cycle of *TAKT Academy*

"Prevent Night" – celebration of the 20th anniversary of Prevent in BiH. The event was held in Zenica, with our scholarship holders participating in its preparation

JULY

The end of the academic year

FEBRUARY

The Hastor Foundation – a place where success and sense of togetherness meet – the biannual meeting of college student scholarship holders is held

AUGUST

Scholarship contracts drawn up



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# The 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hastor Foundation

In thirteen years of continuous work, the Hastor Foundation rose to become the leading foundation in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the highest number of scholarship holders. We are especially proud to point out that we currently provide scholarships to 1.976 scholarship holders, though we certainly see these numbers going up in the following school year. Of greatest importance are also the Foundation's alumni who are now respected professionals and experts in their respective fields. The Hastor Foundation's unique mission, coupled with long-standing efforts and determination to improve BiH society is what shaped it into what it is today – one of the most recognizable foundations of its kind. During the previous 13 years, the Foundation supported more than 3.000 youths all across Bosnia and Herzegovina, aiding in their becoming successful and responsible citizens, both in their own communities and globally.

The April meeting was opened by Seid Fijuljanin, the Foundation's Managing Director, who first reminded the scholarship holders of the Foundation's values and the importance of these monthly gatherings. He told the students that they should perceive these monthly meetings as the opportunity for networking with amazing young people who are part of the Foundation, and stressed the importance of exchanging experiences and views.

The thirteenth anniversary of the Hastor Foundation's work was also an excellent opportunity to present the improved version of the Foundation's app. The app called "Moja Fondacija Hastor" was envisioned as a platform that would enable smoother communication between the Administration team, the network of volunteers, and the Supervisory team.

The app was presented by a former scholarship holder Sanel Delić, the leader of the Foundation's team of scholarship holders who worked tirelessly to develop this app. The very idea of the app was born back in 2016 when the first team of scholarship holders was created to begin working on the realization of this idea. Over the past three years, the app has been improved for its final version to be presented at the 13th anniversary. It is important to mention that this app is the result and product of the scholarship holders themselves, their wishes and tireless work; they wanted to give their own lasting contribution to the work of the Foundation and this is their legacy to all the current and future scholarship holders. Thus, for its thirteenth anniversary, the Hastor Foundation received its own app which once again proved why we are the leading foundation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### The New Version of the **Hastor Foundation App** Presented

By presenting the app “Moja Fondacija Hastor”, the Hastor Foundation has once again confirmed that it is the leading foundation of this kind both in BiH and in the region. In the manner appropriate for the occasion, namely the marking of the thirteenth anniversary of the Foundation’s existence, consistency and progress, the app was officially presented as a symbolical gift to the scholarship holders. “Moja Fondacija Hastor” is designed primarily as a platform which will connect the Administration team and the scholarship holder volunteers.

Its basic purpose is to enable smoother communication, but also to make the overall volunteering process, which is the primary principle of the Hastor Foundation, easier. With the help of this app, the Administration team, the network of volunteers, but also the team of supervisors, will all interact directly, with no intermediaries; this will make the process of recording volunteer hours and regular scholarship holders’ activities much easier and faster. It is also important to mention the platform’s “Monitoring” option, one of its integral components that allows for monitoring of volunteer meetings of scholarship holders across BiH via video calls. The “Moja Fondacija Hastor” platform offers an additional special option, with the purpose of establishing and nurturing connections between

all scholarship holders; this implies that the app’s primary goal lies in strengthening the bonds within the Foundation itself. Namely, the app allows every user to find contact information of other scholarship holders, including primary and secondary school students, college students, and alumni.

During the April monthly meeting of college student scholarship holders, on the day when the Hastor Foundation marks its 13th anniversary, the app was officially presented by Sanel Delić, its former scholarship holder. Sanel is the leader of the team of scholarship holders who have worked tirelessly and consistently on the design, development and, eventually, the presentation of the improved version of the “[Moja Fondacija Hastor](#)” app.

In addition to all of the above, it is important to mention that this app is the result and product of the scholarship holders themselves, their wishes and tireless work; they wanted to give their own lasting contribution to the work of the Foundation. This platform will certainly be left as a legacy to all the current and future scholarship holders who will use it to do and record their activities and volunteering, and it is through this app and its concept that the work of the Foundation will be made considerably easier.





## Teacher Ramo Receives Mozaik's Award for Individual Philanthropy

On the 22nd of March, the Mozaik Foundation held a gala event at the Hotel Europe, in Sarajevo, at which select individuals and companies were awarded for their contribution to the development of the society, at the same time acknowledging all those who consciously do good or dobro, in Bosnian language. This year's DOBRO for Philanthropy award ceremony was organized as a part of the Sign up For Impact project and in cooperation with SIGN network, while the European Union and Balkan Trust for Democracy provided financial backing. The DOBRO for Philanthropy 2019 was awarded in three main categories: for corporative philanthropy, corporative volunteering and individual philanthropy.

In the 35+ age category for the individual philanthropy award, our teacher Ramo, nominated due to numerous citizens' votes, ultimately won. There are many reasons why this award found its way to teacher Ramo, and his many years of active work, mainly through the sphere of education, certainly earned him the recognition of being one of the greatest philanthropists of our society. For thirteen years already this man has been our Foundation's volunteer, making up its very core. He had helped set the first stone of this Foundation and gave it life and purpose, and during these thirteen years teacher Ramo was actively involved in our activities, tirelessly crossing many miles in search of new scholarship holders.

It is unnecessary to go into details regarding everything that this man had done for the Foundation, but it bears mentioning that it is through his character and life's work that many scholarship holders see the Foundation. Maybe it would suffice to say that a large number of our scholarship holders became part of the Hastor Foundation precisely due to the efforts of teacher Ramo.

It is enough to look at the world through his eyes, at least for a moment, in order to find out why he has dedicated his life to doing good: *“As a teacher, I strove to teach children on their path to becoming grown people, and as a volunteer of the Hastor Foundation, I decided to take on the task of showing youths how to become people in the true sense of that word. Some of these lessons are: that they do not hate those who are different from them, and that they, eventually, learn to love them instead; that they, to the best of their abilities, help all those in need of help; that they acquire new knowledge, gain education and become academic citizens. These are the reasons why I have traveled hundreds of miles a day to be present at the meetings of the Foundation's scholarship holders – I wanted to show them the right path and steer them towards becoming people in the truest sense.”*

## PROJECTS

### THE SIXTH CYCLE OF TAKT ACADEMY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

With the awarding of the certificates of completion, the sixth cycle of the TAKT Academy program was officially brought to a close on the 28th of February. In the following period, the participants who received the certificates will be given a chance to find employment in Prevent Group. The TAKT Academy offers knowledge and skills that are necessary in order to work in the fashion, textile, furniture, and automotive industries. The program offers a systematic approach to tailoring the educational system in accordance with the needs of the labor market and involves learning about manufacturing and process management.

In addressing those present, the Hastor Foundation's Managing Director, Seid Fijuljanin, emphasized that some of the participants were given jobs immediately upon completing the practical training, due to having shown remarkable knowledge and abilities. The participants' mentors awarded them with certificates and wished them success in their further education and work.



# THE HASTOR FOUNDATION AND USAID WHAM SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT THE “TRAINING FOR JOB – TRAINING TO STAY” PROJECT

During the period from the 1st of April until the 31st of October, 2018, the Hastor Foundation carried out the project whose aim was to train young people and provide them with knowledge and skills needed for the labor market. The project titled “Training for Job – Training to Stay” was financed by USAID WHAM.

More than 90 people from the Bugojno Municipality area and the nearby areas received training during this period, and the 60 who completed the program most successfully were given an employment opportunity in Prevent Group company in Bugojno.

Edisa Subašić, currently employed at Prevent Step, shared her thoughts about participating in this training. *“I applied to the Call and, after successfully completing the training, I was given an employment opportunity in Prevent. I am grateful for the given opportunity to gain work experience and become independent. The training organized by the Hastor Foundation and its partners helped me greatly during this entire process.”*

The project was carried out by the Hastor Foundation, which provides direct support to young people in BiH through its work and motivates them to become self-aware leaders through their education, work and effort, and in that way to contribute to the development of the society in general. The Hastor Foundation champions the introduction of the dual system of education, and at the same continuously cooperates with the local and international organizations active in these fields of industry.



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## PROJECTS

THE HASTOR FOUNDATION AND PREVENT COMPONENTS IMPLEMENTING THE **IDEAL PROJECT**: SYNERGY OF THE INDUSTRY AND SCHOOLS IN BOSNIAN-PODRINJE CANTON GORAŽDE LEADS TO MOST ADVANCED CURRICULUM IN THE COUNTRY



The Hastor Foundation is also recognizable for the fact that it does not base its activities solely on short-term financial assistance to its scholarship holders. Its work and effort is focused on implementing various projects through which young, promising people, who are actually at the core of her consistent progress, will become qualified and competitive in the labor market. One such project, the idea and implementation of which are proudly supported by the Foundation, is the IDEAL project, which is the result of the synergy of business and educational institutions in BPC. Namely, in July 2019 activities with regard to developing a curriculum for the profession of “plastic worker” were finalized, thus bringing to a close the process which began last year in the Bosnian-Podrinje Canton, more precisely in Goražde. This canton received a state-of-the-art curriculum designed by international and local experts, including representatives of the industry (the plastics industry). The new school curriculum was created based on a newly-established vocations standard that features a greater number of practical classes that are to

be conducted within companies, as well as fewer general knowledge classes. The curriculum will be implemented in the Secondary Vocational School “Džemal Bijedić” Goražde, beginning next school year.

“Plastics worker” is among those vocations that offer a very promising future in BiH, and the only institution that provides the needed education for it is the Secondary Vocational School “Džemal Bijedić” in Goražde.

The education process has elements of dual education which provides the students with great benefits as soon as they enroll. In addition to their mentor’s support, while taking practical classes in companies the students receive meal allowance and have their transport fees covered, but also enjoy many other benefits.

The students gain general and vocational knowledge in theoretical classes at school, whereas practical classes, adjusted to the actual needs of the labor market, are held at renowned companies whose products are

present across the global market.

After completing formal education based on this system, it can be rightly said that the student mastered their craft and is ready for employment.

Dženana Omanović, representative of the “PREVENT COMPONENTS” d.o.o. Goražde, talked of the significance that this curriculum’s implementation has for entrepreneurs:

*“The tailoring of the educational system in accordance with the needs of the labor market will allow the entrepreneurs to have access to quality employees who are ready to answer the needs of the market with minimal delay. We have to be aware of the fact that every industry is on the path towards modernization and that the demands of the market, which are greater every day, need to be met. Educational system has to follow. I believe that this curriculum will fully satisfy the needs of the plastics industry. We look forward to its implementation and hope that, in a few years’ time, the*

*students who have decided to pursue this vocation will become our employees.”*

The implementation of the “IDEAL-Improving and Developing the Educational and Learning System for Plastic Workers in Bosnia and Herzegovina” is the result of the developmental partnership of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, “PREVENT COMPONENTS” d.o.o. Goražde and the Hastor Foundation. The partnership is established as part of the develoPPP.de program of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ). The project is funded by BMZ and its private sector project partner – “PREVENT COMPONENTS” d.o.o. Goražde. All the activities pertaining to the project aid the establishment of a vocational education that is more oriented towards the needs of the labor market and increase in overall quality of this system, as well as output of a qualified workforce which is the main contributor to the country’s economic development.



## SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN THE NETHERLANDS



“Summer Holidays in the Netherlands” is one of the most prominent projects of the Hastor Foundation. It has been successfully implemented in cooperation with the Dutch partner organization Stichting Kinderhulp Bosnie for the 13th year in a row. As a part of this project, every year a group of children from underprivileged rural areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina travel to the Netherlands, where they spend twenty-one days learning about the culture and customs of this lowland country. The selection of the children is personally taken care of by teacher Ramo Hastor, together with representatives of the Dutch organization. This year, this opportunity was given to a group of twenty-six children from Živinice, Kladanj, Sapna, Teočak, Višća and Memići. Two scholarship holders of our Foundation, Džulisa Otuzbir and Ajla Drakovac, also travelled with them as guides.

This is a unique project since it gives the children who do not have the opportunity to travel outside their homeland a chance to travel and learn about completely different culture, language, customs and generally a different way of life. Designed carefully so

that the children have the opportunity to experience the Dutch way of life firsthand, the project made it possible for the children to spend this three-week period in Dutch families, and as such they were accepted as regular members of the families in their households.

Given that this was a group of children between the age of 8 and 12 who had not traveled before, arriving in the Netherlands and getting to know the Dutch lifestyle was a bit of a culture shock. Of course, this reaction was natural and expected, so our scholarship holders Ajla and Džulisa tried their best to make it easier for them to adapt to the new environment.

The skillfully designed three-week program provided children with an equal amount of fun, learning and rest. Most of all, they enjoyed the activities that included everyone. At those times, full of new experiences, they would usually tell each other stories about their new families and the activities they did in the previous days.

Efteling was certainly the crown of the project for

the children, but a series of other activities marked the three-week stay in the Netherlands. They had the opportunity to try out some great playrooms, slides, zoos, swimming pools, and even showed some muscle in the city's fitness room. We also tried lottery, which particularly impressed the children. In the popular bingo game, each child received a gift, which gave them special joy. Individual activities, that is, activities with families where the children resided, were mostly about learning the Dutch language and culture. Dutch parents and their children had the freedom to devise their own plan of activities for Bosnian children, apart from the joint activities in which they all participated.

Special recognition should be given to wonderful Dutch families, members of the Kinderhulp Bosnie Foundation, without whom this project would not have been successfully implemented. Embracing children from another country, away from their families, and providing them with a home, love and all the care they need, presented a great responsibility. These families not only opened the doors of their homes to Bosnian children; moreover, they selflessly opened their hearts and brought an incredible amount of love and energy into this project. Despite cultural and language barriers, what prevailed was love and a strong desire to provide the children with an unforgettable stay in their country.





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# 13 Reasons to Be Proud

December is a magical month. It is the month when you exchange presents and share the joy and magic of holidays with your loved ones. It is also the month when we look back on all that we have achieved and are to achieve still, and when we forget all the difficulties and obstacles that we had to sacrifice our energy to – all that energy now is transformed, and we are full of love and hope for a new, better beginning. However, the real magic of the holiday season was really felt by all of us at the Hastor Foundation as soon as the news from all across Bosnia and Herzegovina about the successes of our scholarship holders started coming in. In a matter of just a few days, we've heard from no less than 13 of our scholarship holders whose outstanding achievements were recognized and awarded with Golden and Silver Badges, the Dean's Award or the Golden Plaque. They've earned these because they are the best students at their respective universities and faculties.

### 1. Jasmina Kavgić (Srebrenik)

#### Faculty of Economics, University of

- The Best Student of the Faculty of Economics Award, presented by the Federal Ministry of Education and Science in Mostar, on the 11th of December 2018
- Golden Plaque for being the Student of the Year at the Faculty of Economics at the University of Tuzla (18th of December, 2018) and for achieving the highest GPA (10.00) for the first cycle of studies both at the Faculty of Economics and the University of Tuzla as



*“The support of the Hastor Foundation has meant a great deal to me. It was not easy combating various distractions on the road towards completing my education, but knowing that there was this constant wind in my sails, this financial and moral support alike, made it much easier to keep on walking forward, towards new victories. The Hastor Foundation is a proof that putting in effort and working hard is appreciated and always worth it. Being part of this family is wonderful.”*



## 2. Belmana Gerin (Stolac)

Agro-Mediterranean Faculty, Džemal Bijedić University of Mostar. Department of Ecology and Environmental Management in Agriculture

- Dean's Award, for finishing the third year of the first cycle of studies with the GPA of 9.56
- The Golden Plaque, that was awarded to her by the Student Union of the Džemal Bijedić University in Mostar, for completing the first year of the second cycle of studies with the GPA of 9.99.

*"The support of the Hastor Foundation doesn't mean that it is only financial, it is also a moral support. I am proud and happy to be a part of this family for so many years, and whenever I introduce myself, in whichever occasion, I have to mention my status as a scholarship holder and a volunteer of the Hastor Foundation. I believe that I have my parents to thank for each one of my accomplishments, but also the Foundation. I know that you are proud of your scholarship holders who are successful students, but who will also, in the future, be successful professionals."*



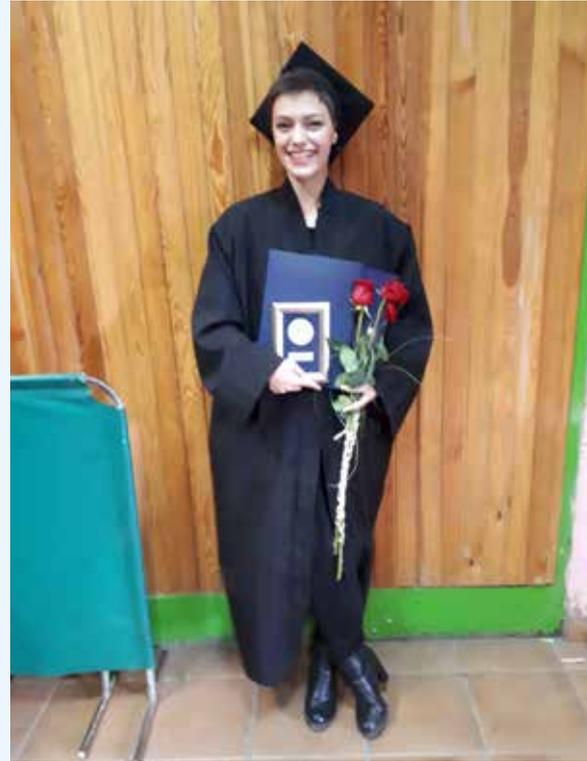
## 3. Irena Karamehmedović

(Sarajevo)

Sarajevo Music Academy

- The Silver Badge of the University of Sarajevo for the first cycle of studies, with the GPA of 9.4

*“The Hastor Foundation helped me greatly on my path towards success. I had some health-related problems this year, but their support and understanding proved a great driving force. I hope that with this recognition I’ll be able to say how thankful I am, since the Foundation played a great role in this success of mine.”*



### 4. Maida Husnić (Mostar)

Faculty of Humanities, Džemal Bijedić University in Mostar, Department of Bosnian Language and Literature

- The Golden Plaque, presented to her by the Student Union of the Džemal Bijedić University in Mostar, for her GPA of 9.71
- Recognition and award by the Federal Ministry of Education and Science for being the best student of the Faculty of Humanities, with the GPA of 9.71

*“From the moment I signed my first scholarship contract with the Hastor Foundation, many wonderful things started happening in my life and I would like to use this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to the Foundation for having influenced me in such a way and contributing to my growth and advancement. I would also like to point out that this award belongs to the Foundation as much as it belongs to me, and I hope that we’ll walk this path of success together in the future.”*



## 5. Marija Pišković (Posušje)

### Sarajevo Music Academy

- The Silver Badge of the University of Sarajevo for the first cycle of studies, with the GPA of 9.33

*“Throughout the years, the Hastor Foundation played a great role in my path towards success. The financial support made it easier for me to gain education, and its program helped me acquire new skills and knowledge, but also improve existing ones. However, the thing you really remember for as long as you live is the fact that the Foundation was a home for its scholarship holders, a shelter in which to retreat regardless of how difficult life becomes. The enormous support given to me by the Foundation helped me grow as a person in every aspect, and helped me feel secure and motivated, so that I could continue walking forward.”*

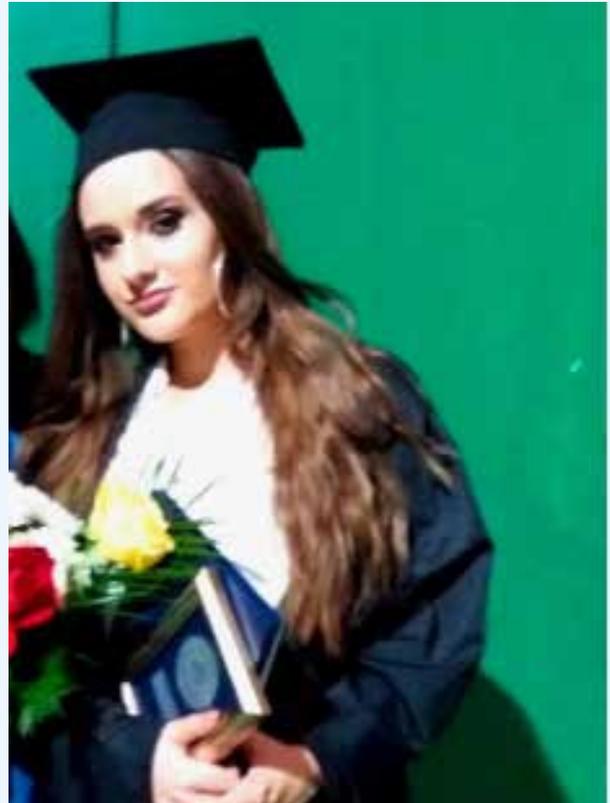


## 6. Amina Vatreš (Sarajevo)

Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo, Department of Communication Studies

- The Silver Badge of the University of Sarajevo for being the best student of the first cycle of studies at the Department of Communicology with the GPA of 9.31

*“The selfless support and the sense of stability I gained when I became a part of the Hastor Foundation 12 years ago had a considerable impact on my personal development and encouraged me to always try and be the best possible version of myself. It also made me unwilling to impose any limits on my dreams and what I strive to achieve. For that reason, my ambition, self-criticism, and consistency, and finally my accomplishments should be seen not only as my own, but the Foundation’s as well.”*



## 7. Ammar Biser (Busovača)

### Sarajevo Music Academy

- The Silver Badge of the University of Sarajevo for the first cycle of studies, with the GPA of 9.15

*“The Hastor Foundation selflessly provides help and awards the amount of money that, in these difficult times, proves to be of great help to both students and parents alike. In addition to the financial support, I have, like many others, had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people I’ll keep in touch with even after I leave the Foundation.”*



### 8. Amin Sejfić (Čapljina)

Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo, International Relations and Diplomacy

- The Silver Badge of the University of Sarajevo for the first cycle of studies, with the GPA of 9.30

*“For me, being part of the Hastor Foundation has to do with the very important feeling of belonging. In these last eight years, while I was a part of this large family, I worked hard and I was diligent, and every success was acknowledged and awarded. I’ll carry wonderful memories from my time here, as well as the enormous gratitude for all the support I received from the Foundation – without this support I wouldn’t have had these accomplishments.”*



## 9. Almedina Smajlović (Ilijaš, Sarajevo)

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo,  
Department of English Language and Literature –  
Language Studies

- The Silver Badge of the University of Sarajevo for the first cycle of studies, with the GPA of 9.14

*“The support of the Hastor Foundation truly means a great deal to me. When I say support, I mean the financial support that makes it easier for me to dedicate myself fully to my studies, but I am also thinking of the moral support that motivates me to always give it my all, since I know there are people who will be proud of my success and celebrate with me as if it were their own. I am beyond grateful to the Hastor Foundation for giving me this opportunity and for supporting me, and I hope that with this accolade I managed to show that the trust and the expectations were worthwhile.”*



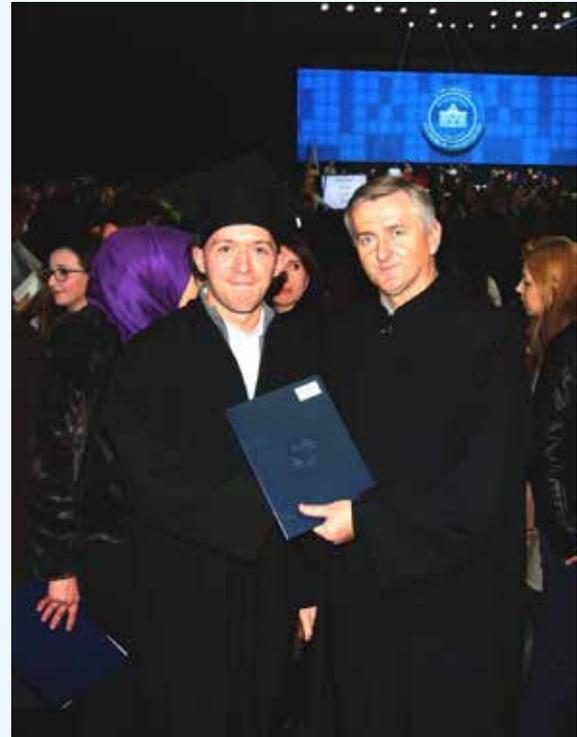
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### 10. Amar Halilović (Vogošća, Sarajevo)

Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Sarajevo

- The Silver Badge of the University of Sarajevo for the first cycle of studies, with the GPA of 9.13

*“Being a member, a scholarship holder and a volunteer of the Hastor Foundation is a great honor and pleasure for me. Through volunteering, I’ve gained valuable experience that greatly contributed my informal education. The scholarship and the support of the Hastor Foundation were very valuable to me on my way towards getting a degree.”*



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## 11. Tarik Muratspahić (Bugojno)

Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo

- The Silver Badge of the University of Sarajevo for the first cycle of studies, with the GPA of 9.0



*“The Hastor Foundation’s support is of paramount importance to students who, through their effort and diligence, wish to change the world around them. I am able to stay inspired and motivated while on that path thanks to everyone who is a part of the Foundation – these people make me want to be even better than I am now.”*

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### 12. Azra Mahinić (Mostar)

Faculty of Civil Engineering, Džemal Bijedić University of Mostar

- Dean's Award for the first and second year of the second cycle of studies, with GPA of 9.1 and 9.3 respectively

*"Although I've been the Foundation's scholarship holder for only two years, I felt and still feel that there is this great connection with the Foundation and its other scholarship holders. The Hastor Foundation's support, Teacher Ramo's words of wisdom, all the pieces of advice and uplifting messages that left an imprint on me during the monthly meetings in the ASA Group's Assembly Hall – all of that will stay with me for as long as I live. I truly feel that the Foundation is my other family, and that feeling that these people recognized that I had all of the makings of a Hastor Foundation scholarship holder and reached out to me when I needed it is truly indescribable. I will certainly stay with the Foundation in some capacity in the future also, because I still feel that I'm a part of it although I'm no longer its scholarship holder."*





## 13. Mahir Skopljak (Novi Travnik)

Ekološki fakultet u Travniku

- The Golden Plaque for being the best student of the first cycle of studies, with the GPA of 8.56

*“Something that I’d like to point out is that every atom of our strength sacrificed for education is worth it, but something that I really need to stress is that I’m not the only one who made this success a reality. In fact, it was this trusty guardian that is my biggest support, right after my family. I’m talking about the Hastor Foundation of course. For that reason, I’d like to express my sincerest thanks for the continuous support I received throughout my university education.”*



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### Amila Bešić- President of Bosanski Petrovac Youth Organization



Amila Bešić is in the fourth year of law studies at University of Bihać and has been a part of the Foundation for nine years already. She lives in a small municipality of Bosanski Petrovac which is located in the southwestern part of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Her volunteerism and activism have made her stand out even in primary and secondary school, since she took part in many extra-curricular activities and joined several organizations during that time.

Amila helped carry out many projects and activities, often in collaboration with various institutions and organizations, among them being: “Školski parkić”, supported by the Youth Information Agency (OIA), “Volonterizmom za bolje sutra”, supported by the SHL Foundation, and “Igralište Gromača” and “Edukativne radionice sa djecom sa poteškoćama u razvoju”, both of which were carried out with the help of the Mozaik Foundation.

All of these activities lead to Amila deciding to apply for the position of Youth Coordinator for Bosanski Petrovac municipality. She was ultimately chosen for the position, meaning that she also became a part of the program of projects, supported by the Council of Europe, whose aim is to strengthen undeveloped BiH municipalities which are separated by an entity-based demarcation line. With the needs of the youth in mind and through cooperation of youth coordinators from Petrovac, Drvar, and Istočni Drvar municipalities, an initiative to establish youth organizations and offices was stated. When it comes to the Bosanski Petrovac Youth Organization, it was established in March, 2018, with the support of the aforementioned program of the Council of Europe.

This youth organization works on a voluntary basis and is separate from public institutions, governing bodies, political parties, and employers and their associations – it represents the interests of its members on economic, humanitarian, social and cultural level and stands for unity of all young people in regard to their interests. The

Organization was primarily founded with the aim of strengthening the position of youth in Bosanski Petrovac Municipality, but its Statute also states that it organizes scientific, educational, research, humanitarian, ecological, sports, and culture-related activities that concern youth, facilitates activism and volunteerism, aids preparation and implementation of projects, and collaborates with other organizations, institutions, governing bodies, and companies.

Our Amila serves as the President of the Organization, and is thus its primary representative. She is particularly proud of the successful implementation of the “Više cvijeća – manje smeća” project that took place in November, 2018 and whose aim was to raise-awareness of importance of ecology through work with children. It was carried out by her organization and supported by the Mozaik Foundation.

In the following period, the Bosanski Petrovac Youth Organization plans to carry out new projects, including the one concerning restoration of children’s playground in Dževar neighborhood. Amila Bešić, its President, expresses readiness and wish to cooperate with the Hastor Foundation on future projects and activities, but also with individual scholarship holders who recognize the importance of being engaged in volunteerism and activism, the crucial principles on which the Hastor Foundation’s principles rest.

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### Start Me Up Competition: The First and Second Prize for the Scholarship Holders of the Hastor Foundation

Start Me Up: High School competition was held from the 18th until the 20th of January 2019. It was organized by the International Burch University and the Association of High School Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the ideas of our scholarship holders Amina Madžak and Ajdin Bajrić marked the competition and brought them the first and second prize.

Our Amina's "DepresijApp" project won the award for the best business idea, whereas Ajdin's platform "Arc" won the second place.

"DepresijApp" project was envisioned as a unique app that would connect an expert with a (potential) patient who is suffering from depression, thereby offering an opportunity for prevention, education, but also treatment. The conversation between an expert and person in need of counseling would be kept entirely private and discrete.

The app is conceived in the following way,

consisting of four key sections. The first section of DepresijApp is entirely educational, with all the necessary information on depression as a mental disorder, while the second contains a questionnaire in which the user inputs demographic data, and, more importantly, his or her current subjective experience. The third section is filled with different types of disorders linked with depression and presented through animated sequences. The fourth and most significant section allows the user to get in touch with an expert who will provide them with free and anonymous counseling. This allows for the issue to be examined, and users are given relevant advice and a referral for further counseling.

Arc is a platform/app that offers an easy way of finding and paying for transport services. The user, a person requiring (fast and economical) transport, opens the app to find a driver and a vehicle that best suits their needs. The app lists the location of all the service providers

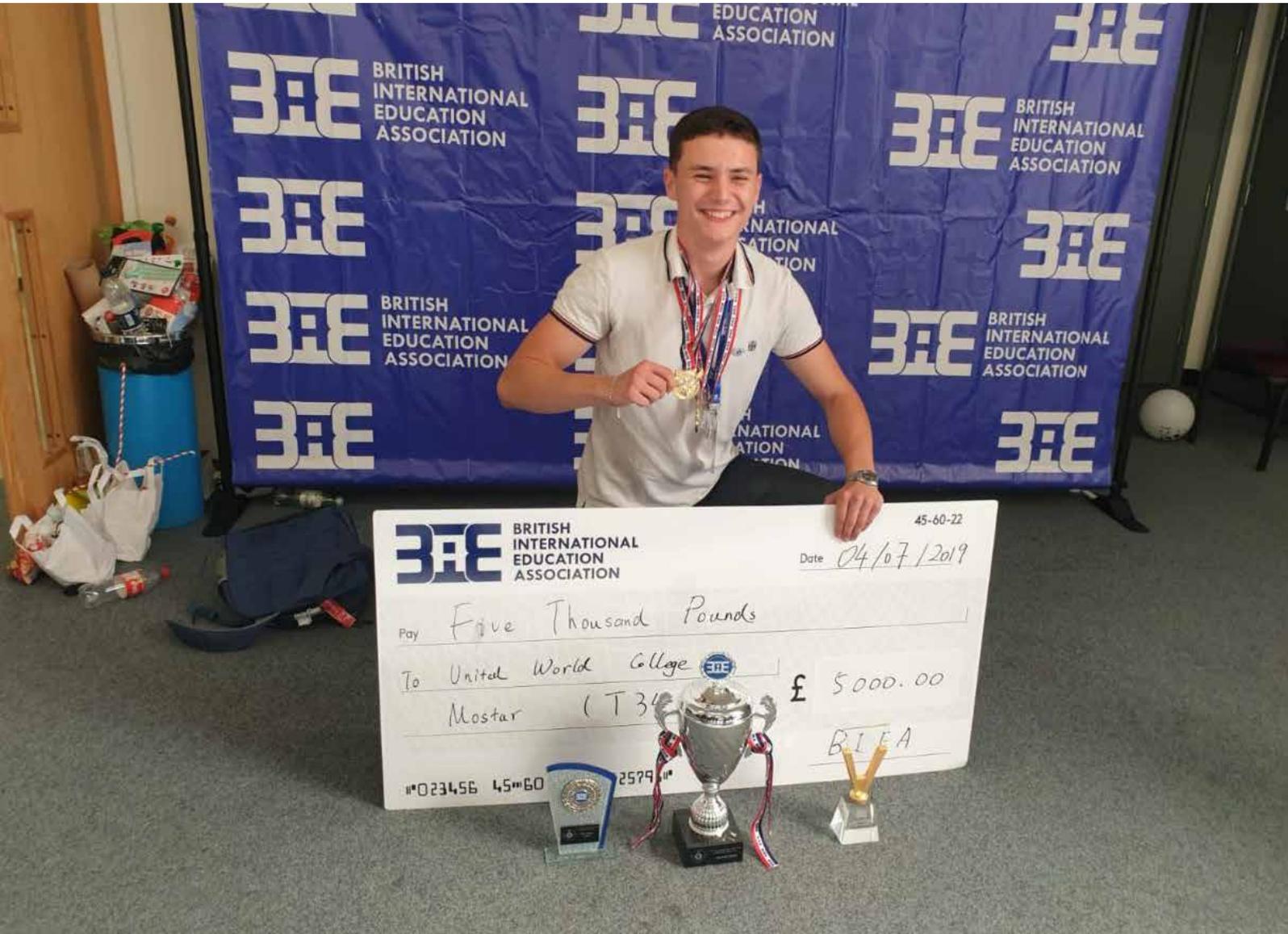
in the vicinity, accompanied by other clients' reviews and all the relevant information on the service provider and their vehicle. Once the user decides on the service provider, they send their location, allowing the driver to reach them. When the user enters the vehicle, the route confirmation is sent and the money is transferred to the driver's account via e-banking. The platform allows every citizen/user a quick transport solution, regardless of the location or time. The app offers an economical solution for both users and service providers.

Another proof that creativity and dedication, together with one's wish for positive change and progress, inevitably lead to success are these accomplishments of our two young scholarship holders Amina and Ajdin, whose future still awaits.



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Aris Karamustafić and His Team Are the Winners of the Prestigious Competition „**STEM Youth Innovation**“ Held in London



**Aris Karamustafić** a seventeen-year-old scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation, together with a team of students of the United World College in Mostar, partook in the prestigious STEM innovation competition, organized by BIEA (British International Education Association).

The primary purpose of this competition is designing a drone which would help and enable the protection and preservation of endangered animal species. Being inspired by the negative status of vultures in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the recent phenomenon of the extinction of the griffin vulture, as well as the inaccessibility of mined terrains in BiH, Aris's team decided to design an unmanned aerial vehicle whose crucial function would be recording the mined areas and delivering the data collected to scientists. The data would later be used for the investigation and observation of endangered animals. The primary reason to use such drones in mined areas is to eliminate the life risk, given that human intervention and the dominant role of the human factor so far would become entirely redundant, since the data would be collected via these drones.

This drone is also equipped with a wireless charging set, and its base with solar panels, and as such it would be completely independent. Aris's team passed all stages of qualifications and entered the finale of this competition, as one of the 40 best teams from the initial 1.300 which applied to this competition. The finale was held in London at the Royal Air Force Museum, consisting of three segments: the drone flight, the presentation of the idea and work, and the team evaluation; Aris's team

excelled in all three. At the very beginning of the competition, his team won the Best Display Award and Best Effort Award, despite an exceptionally tough competition comprising teams from 18 countries. They were also named the best team in the age 15-17 category. Having won these awards, at the end of this prestigious competition they were chosen as winners and given the overall grand prize of £5,000 that was donated to the school.



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In the Company of Best Students in BiH – HF Scholarship Holders at the **Presidency Building Reception**



In December, 2018, member of Presidency of BiH, Šefik Džaferović, held a reception at the Great Hall of the Presidency Building for eight best students among all public universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Among the eight chosen students were two of the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holders, Maida Husnić, who studies at the Faculty of Humanities, Džemal Bijedić University of Mostar, and Jasmina Kavgić, a student at the Faculty of Economics, University of Tuzla.

After the reception, Maida and Jasmina returned home with the most positive impressions possible and have stated that for all the effort they put in during their education, they couldn't have imagined a greater honor than this one. The following paragraphs detail our scholarship holders' impressions:

**Maida:** *"It was a particular honor for me to be given the title of one of the best eight students in all of BiH and in that way represent my University, but also the Department of Bosnian Language and Literature in particular. I would like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who have, up until now, recognized my success and the success of my colleagues, because that is what shows us that we are not alone on this path to success and that really values are appreciated and awarded. This success hides a lot of effort, hard work, sacrifices, and dedication to what I do, as well as good time management. However, I would be lying if I said that it was difficult. In spite of the difficulties we encounter, if we have truly given ourselves to what we do, success comes naturally and each obstacle is overcome more easily.*

*Also, I was lucky to be surrounded by the right people who made taking steps easier. In addition to friends and family, I would also mention the support of the Hastor Foundation that proved to be a great motivational factor in regard to my studying. The key realization is that we forge our own path and if we're not prepared to do something good for ourselves than we have no right to expect positive outcomes."*

**Jasmina:** *"December of 2018 was a very special month in my life. I was overjoyed when I was calling the Foundation for the second time that month to tell that I will be given a recognition for what I've accomplished in the academic field. That feeling was even stronger because of the slogan: "Education – the Choice of Winners".*

*The reception at the Presidency Building was, in a way, a crowning moment of my first cycle of studies, as well as a confirmation that education really does open a path to glory and victory. I am particularly proud of the fact that on that day, two out of eight of us represented the Hastor Foundation, together with teacher Ramo, which is another confirmation of how strong our Hastor Foundation family is, and how much it invests in young people and their future. It was wonderful to be among talented young people, to hear their ideas about future, share their dreams, and so become even more inspired and motivated to overcome new obstacles, and, of course, have this sense that with the Hastor Foundation we are always winners."*

On the day of the reception, a clear message was sent to BH public: the hard work and effort that the young people demonstrate in the course of their education does not go unnoticed, and should be closely followed and affirmed. All other levels of government in BiH, as well as the public, have received a message that successful young people and their results are deserving of respect and special attention.

■ We bid farewell to our scholarship holders:



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Abdelaziz Ahmed Hassan  
 Aiša  
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 Agić Imran  
 Ahmetspahić Mehruđin  
 Alibašić Džejla  
 Alić Elma  
 Alić Alem  
 Aličkadić Armin  
 Atajić Dženana  
 Avdić Lejla  
 Bahor Melisa  
 Bajrami Jasmina  
 Balbozan Senad  
 Baliđodžić Irma  
 Bađović Ivana  
 Bašić Amina  
 Bećar Hamza  
 Bećić Elma  
 Bećirović Azra  
 Beđić Anđelka  
 Bešić Merima  
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 Biser Hamed  
 Bureković Faris  
 Čajić Irma  
 Čavčić Elvira  
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 Čohadarević Almira  
 Čatić Edis  
 Čehajić Mediha  
 Čehić Semira  
 Čemer Alma  
 Čorović Tarik

Ćurđo Armin  
 Ćustić Emina  
 Dedić Amina  
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 Dilberović Anes  
 Durak Azra  
 Duranović Edvina  
 Durmišević Enida  
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 Džafić Alen  
 Džindo Amer  
 Đozić Abdul-Vehab  
 Đulmez Đenana  
 Eminović Lejla  
 Fazliđodžić Aida  
 Ferizović Mejra  
 Firatović Marizela  
 Fišić Melika  
 Gačić Fatima  
 Gavrić Tatjana  
 Geko Minela  
 Gosto Aldin  
 Gračanlić Ajla  
 Graho Nejla  
 Grebović Rahima  
 Grižić Amela  
 Gršić Adina  
 Habibić Harisa  
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 Hadžić Adna  
 Hadžić Berina  
 Hajđarević Javra  
 Hajđarević Elmedina

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 Hamzić Maid  
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 Herceg Edin  
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 Julardžija Almira  
 Jusić Sajra  
 Jusupović Muharem  
 Kadić Melina  
 Kalaba Marija  
 Karać Hamza

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 Karaosmanović Emira  
 Kauković Dženefa  
 Kermo Amra  
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 Koćan Jasmin  
 Koluh Erna  
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 Morić Ajna  
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 Muhamedbegović Aida  
 Mujaković Dženita

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Mujić Kenan  
Mulaomerović Anes  
Muratović Lamija  
Muratović Vanja  
Mustafić Elvir  
Mustajbegović Eldar  
Neretljak Jasmina  
Nuhanović Nirmela  
Nukić Armin  
Obradović Faruk  
Okanović Amina  
Okić Ajdin  
Omeragić Almedina  
Omerović Selma  
Omerović Medina  
Orlović Emir  
Orman Semra  
Osmanović Amina  
Osmanović Merima  
Osmanović Semra  
Ovčina Sanela  
Pajić Selma  
Palalić Senada  
Parežanin Lana  
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Pebić Jovan  
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Pirić Dževad  
Pivolić Ermina  
Puljarga Ervin  
Puška Aid  
Rahimić Emina

Ramić Haris  
Ramić Nuđejna  
Ramić Lejla  
Ramić Nedžad  
Redžić Sumeja  
Riđić Mevla  
Rizvo Rijad  
Sadović Ajla  
Sahiti Samir  
Salihagić Almedina  
Sarajčić Emir  
Sarajlić Adela  
Sejdić Vildana  
Selak Erna  
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Šabanović Almina  
Šahman Samila  
Šarić Selmedina  
Šarić Indira  
Šehić Medina  
Šišić Ilhan  
Šošić Sara

Šuman Adelisa  
Švago Aldijana  
Tihak Salih  
Tulić Hana  
Tursunović Rasim  
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Vranješ Dalila  
Vrebo Ajla  
Zahiragić Adi  
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Zec Ajla  
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Zukić Amar  
Zulum Dženana  
Zvirkić Nermina  
Žižak Elmedina  
Žuljko Belmin

Sulejmanović Arnela  
Bećirspahić Amela  
Čivić Emir  
Alić Amina  
Đaferović Alen  
Golać Vedad  
Ademović Maida  
Halimi Ifeta  
Hodžić Esmira  
Ališić Almira  
Dubrić Alma  
Đuranović Fatima  
Hajder Ajna  
Jarić Edvin  
Žigo Adis  
Hodžić Anel  
Hodžić Ismet  
Duvnjak Zada

## GRADUATES

One of our this year's graduates is Armin Silajđija, who successfully completed his four-year-long education at the Electrical Engineering School for Energetics, vocation electrical engineer for energetics.

He has been a scholarship holder of our Foundation for five years, for which he is immensely grateful:

*"Throughout my education, the Hastor Foundation has given me the motivation to work hard and be among the best. The Foundation is also where I've made many new friends, and every time I had difficulties with school subjects I could ask my mentor for help."*

He is adventurous, likes to confront new challenges, and particularly enjoys travelling. He is especially fond of photography, something he has been actively involved in for three years already.



# Armin Silajđija

ARMIN SILAJĐIJA, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING  
SCHOOL FOR ENERGETICS, SARAJEVO



# Edvin Jarić

EDVIN JARIĆ, SECONDARY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, TOMISLAVGRAD



Edvin Jarić, a graduate of the Secondary Vocational School in Tomislavgrad, has been a scholarship holder of our Foundation for seven years. Having gained his diploma for the vocation of an electrical mechanic, he was given a job at the Cable Factory in Tomislavgrad.

He was always considered to be a hardworking and excellent student in school, and an exemplary son at home. Namely, Edvin told our Editorial Board that, while he was still a student, he would get up at five every morning to study and prepare for school, whereas immediately after returning from school he would put on work clothes and help his father in his locksmith workshop.

He describes the Hastor Foundation's support as one step more towards success:

*"Throughout all these years of my formal education, the Foundation was an important part of all my plans. The Foundation was my support in life as well, not only in education. I want to use this opportunity to thank you for everything you have given me and provided me with during all these years."*



**BILAL RIBIĆ**  
SEVENTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRČKO

Bilal Ribić, a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation, is currently in first grade of Secondary School of Agriculture and Medicine in Brčko. He completed his primary education at the Seventh Primary School Gornji Rahić as the honor pupil. He says that the previous school year was a successful one, given that he had the opportunity to partake in different competitions; he particularly emphasized winning the third place in a competition in Technical Education, along with participating in competitions in Chemistry, German, Islamic Religious Education, and in a sports competition. He is currently part of a football academy.

During his conversation with the Editorial Board of the Hastor Foundation, he said that he owes special gratitude to the Hastor Foundation for everything he has been given so far.

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Medina Rešidović  
Alma Fulan  
Amila Gvozden  
Amela Lević  
Amra Merdžanić

Ena Razić  
Mirza Karić  
Emela Karović  
Dženana Duvnjak  
Amin Mujak  
Amra Delić

Upon completing her primary education, the flattering title of the honor pupil was awarded to Medina Rašidović, a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation coming from Bijeljina. Medina is currently a first-grade pupil at the Secondary Medical School in Tuzla, and she graduated from the Primary School "Meša Selimović" in Janja.

Besides receiving this title, this diligent pupil was also awarded the Vuk Karadžić Diploma. She has participated in numerous competitions so far, of which she particularly mentions the school competition in Mathematics, winning the first place in the municipal competition in Religious Education, and afterwards partaking in the regional competition as well.

*"The scholarship means a lot to me and my parents. It made my education process easier, since I didn't depend on my parents in everything. It is an honor for me to be a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation."*



**MEDINA REŠIDOVIĆ**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL "MEŠA  
SELIMOVIĆ", BIJE LJINA

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## HONOR PUPILS 2018/2019.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL



ALMA FULAN

PRIMARY SCHOOL "BRISTOVI",  
BUGOJNO

Another scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation who can boast about their title of an honor pupil is Alma Fulan from Bugojno. Having graduated from the Primary School "Bristovi" in Bugojno, she enrolled into the Secondary Medical School where she is currently in her first grade.

She says that the previous school year was excellent. She participated in a competition in Democratic Education – Project Citizen within the CIVITAS Program, where she won the third place. She also partook in the NUM Curator Project.

She perceives the scholarship as a great benefit for her education and is thankful to the Hastor Foundation from the bottom of her heart.

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Amila Gvozden went to the Second Primary School in Bugojno and graduated as the honor pupil of her generation. She decided to continue her formal education in the Mixed Secondary School, also in Bugojno, where she is currently a first-grade pupil. She completed the previous school year with excellent success and exemplary conduct.

She strives to make use of the Hastor Foundation's scholarship in the best manner possible, and the scholarship is particularly important to her because it helps her parents and sister, who has health issues.



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AMILA GVOZDEN  
SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
BUGOJNO

## HONOR PUPILS 2018/2019.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL



AMELA LEVIĆ  
NINTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRČKO

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Amela Lević is a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation and a first-grade pupil at the Secondary School of Agriculture and Medicine in Brčko, vocation medical technician. She graduated from the Ninth Primary School in Maoča and gained the title of the honor pupil of her generation due to her excellent success, exemplary conduct and her hard work and effort throughout her primary education.

During the last year of her primary education, she partook in many competitions, including those in Religious Education, Chemistry, German, and also sports competition. Though she did not rank well, Amela says that in that period she learned many useful things and met many good people, with whom she is still in touch.

*"The Hastor Foundation made this school year a lot easier for me since I knew that I had someone I could always count on. This is my first year with the Hastor Foundation and it was interesting to meet new people and spend time with them. One of the best things about the Foundation are our mentors, who are always there for us if we need help. The Hastor Foundation has always given me motivation*

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Dženana Duvnjak  
Amin Mujak  
Amra Delić

Our scholarship holder Amra Merdžanić comes from Fojnica, where she completed her primary education as the honor pupil of her generation. Amra is currently in her first grade at the Mixed Secondary School “Zijah Dizdraević”, more precisely IT Gymnasium. Her plans for after completing secondary education include enrolling into a related faculty and so continuing her education. She has been a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation for six years. Amra says that she likes to spend her leisure time reading books, in that manner enriching her vocabulary. She also mentions her love for volleyball and nature walks, along with drawing – something she is, according to her, quite skillful at. She usually draws portraits and landscapes, and mentions creativity as one of her most remarkable traits. In terms of school subjects, Amra loves Mathematics and Physics and quite easily solves tasks in these fields. She won the first place in a school competition in Mathematics, afterwards winning the 15th place in a cantonal competition. Her competitive spirit has been evident since her fifth grade, when she partook in Maktab competitions, achieving remarkable results. Amra also mentions her affinity for studying foreign languages, of which English is her favorite and by now she speaks it rather well.

*“I am very grateful for these six years and the support you provide me with. I am also grateful for all the friendships I’ve made in the Hastor Foundation and for the fact that you make my education process easier. I hope that we will have a long cooperation and mutual support.”*



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AMRA MERDŽANIĆ  
PRIMARY SCHOOL “MUHSIN RIZVIĆ”,  
FOJNICA

## HONOR PUPILS 2018/2019.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENA RAZIĆ  
FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL "STOLAC"

Another one of our graduates' achievements is the success of our scholarship holder Ena Razić, who completed her primary education at the First Primary School "Stolac" as the honor pupil of her generation. Ena was born on the 11th of June, 2004, in Mostar, and ever since her earliest days as a pupil she showed great ambition, desire and tendency for continuous work and effort when it comes to school activities. Accordingly, Ena's diligence and consistency resulted in many successes, of which the most significant are winning the first place in school competitions in Mathematics, German, English and Religious Education; Ena afterwards partook in cantonal competitions in the aforementioned subjects, winning the first place and twice the third place in cantonal competitions in Mathematics, later participating in a federal competition as well. Upon completing her primary education,

Ena decided to enroll into the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in the Second Gymnasium in Mostar, since she plans to steer her future precisely in that direction. She has been the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holder since last year and says that the Foundation represents a great support to promising students and encourages them to work even harder during their educational process. She expresses her immense gratitude to the Hastor Foundation, and maintains that being part of it will ensure her a rather significant support in her first days of secondary education.

Bilal Ribić	Ena Razić
Medina Rešidović	Mirza Karić
Alma Fulan	Emela Karović
Amila Gvozden	Dženana Duvnjak
Amela Lević	Amin Mujak
Amra Merdžanić	Amra Delić

The number of notable achievements within the Hastor Foundation is exponentially growing. Among these, the title of the top student of the generation is especially important. Our scholarship-holder, Mirza Karić, is one of the students who can boast that they have received the title of the top student of the generation. Mirza was born on July 21, 2003 in Travnik, where he completed his elementary education with remarkable success, according to which he was awarded the mentioned title. During his education at the Dubravica Primary School in Preočica, Mirza participated in numerous municipal and cantonal competitions, primarily in mathematics, but also in literary works, where he also achieved significant results. Mirza is especially proud of winning second place in the eighth and ninth grade municipal competition in mathematics. Our successful scholarship-holder decided to enroll in the Secondary School of Electrical Engineering in Travnik, with focus on Information Technology.

*"In all of this, I have to mention the Hastor Foundation in particular, which I thank for the financial support that means a lot to me. I hope that we will continue our cooperation in the future."*



**MIRZA KARIĆ**  
DUBRAVICA PRIMARY SCHOOL, VITEZ

## HONOR PUPILS 2018/2019.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL



**EMELA KAROVIĆ**  
9TH OF MAY PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
PAZARIĆ

Fifteen-year-old Emela Karović was born on November 7, 2003 in Sarajevo. According to the success she achieved during the nine years of primary education, Emela was named the top student of her generation upon graduation. In addition to her outstanding achievements in school activities, she has also participated in numerous art competitions in which she won first places. Emela particularly emphasizes participation in a debate held in English language, in which she and her team contributed to their 9th of May Primary School winning the first place. Out of her accomplishments, she also emphasizes winning second place in the recital competition thematically oriented towards Bosnia and Herzegovina. Emela is currently attending the first grade of the Secondary School Center Hadžići, majoring as an architectural technician. Emela attributes her decision to choose exactly this major to her affinity for modeling homes and buildings.

She received the Hastor Foundation scholarship status at the beginning of ninth grade, and points out that this financial assistance meant a lot to her when it was necessary to buy school supplies, new clothes, and similar things.

She points out that her monthly volunteer hours mean a lot to her when it comes to acquiring new knowledge: *"During volunteering, we learn about some very interesting topics that encourage us to think and solve some of the problems of today. I would like to use this opportunity to thank my mentors Aldin Beriša and Ajla Elezović, who are always ready to help us with our school responsibilities. I also thank teacher Ramo and the Hastor Foundation for making this scholarship possible."*

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Bilal Ribić  
Medina Rešidović  
Alma Fulan  
Amila Gvozden  
Amela Lević  
Amra Merdžanić

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Amin Mujak  
Amra Delić

Our scholarship holder Dženana Duvnjak lives in the small village of Bojska, not far from Gornji Vakuf with her two brothers, her sister and her parents. She graduated from "Pajić Polje" Primary School with great success throughout the nine years of primary education. During her education she was a part of many extracurricular activities as well as additional classes in mathematics, journalism, English and German. Dženana emphasizes her love of reading. She has been writing her diary, stories, and poems for a long time. Her life experiences and the stories she grew up with led her to decide to enroll in Secondary Medical School. She believes that with work, effort, dedication and faith, anything is possible.

*"I'm glad to be a part of the Hastor Foundation. It's nice to know that someone supports you in everything, it somehow pushes you forward. The foundation reminds me to study, to work harder, to give my best and to believe that the stars can be reached",* says Dženana.



**DŽENANA DUVNJAK**  
"PAJIĆ POLJE" PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
GORNJI VAKUF

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AMIN MUJAK

"BERTA KUČERA" PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
JAJCE

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Amin Mujak is this year's top student of the generation of "Berta Kučera" Primary School in Jajce. Amin lives in Jajce with his father and sister, and most of all loves to read and spend time with his dog. Among his additional activities, he points out being a part of the extracurricular activities in English, mathematics and physics. He was also a participant in numerous competitions, achieving remarkable results in Islamic studies and knowledge about landmines and unexploded ordnances. As his biggest success, Amin notes winning the fifth place in the federal landmine and unexploded ordnances knowledge competition. He has also participated in municipal and cantonal competitions in Physics, Mathematics and English.

After all of this, he decided to enroll in Secondary Vocational School in Jajce, with focus on Electrical Engineering - Accounting Technician. He truly appreciates the support of the Hastor Foundation and hopes that in the future he too will be able to help people in this

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Amin Mujak  
Amra Delić

Amra Delić has completed her primary education with the title of the top student of the "Edhem Mulabdić" Primary School in Opara, near Novi Travnik. She decided to continue her education in Travnik, enrolling in Secondary Medical School. She made this decision on her own, since she considers humane work to be the most important in a person's life. She dreams of becoming a doctor someday, and hopes to succeed in her medical education. In her free time she plays volleyball and has been a member of the folk group for many years.

*"The Hastor Foundation is a special motivation for my success and learning. I am grateful and happy to be a part of this great family."*



AMRA DELIĆ  
"EDHEM MULABDIĆ" PRIMARY  
SCHOOL, NOVI TRAVNIK

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ARMA KARAGIĆ  
MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL  
"TRAVNIK", TRAVNIK

Amra Karagić is a nineteen-year-old girl from Bugojno. She is currently in her first year of studies at the Faculty of Medicine in Sarajevo. She previously graduated from the Secondary School of Medicine in Travnik and a primary school in Bugojno. She completed her secondary education as an excellent pupil and was awarded the title of the honor pupil of that generation.

She became a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation four years ago, at the very beginning of her secondary education. According to her, the Hastor Foundation has provided her with special support and help, in financial but also moral terms, considering that the Foundation's team always strived to provide rewards for her effort throughout the previous period.

*"The volunteer work for the Hastor Foundation made it possible for me to make new acquaintances and friends. I look forward to new experiences during my studies but also with the Foundation, in terms of volunteering with other children and students, since I'll have a new opportunity to meet more people,"* says Amra.

AMRA KARAGIĆ  
EMIRA KARAOMANOVIĆ  
ALDIJANA ŠVAGO  
ALMA ĆEMER  
ALMEDINA OMERAGIĆ  
ESMA HODŽIĆ

VILDANA SEJDIĆ  
HARISA HABIBIĆ  
ĐANA DELALIĆ  
SABINA SULJIĆ  
ERNA SELAK

Emira Karaosmanović graduated from the Mixed Secondary School in Bugojno. Due to her extraordinary success, she was awarded the title of the honor pupil of her generation. Upon completing her secondary education at the aforementioned school, Emira decided to continue her formal education at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Sarajevo. During her secondary education, she participated in numerous competitions in Mathematics and Physics, where she usually won first or second place, and she says that she is happy with the results achieved.

Emira has been the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holder for four years, and for her special value and benefit of being a member of the Foundation is seen in the fact that she is always surrounded by young activists who stimulate her to work and study even harder, in that manner building and improving her own self.



EMIRA KARAOSMANOVIĆ  
MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL,  
BUGOJNO

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## HONOR PUPILS 2018/2019.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL



ALDIJANA ŠVAGO  
MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL,  
TRAVNIK

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Another one of successful scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation is Aldijana Švago from Donji Vakuf. She completed her secondary education at the Mixed Secondary School Travnik, vocation nurse/technician. Having decided that she wants to continue with her formal education and to build her professional career in the direction she sees her future most clearly, Aldijana enrolled into the Medical Faculty in Zenica, Department of General Medicine. She has been a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation for four years already, which means that during her entire secondary education she had the Foundation's support which, as she says, meant a great deal to her. In her leisure time, Aldijana likes to do sports activities, usually playing volleyball, a sport she particularly loves, having been in a volleyball club during her childhood.

*"I quite like volunteering for the Hastor Foundation. I've met many people who have become my friends. I am quite outgoing and like to get to know new people and their traits."*

AMRA KARAGIĆ  
EMIRA KARAOMANOVIĆ  
ALDIJANA ŠVAGO  
ALMA ĆEMER  
ALMEDINA OMERAGIĆ  
ESMA HODŽIĆ

VILDANA SEJDIĆ  
HARISA HABIBIĆ  
ĐANA DELALIĆ  
SABINA SULJIĆ  
ERNA SELAK

Our scholarship holder Alma Ćemer also comes from Donji Vakuf. She graduated from the Secondary Technical School in Bugojno, vocation electrical engineer in computer technology and automation. Having enrolled into the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Alma decided to continue her formal education in Sarajevo. Namely, ever since her first grade of primary school, she showed great affinity for mathematics. She says that numbers have always been interesting to her and solving mathematical tasks is what she does best. Upon starting her secondary education, she also became interested in programming. Having seen the connection between mathematics and programming, namely that the logic behind solving programming tasks is almost identical to the one behind solving mathematical problems, Alma decided to link these two fields by enrolling into the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Department of Mathematics (theoretical computer science studies).

She has been the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holder for five years already. She spends her leisure time reading books, riding a bike, walking, and with her friends and family.

Alma describes the importance of the Hastor Foundation in her educational process as follows: *"I perceive the Hastor Foundation as a continuous support in my education and a reward for all my effort and success. The Foundation also taught me about humaneness and that investing in education is the best choice possible."*



ALMA ĆEMER  
SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL,  
BUGOJNO

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## HONOR PUPILS 2018/2019.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL



ALMEDINA OMERAGIĆ  
MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL, DONJI  
VAKUF

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Donji Vakuf can boast about another diligent and persistent scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation who earned the title of the honor pupil of her generation due to her extraordinary results. Almedina Omeragić graduated from the Mixed Secondary School in Donji Vakuf with the GPA of 5.0, afterwards enrolling into the Faculty of Economy in Travnik. She became a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation upon completing her first grade of secondary school. She often spends her leisure time singing and reading books.

She perceives the Hastor Foundation as a great encouragement to keep investing in her own education.

AMRA KARAGIĆ  
EMIRA KARAOMANOVIĆ  
ALDIJANA ŠVAGO  
ALMA ĆEMER  
ALMEDINA OMERAGIĆ  
ESMA HODŽIĆ

VILDANA SEJDIĆ  
HARISA HABIBIĆ  
ĐANA DELALIĆ  
SABINA SULJIĆ  
ERNA SELAK

Esma Hodžić is also one of our top students of the generation for the past school year. Nineteen-year-old Esma has shown remarkable results during both primary and secondary education, and has been awarded two titles of the top student of the generation. She completed her primary education at "Mehurić" Primary School in Mehurić, and then completed Secondary Medical School, which is part of the Mixed Secondary School in Travnik. Esma decided to continue her formal education at the Faculty of Education in Travnik, at the Department of Psychology and Pedagogy. She points out that her three-year status as a scholarship-holder of the Hastor Foundation has greatly enabled her to pursue her desired education, and has given her an incentive to continue achieving successes while building her life and professional path.

*"In addition to the above, the Foundation has encouraged me to invest in my own education, showing me how important it is for me and my future. I thank the Foundation for that."*



ESMA HODŽIĆ  
MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL,  
TRAVNIK

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VILDANA SEJDIĆ  
MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL,  
TRAVNIK

When it comes to the hard-working Hastor Foundation scholarship holders, great achievements and success attained solely through knowledge and persistence have become regular occurrences. A direct proof of this is yet another scholarship holder who has finalized their education as a top student of the generation. This is Vildana Sejdić, an eighteen-year-old girl from Travnik who has been a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation for seven years. She finished elementary school as an excellent student, and then enrolled in the Secondary Medical School in her hometown Travnik, where she graduated as the top student of the generation with a grade point average of 5.0. She decided to continue her education at the Faculty of Dental Medicine in Sarajevo. She points out that she is looking forward to monthly fellowship meetings as well as volunteering with children. She believes that these will be an addition to a series of beautiful experiences provided through the Hastor Foundation.

*"The Hastor Foundation has played a special role in my education so far, both financially and morally. They recognized my hard work, dedication and willingness to learn, constantly trying to reward it. I am pleased to be a member of this large family and I hope to continue to be a part of it in the future, in any way I can."*

AMRA KARAGIĆ  
EMIRA KARAOMANOVIĆ  
ALDIJANA ŠVAGO  
ALMA ĆEMER  
ALMEDINA OMERAGIĆ  
ESMA HODŽIĆ

VILDANA SEJDIĆ  
HARISA HABIBIĆ  
ĐANA DELALIĆ  
SABINA SULJIĆ  
ERNA SELAK

Harisa Habibić, a scholarship-holder from Novi Travnik, is one of those who have justified the support of the Hastor Foundation by achieving excellent success during their secondary education. In the fifth grade of primary school, Harisa was given the opportunity to be a part of the largest foundation of its kind in the region, a foundation which brings together valuable and ambitious primary students, high school students, as well as the most successful college students. Eighteen-year-old Harisa attended Secondary School of Mechanical Engineering in Novi Travnik as the top student of her generation. We should also be reminded of her success in primary school, when she was awarded the same title in recognition of her excellent performance during each school year. For many years, Harisa has successfully represented her school in many municipal and cantonal mathematics and physics competitions.

She describes the role of the Hastor Foundation in the process of her education: *"The Hastor Foundation has played an important role in my education so far. In addition to the financial support that has greatly facilitated my education, the experiences and friendships that the Foundation has given me are irreplaceable to me and my personal growth. Encouraged by this support and my success so far, I enrolled in Theoretical Computer Science at the Department of Mathematics of the Faculty of Science in Sarajevo. I hope to be a successful student and, after that, a respected expert in the field that I choose as my future career. It is my desire to contribute to society through my work and thereby justify the support that the Foundation has given me."*



HARISA HABIBIĆ  
MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL, NOVI  
TRAVNIK

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ĐANA DELALIĆ  
"KONJIC" SECONDARY SCHOOL,  
KONJIC

Đana Delalić comes from Ostrožac, near Lukavica. She graduated from Secondary Medical School in Konjic as the best student of her generation. Her dream is to continually help people, and to become a doctor in the future. For this reason, she enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine in Sarajevo. Her hobby is reading books and in her spare time she loves to play volleyball.

*"The support of the Hastor Foundation means a lot to me. Apart from the financial support, my mentors at the volunteer meetings always help me if I have a problem. If there weren't for the Hastor Foundation, I wouldn't have these friendships nor anyone who would provide me with such support."*

AMRA KARAGIĆ  
EMIRA KARAOMANOVIĆ  
ALDIJANA ŠVAGO  
ALMA ĆEMER  
ALMEDINA OMERAGIĆ  
ESMA HODŽIĆ

VILDANA SEJDIĆ  
HARISA HABIBIĆ  
ĐANA DELALIĆ  
SABINA SULJIĆ  
ERNA SELAK

Sabina is nineteen years old. She lives with her parents and sister in Poljica, near Lukavac. This year she graduated from Richmond Park International School of Tuzla. Her favorite subjects are Math, Physics, Chemistry and language-related subjects. She had been thinking about education in the field of medicine for many years, but after enrolling in the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Tuzla, she chose a different direction. Sabina emphasizes her love of making short films. This year, her film made it to a Tunisian film competition. Sabina has played the violin in the past, and currently loves drawing portraits and doing photography.

*"The Hastor Foundation initially helped me financially, and subsequently in the sense that I met many new friends. I am pleased that I can always count on my Foundation",* says Sabina.



SABINA SULJIĆ  
INTERNATIONAL SECONDARY  
SCHOOL, TUZLA

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## HONOR PUPILS 2018/2019.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL



**ERNA SELAK**  
SECONDARY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
"DŽEMAL BIJEDIĆ", GORAŽDE

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Erna Selak is a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation. She was born and currently lives in a small town in Bosnia and Herzegovina located on the river Drina, Goražde. In addition to her high school education, Erna was educated for the profession of a hairdresser, which she completed with excellent success. During high school, she was class president for four years and president of the student council for three years. She was an active member of the literary - drama, rhythmic and entrepreneurial extracurricular activity. She has also been a presenter at school events. She is active in curricular and extracurricular activities. In the 2016 school cross competition, she finished third, and at the athletics rally that same year, she won third place in the athletics category. At the 10th Festival of Work of Secondary Technical and Vocational Schools of BIH, held in Zenica in 2018, she won a third place in the making of festive hairstyles. She was a member of the CIVITAS team, winning the first place, as well as a member of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights. For three years she was a volunteer of the "volunteer - credit" program.

*"The Hastor Foundation has helped me a lot throughout my life, first of all in terms of financial support and later with a lot of education through which I have learned a lot of positive things", says Erna.*

## MA AND BA GRADUATES

Avdić Marizela	Jahić Amira	Ogrešević Irma
Babić Mia	Kadrić Emina	Orlović Zeid
Bećirović Merima	Kapić Zinaid	Osmanović Dina
Bešić Amila	Kavgić Jasmina	Otuzbir Džulisa
Biser Ammar	Kesedžić Ajda	Pepelar Bakir
Bukvić Arif	Korman Lejla	Pišković Marija
Burko Nejla	Kosovac Sadžida	Podžić Senada
Ćuković Ifeta	Kovačević Seudin	Sadiki Roki
Duratbegović Muamer	Kulo Emra	Smajlović Almedina
Džananović Lejla	Lazić Danka	Suljić Amina
Džindo Melisa	Lazić Ivana	Šarić Zehra
Fazlović Elmina	Marić Anela	Šarić Emil
Garaplija Eniz	Medinić Razim	Tabak Ajla
Gerin Belmana	Medinić Jasmina	Tiro Mirela
Hadžović Melisa	Mehić Adis	Todorovac Emina
Hasić Anesa	Memišević Azra	Vatreš Amela
Hebibović Almedin	Mujanović Alma	Veispahić Delila
Hodžić Besida	Mujkić Hanka	Velić Vahida
Horić Larisa	Muminović Rijad	Zahirović Azra
Husnić Maida	Muratspahić Tarik	Žilić Emina
Imamović - Golić Amra	Neziri Elvira	Žiško Nirvana

## MA AND BA GRADUATES



**RIJAD MUMINOVIĆ**  
UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO,  
FACULTY OF ELECTRICAL  
ENGINEERING

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Rijad Muminović has been a scholarship-holder of the Hastor Foundation for four years. He completed his high school education at the Second Gymnasium in Sarajevo, and during his education he participated in various competitions in information technology and mathematics. After enrolling in the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Sarajevo, at the Department for Automatic Control and Electronics, he participated in the organization of similar events. Some of them are Elekrijada, ACM ICPC regional competition and IEEEExtreme. Upon receiving his Bachelor's degree, he was awarded the Golden Badge of the University of Sarajevo. Because of his keen interest in programming during his studies, he was given the opportunity to spend several months at a student internship at Google. He spent his last semester studying with the Virtual Vehicle Research Institute in Graz, working on his master thesis.

Rijad's master's thesis addresses the issue of

autonomous vehicles and analyzes in detail the applications and modifications of a specific set of planning algorithms for low-speed driving and parking.

*"Being a member of the Hastor Foundation has meant a lot to me in various ways. I spent most of my time in the IT team and participated in the creation of the Foundation's platform as well as the improvement and maintenance of the Hastor Foundation's official website. This gave me a better perspective on modern technology, and the rare opportunity to work on a platform / product that has a direct impact on the work of a large group of people. In addition to learning about technology, these projects have contributed to my professional skills. Monthly meetings have always broadened my perspective on the world, brought me new friendships, and I always left them satisfied. There is no doubt that all these experiences have helped shape my current personality in a positive way."*

## MA AND BA GRADUATES



**DINA OSMANOVIĆ**  
INTERNATIONAL BUECH UNIVERSITY  
SARAJEVO,  
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND  
NATURAL SCIENCES

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Dina Osmanović is a scholarship holder from Kalesija where she finished primary and secondary school, in case of the latter as the best student in the entire generation. This year, Dina graduated from Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, International Burch University. She specialized in Genetics and Bioengineering and reached the GPA of 9.8. As soon as she enrolled at the Faculty, Dina decided to take part in extra-curricular activities. In 2017, she participated in "Presentational Skills" program organized by the IBU in cooperation with ASUBiH and was an educator for a project of informal education for secondary school students, which was organized by "Izvor nade" Foundation. She is the co-author of two research papers published in Springer and presented at CMBEBIH 2019: "Review of Biosensors in Industrial Process Control" and "Review of Electrochemical Biosensors for Hormone Detection". Her dedication and hard work were recognized at the Faculty too; Dina's professor, a coordinator of local Organizing Committee for CMBEBIH2019, invited her to join the Committee and help with the organization of the conference. The aim of the Conference was to promote biomedical engineering and similar scientific branches in our country, and it did so by bringing together renowned experts from across the globe as speakers who would present innovations in the field. Last year, in addition to

these activities, Dina participated in two regional workshops concerning nanotechnology and genetics that were organized by the Association for Medical and Biological Engineering in BiH. In May this year, as one of the two participants from BiH, she took part in "IoT, Economic and Management Challenges for E-Health Integration in the Enlarged Europe" spring school which was held in Slovenia and Italy.

*"I have been the Foundation's scholarship holder since 2015 and what I can say is that the Hastor Foundation provides immense support to its scholarship holders. After my first year of receiving the scholarship passed and I arrived in Sarajevo, I became a mentor to a group of secondary school students. As the Foundation's volunteer I helped them with school obligations and tried my best to make the themes we were discussing closer to them. That year, I made new friends and almost all of them are now students, making me really proud of them. This particular way of forging lifelong friendships and brining young people together is one of the most positive things about the Hastor Foundation. This year, I became a part of the Administration Team, and learned important lessons about teamwork, communication, and learning how to adapt."*

## MA AND BA GRADUATES



**LARISA HORIĆ**  
UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO,  
MUSIC ACADEMY

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Larisa Horić was born on July 19, 1996 in Zenica. In Vitez, she attended both a primary and a music school at the same time, and, as befits the extraordinary results she achieved during her education at both schools, Larisa was given the recognition of being the top student of the generation. For ten years, she was part of the Mladost-Vitez karate club, where she was a brown belt holder and a member of the BiH national team. Larisa emphasizes that she knew from the age of three, listening to the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, that she wanted to spend her entire life with the violin. Following her childhood dreams, Larisa enrolled in the Secondary Music School in Zenica, which she also completed as the top student of the generation.

After high school, she passed the entrance exam at the Sarajevo Music Academy, at the Department of String Instruments and Guitar, with focus on the violin. She is currently a fourth-year student and is taking her final exam at the end of September.



*"I've been a Hastor Foundation scholarship holder for three years. At the Foundation I volunteered on the field, worked with students, and I currently perform my duties in the administration. In addition to the financial support, I am grateful to the Hastor Foundation for every friendship that I have gained in these past three years, and there were many of them. I am especially grateful for the advice and support given to me at times when I could not make some decisions myself. I came to Sarajevo alone with my violin. I didn't have any relatives or parents with me, but thanks to the Hastor Foundation I never felt lonely. For that I thank you very much!"*

Near the end of last year, our former scholarship holder and now an excellent young dentist, Mirza Murga, shocked the public with his decision to stay in his hometown, regularly left by young people and often even whole families. In the midst of all the young people and also families who are leaving BiH, this young man of great ambition made a decision to stay in Livno, popularly known as “the ghost town”, as the largest number of people leaving for the countries of EU come from the municipality of the same name.

He was one of the Hastor Foundation’s first scholarship holders, with teacher Ramo personally bringing him into this family, and as such he was part of the Foundation for ten years. He will be remembered as an extraordinary friend, student, mentor, and a hard-working scholarship holder. As a mentor, he would often surprise both his pupils and the Foundation’s Administration team with carefully planned workshops which made the volunteering meetings he organized a special experience. What we are overjoyed to say when we talk about Mirza is the fact that even after he formally stopped being a scholarship holder, he remained the Foundation’s friend and a trusty volunteer. He completed his studies at the Faculty of Dentistry in Sarajevo in September 2017, and one year later he was about to start with his own private practice in his hometown of Livno.

Making sure that young and educated people stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the Foundation’s fundamental aim, and having an opportunity to see our former scholarship holders take bold steps towards success is something which makes us incredibly happy and proud. Mirza has the fondest memories of his time in the Foundation, and he describes it as *“a pillar of support and an outstretched hand which has not only offered help but taught him many things, and also enabled him to make invaluable friendships.”*

## Mirza Murga



## SUCCESS STORIES OF OUR FORMER SCHOLARSHIP

### Mehmed Mehić

Mehmed was born in Bihać in August 1995; as a primary school student in Konjodor, Bužim, he meets teacher Ramo, a passer-by, whom he gives a glass of water, and in return receives from him a scholarship contract of the Hastor Foundation. This is how Mehmed became our scholarship recipient at the very beginning of the Foundation and has been an active volunteer for over thirteen years.

He graduated from the Secondary Music School in Bihać, but refers to himself as a self-taught artist who, ever since he became aware of his own self, tried to play on his keyboard at home everything he would here at any given place. Four years later, our scholarship holder graduated from the Music Academy of the University of Sarajevo in the Department of Music Theory and Pedagogy, his GPA being above 9.0. While he was still a student, he worked part-time jobs in the form of audio/video recording and being in charge of the sound system for concerts for public institutions. He also worked as a sound engineer, distributed and recorded the 10th Sarajevo Business Forum 2019, and made audio and video recordings for his own studio in collaboration with numerous celebrities. He has managed to buy equipment for his studio, which, in the future, he plans to register under the name Studio M Production.

Mehmed confirms the motto of the Hastor Foundation - "Education is the choice of winners" by working as an associate professor of guitar at the "Vila Hadžihalilović" Culture and Education Center since 2018. He previously received a full-time job as a sound engineer at Nova BH.

A great source motivation to work and study, besides in the Foundation, Mehmed has found in his wife, Azra, with whom he has been married since he was 19, and throughout all this time, this wonderful young man manages to be a good husband, student, scholarship holder and colleague. In addition to his distinct intelligence and creativity, he is also modest. For him, happiness is what we create ourselves, and how much we manage to use our potentials for what really matters. We wish Mehmed much happiness and success in the future, and that he remains as creative and ambitious as he has been so far.



It is a tremendous honor and pleasure for the staff of the Foundation to know such young people, and the very realization and obvious example that what we have been doing and developing during all these years is one extremely beautiful story that we are very proud of. Because borders, except in our minds, do not exist!

## JOIN THE HASTOR FOUNDATION'S GREAT CLUB OF FRIENDS

The Hastor Foundation is a nonprofit organization devoted to children and the youth, primarily those children who are marginalized due to their poor socio-economic status and the environment they live in. Ever since its very beginning, the Hastor Foundation has encouraged and supported primary and secondary school pupils and college students coming from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. Given that an enormous number of scholarship request forms arrives at the Hastor Foundation's address every year, we are not able to realize the wishes of every pupil and student who applies. Unfortunately, we are forced to reluctantly decline a certain number of requests. The Foundation's fundamental mission is to unburden the education to as high number of children and young people as possible, and on that path the help and support of our friends is of particular significance.

If you perceive knowledge and education as the key tool to build a better future and a quality society in BH, join us in accomplishing our longstanding mission. We use this opportunity to invite all individuals and groups, who recognize the values we champion, to give their own contribution in terms of securing the means to provide scholarships for children and youth across Bosnia and Herzegovina, and all with the aim to improve the educational process and to build a more prosperous society in general.

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**C** Hasagić Emina  
**I** Hastor Fadila  
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**T** Muminović Rijad  
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**R** Palić Safet  
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**S** Rahman Haris  
**T** Redžepović Aida  
**O** Redžepović Samir  
**R** Salkić Aida  
Sarajlić Haris  
Smajić Nermina  
Uzunović Zlatan  
... i mnogi drugi.

You have heard about the Hastor Foundation's activities and you would like to join the effort?

Contact us via e-mail or telephone

You have decided to support a particularly promising scholarship holder?

Annual Report on our scholarship holders accomplishments

We will hold a meeting and present ways in which you can participate

Spend time with and get to know our scholarship holders!

COMPLETION OF STUDIES: CELEBRATE THIS SUCCESS TOGETHER BY OFFERING AN EMPLOYMENT AT YOUR COMPANY

## How to become a benefactor?

If you want to support the work of the Hastor Foundation, you can donate to one of these bank accounts:

- ASA Banka dd Sarajevo: 1346101000825159
- Unicredit Bank dd Sarajevo: 3389002201775656
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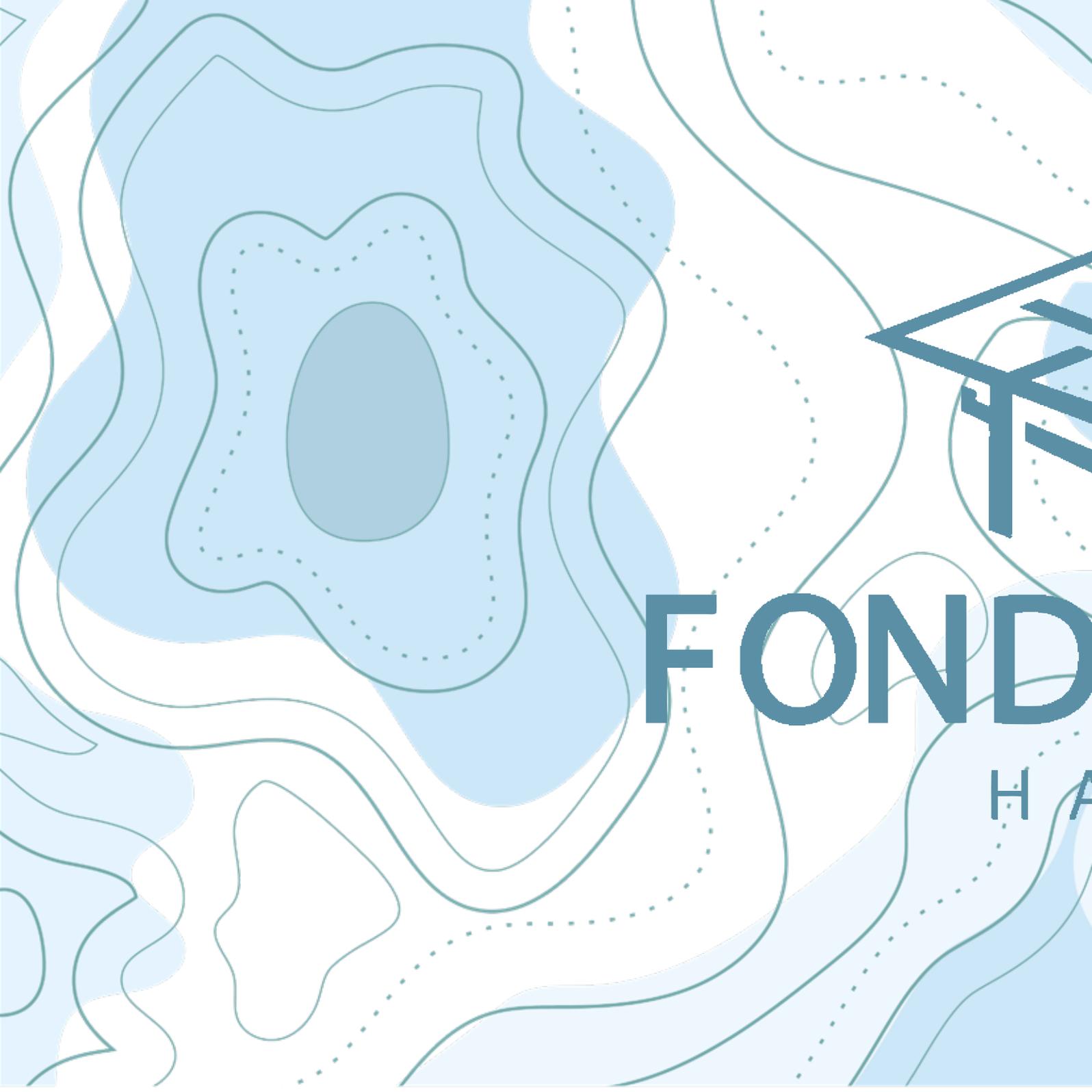


# CLUB OF FRIENDS

In the past thirteen years the Hastor Foundation has been continuously improving the principle and the model of its operations, and due to the commitment and persistence of all those who are part of it, it has evolved into the most recognizable, but also the largest foundation of this type in the area of the entire BH. Along with the number of scholarship holders grew the number of friends and benefactors, the people who have recognized in the Foundation's mission the values that they also champion and who have decided to direct their social responsibility precisely

towards the educational process. Everything that the Foundation nowadays presents as its accomplishment is the result of the synergy of its commitment and the devoted support of the members of our Club of Friends. We are grateful that together with us you live this mission devotedly, and that you believe that only with the knowledge and successful education of young people can we walk courageously on the path of positive changes and a rather brighter future.

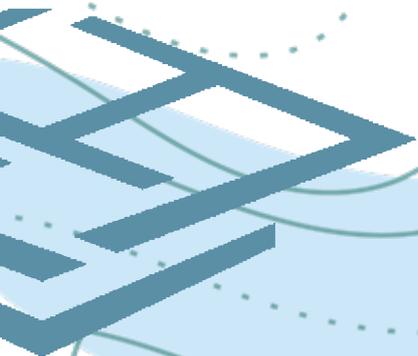




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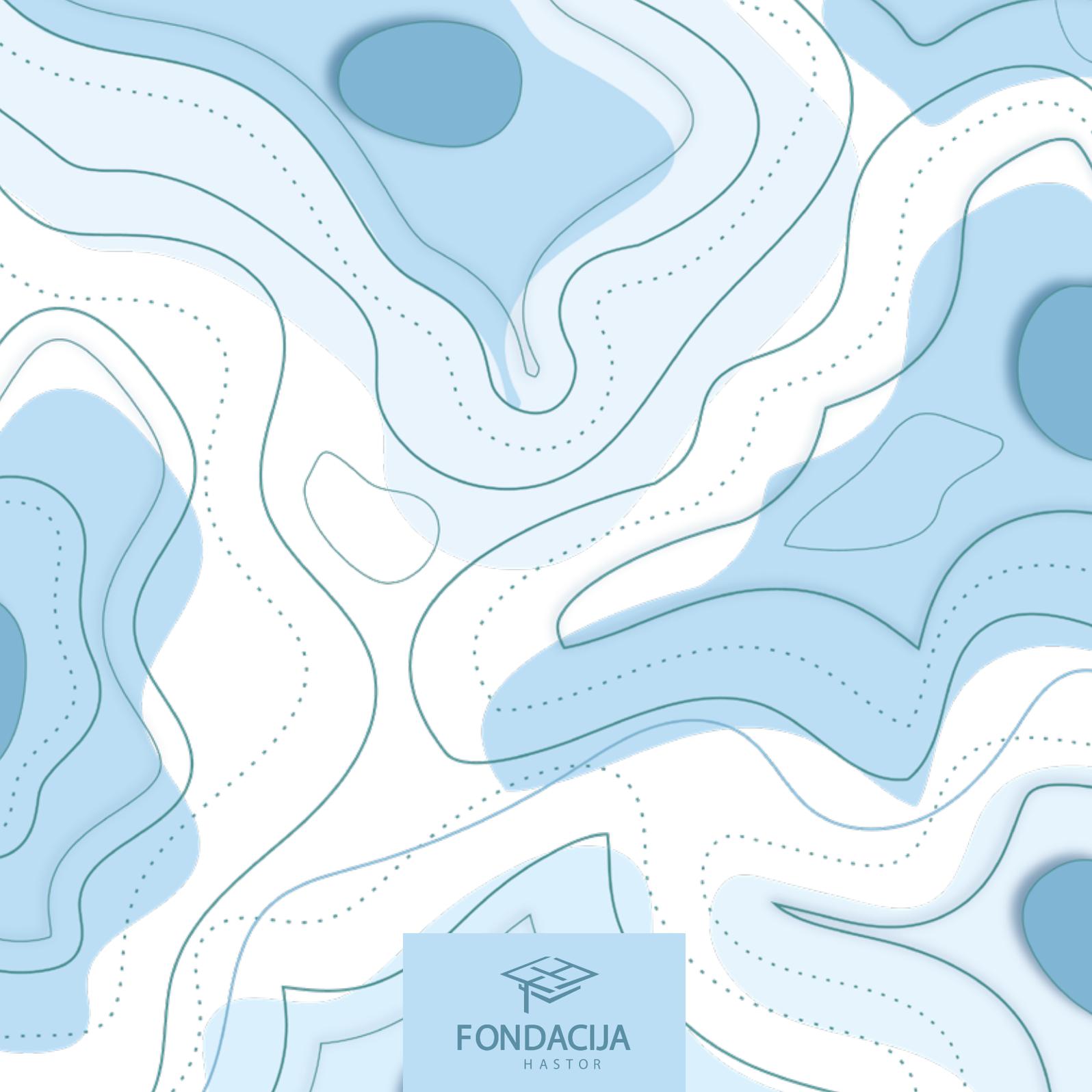
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