

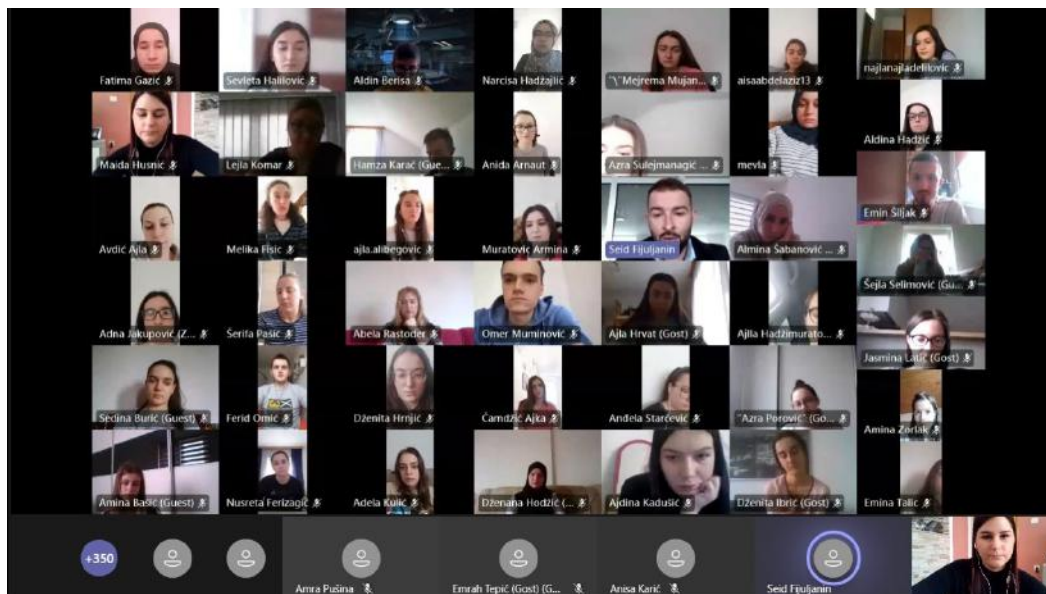
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The start of the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the Hastor Foundation: the monthly meeting of the students – scholarship holders



On Saturday, 17th April of the current year, the scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation have symbolically commemorated the 15th anniversary of Foundation's work. Considering that this is the first monthly meeting since the Foundation acquired 46 new scholarship holders, the meeting began with the presentation of characteristics and the mission of the Foundation itself, since its very conception up to today.

Investing in knowledge and schooling

The Director of the Foundation, Seid Fijulanin, began the presentation by mentioning that on this anniversary of fifteen years, it is his pleasure and honour to return to the very beginning and once again remind everyone that the Hastor Foundation was formed with the goal of helping the youth of Bosnia and Herzegovina through education, and that the Foundation works with the same goal in mind today as well.

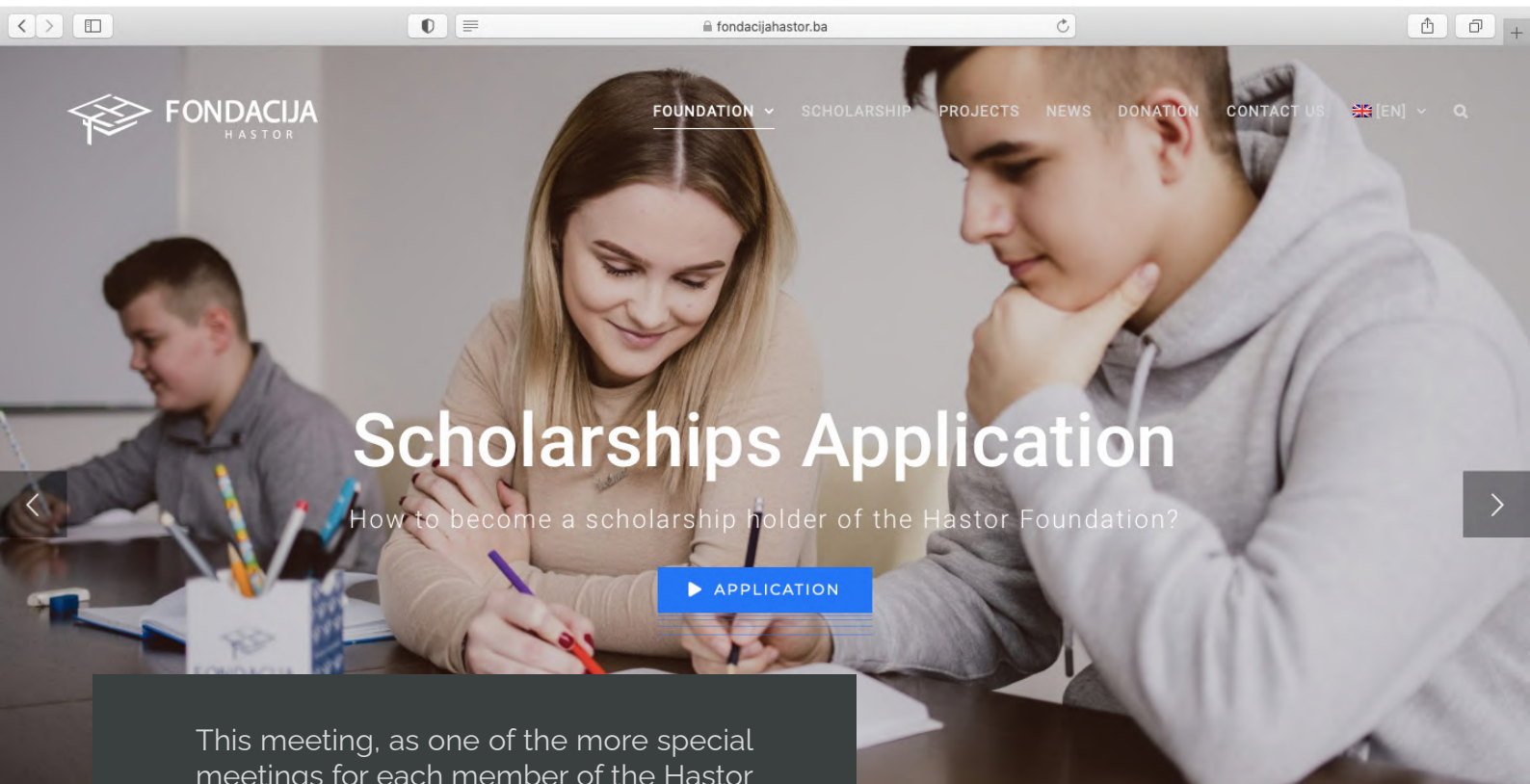
The original desire to invest in the knowledge and education of young people, who were at that time elementary and high school students, had the aim of distributing the acquired knowledge and experience. This main idea is yielding results today. Thanks to a system designed in such a way that senior scholarship holders transfer their knowledge, experiences, and ideas to younger scholarship holders through the volunteering process, the Hastor Foundation today boasts a large number of successful young people who achieve outstanding success in all fields.

This meeting was an opportunity to remind everyone through positive examples from previous years how active the Hastor Foundation scholarship holders have always been. Through volunteering, they first created and then realized numerous ideas and joint projects in their local communities.

Actions such as these have a more noble meaning considering that the scholarship holders feel an attachment to their community since their early childhood. Later, that attachment motivates them to preserve, maintain, and never leave the community. Those are only some of the specific details by which the Foundation is differentiated from other similar organizations.

These were just some of the specifics by which the Hastor Foundation stands out from other similar organizations. The meeting also drew attention to the fact that fifteen years ago, the Hastor Foundation committed itself to philanthropy, working with young people and their professional and personal development. This is also expected from their scholarship holders.

Among other things, the meeting discussed how the Hastor Foundation, as a unique phenomenon in our country, has always dealt with the essence, not the form. That is why, through volunteering as its most important segment, it created a network of young, ambitious and creative people, who help each other, exchange information, and thus improve our society.



This meeting, as one of the more special meetings for each member of the Hastor Foundation, was certainly an opportunity to emphasize once again what an honor and privilege it is to be part of this large and promising community. The scholarship holders confirmed this with positive reactions and mutual congratulations at the very end of the meeting. Feelings of pride that they are part of the Hastor Foundation family are proof that today we are looking at the realization of missions and goals conceived back in 2006.

New web-design

Fifteen years of existence have been marked by redecorating the official website of the Hastor Foundation, which symbolically announced new goals that the Foundation seeks as the unique organization of its kind in Bosnia and Herzegovina and beyond.

MESSAGE FOR THE END

Director Seid Fijuljanin sent an important message at the end, saying that the most important and best resource of the Hastor Foundation are its scholarship holders, and once again reminded us how important it is to strive for knowledge and success because education has always been the choice of winners.

PRESENTING THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

The family of the Hastor Foundation has, in the recent period, gained forty-six new members in its ranks of scholarship holders. In the following text, you will have a chance to get to know them better.

Emir Bakunić

Scholarship holder Emir Bakunić comes from Zenica. Currently, he is a first-year student of the second cycle of studies on the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Sarajevo, Department of Vehicle Engineering.

He was always charmed by motorsports, mostly by Formula 1. His final dream is to become an engineer in this field. That is one of the reasons why he, along with a few colleagues from his department, formed the first Formula Student team of the University of Sarajevo, where the students are making a racing vehicle and hoping that next year they will be competing across Europe. He also states that he is a great lover of nature and he actively goes mountain biking and hiking.



Spending time on a mountain or in a forest gives me a certain sense of humility and it shows me how small man really is and how nature is the one that rules us and not vice versa. Furthermore, I also do powerlifting, a type of fitness training, because I deem that, apart from being educated, it is also necessary to have a healthy and strong body.

I found out about the Hastor Foundation from a colleague at my university and I was charmed by the positive story of volunteering in local communities, which represents one of my primary motivations in working within the Foundation. I believe that with my effort, I can make my local community a little bit better. That is exceptionally important, especially during the pandemic which has hit many people very hard. I think that with the help of the Hastor Foundation, we can do many good deeds for our community.



Nadija Huskić

The scholar Nadija Huskić from Tešanj is currently a second-year student at the Department of Health Studies at the Faculty of Medicine in Tuzla, attending a study program of medical-laboratory diagnostics.

She's chosen this program because she sees the potential and the future in this field of medicine. Her desire is to pursue her academic studies in the field of medical genetics and engineering. Besides studies and volunteering, she loves to spend her free time out in nature with her friends and family.

I heard about the Hastor Foundation from your ex-scholar who introduced me to the world of the huge family of the Foundation's scholars. I was amazed by the stories and experiences from volunteering activities, and I wished I could become a part of them. I feel inspired to be able to share my place in the Foundation with over two thousand ambitious and successful young people and dreamers who believe in a better tomorrow and a better future for our country. I thank you again for giving me the trust and a chance, and I look forward to the years ahead of us!

PRESENTING THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

Ilhana Tinjak

Ilhana Tinjak comes from Sarajevo and is a second-year student at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Sarajevo.

She graduated from the First Bosniak Gymnasium in Sarajevo and she is also an alumnus of the Primary musical school "Mladen Pozajic", where she studied piano. Furthermore, she is a member of the astronomical society "Orion". She claims that she never liked limiting herself by defining only one path of interest or hobby and she also said that, apart from medical studies and natural sciences (especially physics), she is interested in astronomy, astrophysics, art, painting, cinematography and ballet.



My mom was informed about the call for the Hastor Foundation scholarship by her colleague from work who is also an ex-scholarship holder of the Foundation. I was not acquainted with the work of the Foundation. After detailed investigation and reading about the education and work of the Hastor Foundation, I thought that this is truly a beautiful chance for further development and contribution to the community in which I live.

I believe that the contract between me and the Foundation is a beautiful example of symbiosis: Foundation grants me further character development and thanks to them, I contribute to the improvement of the environment and society in which I live.



Ajna Čančar

Ajna Čančar comes from Zenica and is a second-year student of the Polytechnic Faculty at University of Zenica – Department of Software Engineering.

Finishing high school, she found out about the Hastor Foundation from her friends who, as she says, only gave words of praise. That is why she wanted to become a member of a great and successful team, and after her application, she got the opportunity to do so. She spends her free time researching new achievements in the field of medicine and technology, as well as learning new concepts that would help her with further development and success. Moreover, she is very committed to informal education where she, through different seminars and educational activities, widens her knowledge and skills in different areas such as ecology, human rights, technology and history.

During this short period in the Hastor Foundation I spent time with wonderful people who gave me a lot of advice. I was overjoyed by their book suggestions and I learned so much. I want to make an effort to contribute to the Hastor Foundation. I believe that, through my dedication and volunteering, I will manage to help younger scholarship holders in overcoming their obstacles, but I will also learn together with them. I hope that I will be able to reach my goal for contributing in other fields as well. In a very short period, the Hastor Foundation fulfilled my expectations and I hope that I will fulfil theirs.

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Andrej Gradina

Andrej Gradina is a scholarship-holder who comes from Sarajevo. After he had finished Music High School in Sarajevo, Andrej enrolled in the Academy of Music at the University of East Sarajevo, where he is studying guitar under the guidance of Vojislav Ivanović.

Besides studying at the Academy, Andrej is also fond of photography and hiking. As he says, his friends and acquaintances introduced him to the Hastor Foundation's scholarship program; and it was via them that he had found out about the Foundation itself.



Unfortunately, due to the pandemic-related restrictions, we cannot organize gatherings, but it is with a great excitement that I am waiting for the right moment to resume volunteering activities with other scholarship holders, especially the ones that will be realized in local communities. Such volunteering activities would include cleaning the environment where we live, installing trash cans in the places where they are missing, keeping parks in cities clean, as well as maintaining cleanliness generally. I would also like an exhibition to be organized for scholarship holders who are studying fine arts, so that they could present their photographs, paintings, sculptures, written texts, etc. Maybe, we could also organize concerts of classical music and other events where we would have a chance to promote all the other kinds of arts the Hastor Foundation can boast.



Hasen Zejčirović

Hasen Zejčirović comes from a small place called Ratkovići, which is located near the small town of Čelić. He is a third-year student at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Tuzla, where he is studying electrical engineering and energy conversion systems at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

He spends his leisure time in recreational activities. Recently, he became aware of the importance of lifelong learning, so he has been trying to expand his knowledge by reading about the recent breakthroughs in the domain of electro-energetics:

My friends who were scholarship holders introduced me to the work of the Hastor Foundation when I was in high school. I immediately liked the Hastor Foundation's mission and vision, given the fact that the Foundation provides young people with opportunities for networking. Besides giving them a financial and moral support, the Foundation gives us opportunities to exchange ideas with the ambitious people all across Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I do my best to motivate, advise, and encourage the younger scholarship holders so that they can make their ideas and dreams come true. In addition to that, I also try to present various themes that we deal with in a constructive way, that is, by recalling both general knowledge and what I have learned at the Faculty. I believe that the Hastor Foundation's greatest success is the fact that young people have been given a chance to be in the surroundings in which they can freely develop their sense of critical thinking and self-esteem; these two virtues will surely be of great importance in their future professional careers and private lives.

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Aleksandra Đukić

Aleksandra Đukić was born in the Bijeljina. She is currently in the second year of her college studies, studying journalism at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Tuzla.

Besides studying here, Aleksandra is also an accomplished volleyball referee. She has taken part in numerous workshops concerning journalism, youth activism, and democracy.

I had consulted the Hastor Foundation's webpage, gathered the necessary information and decided to apply for its scholarship afterwards. What amazed me the most was the fact that the Hastor Foundation knows no political boundaries (or any others, for that matter) between the two political entities in Bosnia and Herzegovina – this is different from what I had experienced while applying for other scholarship programs. Atop of that, I was especially keen on doing volunteering activities, which, I believe, are extremely important for our future.



Amir Baltić

Amir Baltić is a scholarship holder from Sarajevo, who is currently studying at the Faculty of Medicine of University of Sarajevo.

Prior to enrolling in a high school in Sarajevo, Amir had lived in Macedonia and made various granite products there. Before moving to Sarajevo, he had also been engaged in various sports activities, such as kayaking and playing basketball – he had also been a member of many sports clubs. Nowadays, however, going to the gym is how Amir spends little leisure time that he gets, given the fact that he needs to deal with many college-related obligations. Besides that, Amir also adds that he likes reading books and keeping track of the technological advances in computer science.

I found out about the Hastor Foundation and the call for scholarship program via a website called "stipendije.ba". At that time, I didn't know much about it. While reading about this organization and all the benefits that it brings, I liked the way the Foundation supports pupils and college students to become the best versions of themselves, and, subsequently, teaches them that doing so is the way to be successful in their future careers.



Being a part of the Foundation is challenging, but I am very much grateful for all the selfless support that I have been given. I believe that my resourcefulness, creativity, and good organization skills can contribute to the Foundation, and I can contribute to the Foundation by presenting it in the best possible way from various perspectives.

PRESENTING THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

Amra Pušina

Amra Pušina comes from Ilijaš, and she's a fourth-year student of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sarajevo.

It was her love for books, her fascination with the human being as a universal, thoughtful, and unique being, incomparable with anything else, and her wish to cherish humaneness and altruism - that made her decide to pursue the study of medicine. She's a three-time winner of the Dean's Award for being the best student in her generation. She loves to spend her free time with a good book, movie, music, or just by hanging out, walking, and volunteering.

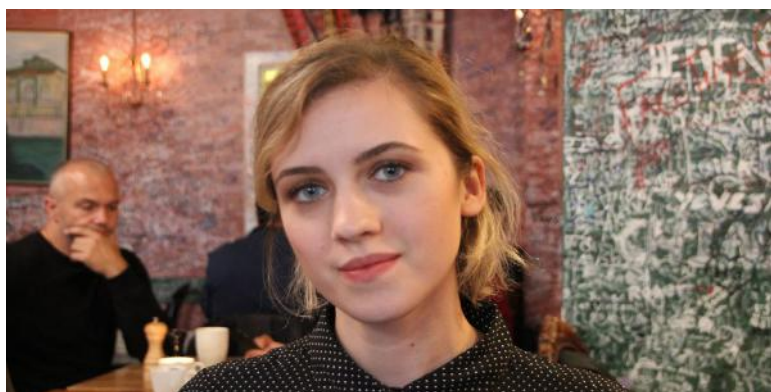
I found out about the Hastor Foundation from social media. I was looking for a long time to find an association where I could share knowledge and experience with others, collaborate, make new contacts, and an association to support me on my path towards progress and success. I was amazed by the activities, projects, and positive and inspiring stories from scholars about the efforts they put in to help young people overcome obstacles and make their dreams come true. I'm happy and proud to be a member of this big family. Alongside my colleagues Nevena and Klaudija, I'm mentoring twenty diligent and wonderful younger scholars, and, even though the pandemic made us communicate differently, we still look forward to our online meetings, hanging out, and studying together.



Nevena Kisin

The scholarship recipient Nevena Kisin lives in Banja Luka where she is studying at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Banja Luka.

She says that the work of Nikola Tesla has been the object of her admiration ever since she was a child. Nevena has always liked reading Tesla's books and was actually inspired by the scientist in the childhood. Given the fact that she had had a wish to understand what Tesla's works were about, Nevena decided to study electro-energetics.



Besides studying, helping people around me is something which fulfils me on a daily basis, especially if I can share the knowledge that I have acquired. Actually, this is the reason why I became a member of BH Futures Foundation in the first year of college studies. It was this Foundation that helped me become a person I am today. Besides that, I found out about the Hastor Foundation when its members organized a collaboration project in combination with Bosnia and Herzegovina Futures Foundation. That's when I wanted to also become a member of the Hastor Foundation, provided that both of the aforementioned Foundations share the same goal of making the education better and providing the youth with better chances in life. In July, I plan to continue the process of education in Germany, so that I can learn practical skills. Regardless of that, I will continue with volunteering activities and the practice of helping others.

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Harun Hadžo

Harun Hadžo is a second-year student at the Department of Computer Sciences at the International University of Sarajevo. Harun is currently studying in Spain at the UMH (Universidad Miguel Hernandez) via an ERASMUS exchange program.

Spending time with family and making home-made juices is how Harun spends his leisure time during the summer vacation. Furthermore, Harun is a computer programmer, and his focus in that domain is directed towards making progress in the field of software development.

I found out about the Hastor Foundation's scholarship program via social media. I believe that working with children is an excellent opportunity and a chance for us to build our self-esteem. Work with children will also enable us to draw a parallel and compare the ambitions that we used to have as children with the ways in which we think about the future today.



Nejra Galijašević

Nejra Galijašević is from Tešanj where she graduated from the Secondary Technical School Tešanj, at the medical technician - nurse department.

She's currently a second-year student of the Department of English Language and Literacy at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Tuzla. In her free time, she enjoys reading, art, and doing independent research in medicinal, linguistical, and other sciences. She was introduced to the benefits of volunteering since primary school when she started volunteering in her local community, and she found out about the Hastor Foundation and its work from her colleague who has been our scholar for many years.

The Foundation, to me, is a great chance to perfect my skills and knowledge but also, at the same time, help my community and transfer my knowledge to future generations. All Hastor Foundation scholars strive towards the same goal - improving and preserving the Bosnian society. The Foundation gives us the best terms and support to achieve this goal together. All Foundation members are like a family and a support system for one another. It's the people who are a part of this family that make the Foundation special and successful.

PRESENTING THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS



Amina Abaspahić

Amina Abaspahić was born in Sarajevo, where she graduated from high school Gazi Husrev Bey's Madresa. After this, she enrolled in the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Sarajevo, where she is studying at the Department of History.

At the moment, Amina is an administrative assistant for a branch of ISHA (International Students of History Association) located in Sarajevo. In her leisure time, she writes articles for online magazines which are concerned with promoting cultural and historic heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Amina's field of inquiry is the history of Middle Age Bosnia.

I found out about the Hastor Foundation's scholarship program via social media, since many scholarship websites wrote about it. I had been familiar with the work of the Hastor Foundation, and at the same time, I had been reluctant to apply for its scholarship because the competition was tough. Regardless of that, I decided to make the first step – to apply for the scholarship – and I am a member of this big family now. With this in mind, I am grateful to the Hastor Foundation, because it lets us know that there is an organization which appreciates and validates hard work and putting an effort into something.

Tina Raspudić

Tina Raspudić is from Sarajevo and she's a second-year student at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Sarajevo.

During her free time, Tina does karate, swimming, drawing, and she's interested in sudoku, brain games, IQ tests, the Rubik's cube, LEGOs, and everything that stimulates creativity, logic, and deepens the range of our view on the world.

I heard about the work and activities of the Hastor Foundation much earlier, but I learned more details from a couple of my friends who have been scholars for some time already. I'm happy that there's a way to, together with the Foundation, help and improve the image of our community work.



Abela Rastoder

Our scholar Abela Rastoder was born in Sarajevo and, after graduating from the Third Gymnasium, she enrolls into the Faculty of Law, where she's currently a second-year student.

Besides her studies, she spends her free time studying foreign languages and literacy, and she's fluent in four foreign languages. When it comes to hobbies, she singles out volleyball, singing, and writing. She pays attention to both formal and informal education. She's active in the organization CEI "Nahla", and the Youth Club "Tignum".



I found out about the Hastor Foundation via a website that publishes calls to scholarship applications, and I followed the Foundation's work before the application itself. The cyclic relations of support in the Hastor Foundation are undisputable. By financing and supporting young people, the Foundation helps us and our families, whereas we react to the support and the stimulus with volunteering work. The Hastor Foundation is an amazing chance for personal and professional improvement, but also for networking with young and up-and-coming people, the members of this great family.

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER OF THE MONTH

Emrah Tepić

The best indicators of success in the work of the Hastor Foundation are the successes of its scholarship holders.

One of our scholarship holders, Emrah Tepić, exemplifies the virtues that all of our scholarship holders possess - entrepreneurship, commitment, willingness to work, and commitment to volunteer activities. In accordance with his dedication, he holds the title of the scholarship holder of the month of the Hastor Foundation.



Emrah's story begins in Bihać, where he was born. Since he's been blind from his birth, he constantly faced various forms of discrimination and prejudice. Despite that, he never lost his spirit and, as he says, he always tried to find happiness.

For the sake of schooling, in 2005 he came to Sarajevo with his family. He received his primary and secondary education at the Centre for the Blind and Visually Impaired Children and Youth. Despite certain health problems, he was an excellent student during his education at the Centre and always fulfilled his obligations regularly. He is currently a student at the Faculty of Political Science, Department of Political Studies, majoring in Government Management. Emrah says that, although it is the final year of the first cycle of studies, that will not stop him from pursuing further education in this field. He plans to continue his master's studies at the same faculty. The Foundation provides a lot of support for him:

I see the Hastor Foundation as one big family and my second home. It played a big role in my life. Thanks to the Foundation, my self-confidence improved, and I got an optimistic outlook on life. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Hastor Foundation for making us winners, great and successful people. It is always there for us and accompanies us throughout our lives.

He has been a scholarship holder of the Foundation for five years. It was the basis for his volunteer engagement because it was through the Foundation that he became acquainted with volunteering. Thanks to the Foundation, Emrah became a member of other associations such as the Association of Blind of Canton Sarajevo, the initiative "Give us a Chance", the association "Independent Step" and the Office of Student Support. But the story of him does not end here. He also became a member of a project called My Job, led by a Czech humanitarian and development organization of a project called People in Need.

The goal of this project, as Emrah states, is economic empowerment and employment of people with disabilities. Also, as part of this project, the campaign "I want to be part of society" was recently launched. This campaign aims to raise awareness among the general public of Bosnia and Herzegovina about the rights and equality of persons with disabilities.

On the motivation to volunteer during the COVID-19 pandemic, Emrah reveals:

Volunteering during the pandemic is quite a difficult challenge for me, considering that everything takes place online, and for me as a blind person, working in person means a lot. In my online work, a big problem for me is that I don't have any physical contact with people. To me as a blind person, the physical presence of a person means a lot. Before the pandemic, my mentor Irena Karamehmedović came to me and we were able to do volunteer tasks within the Foundation. Irena also helped me with my college assignments and the results were outstanding.



The Hastor Foundation is proud that its team is made up of young people like Emrah, who with optimism and great self-confidence are heading straight into the future, making big steps along the way.

RAM - SECTION OF ACTIVE YOUTH

RAM is, by definition, the working memory of the computer. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, "the working memory" represents proactive and diligent young folks who set an example for the society our country needs through their actions. With this section, we'll present several active young Hastor Foundation scholars who, besides volunteering, do amazing things to represent the Foundation in the best spotlight!



ELMA HASANSPAHIĆ

Elma Hasanspahić is a first-year student at the Faculty of Economics, University of Zenica and has been a scholarship holder of our foundation since 2018. Elma points out that she is proud that the Hastor Foundation was the first step she took towards her activist engagement and that she now understands the importance of volunteering and contributing to the community.

Becoming a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation and starting with the meetings, which were held live at the time, the two 5-hour weekends were an escape from any kind formality for me as I slowly entered the world of non-formal education.

During that period, Elma attended the third grade of her Economics High School and made the decision to join her school's Student Council because she began to critically analyze the things that required change. At the first session, she was elected as the president of the Student Council of the Economics High School in Zenica. For her, a seventeen-year-old, this was one big responsibility, since the school had four hundred students at the time.

The next step on her path of activist engagement was the Network of Student Councils of Zenica-Doboj Canton, which started molding Elma into a hearty activist. It was here that the first fruits of her labor began to be seen. The following year, she was elected to the same position, thus rewriting the history of the school - no one had performed that function for two years in a row before.

The Association of High School Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ASuBiH) provided wonderful memories to many high school students. Elma is no exception. By becoming a member, she was given the opportunity to travel across the country and participate in many camps and seminars that were extremely important for the development of her leadership skill and many similar skills. For some time, she was a member of the world's largest youth organization AIESEC, which provided her with a large amount of knowledge in the field of project management.

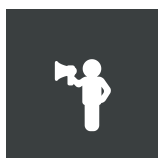
I can freely say that the pandemic has done its thing and that most activities have been moved to the online sphere, but I still try to contribute to my community and encourage others to do the same. The contribution that I am most proud of is participating in the implementation of the initiative of the Youth Center Zenica, where I was trained as a manager. Today Zenica has a functional space that brings together all young people in this community. Participating in this story made me really proud.



RAM - SECTION OF ACTIVE YOUTH



Even as a child, Elma fantasized about the stage and herself on the boards that represent life, and this year she got the opportunity to do that. After an audition, she got a role in the play "Youth in the Age of Corona", where she was able to express her dissatisfaction as a young person who went through a pandemic. The goal was to convey to people the message of how young people feel in a time like this. She is immensely grateful to the Studio Theater, which awakened in her an even greater love for the theater and in which she met wonderful people. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of that same theater.



At the beginning of 2021, my colleagues and I started a new non-governmental organization in Zenica called "Rotaract Club", which operates within the Rotary Club Zenica, where we try to point out the importance of volunteering and community engagement to our members.

In addition to everything we just stated, Elma has acquired many certificates, won many debate competitions and hackathons and made many beautiful memories during these three short years. In the end, what's especially important is that she doesn't intend to stop here. In her opinion, it is very important for young people to be active members of their community. She says that because she truly believes in the saying that the world rests on young people. She sees us young people as those who must change society.

As I already mentioned, the Hastor Foundation was my first step towards and the foundation of my activist engagement, which I am immensely proud of. I am proud that the Foundation extends throughout the entirety of my activist engagement. It is always there for me and encourages me and I definitely consider it my biggest supporter throughout my journey. My message for the Foundation's scholarship holders is - the best project you will have the opportunity to work on is yourself. That is why it is important that you work on yourself, your skills and competencies, realize the importance of volunteering and non-formal education, and that you develop critical thinking abilities and change the society in which you live.

REPORT OF THE MONTH

Dženana Mehmedović

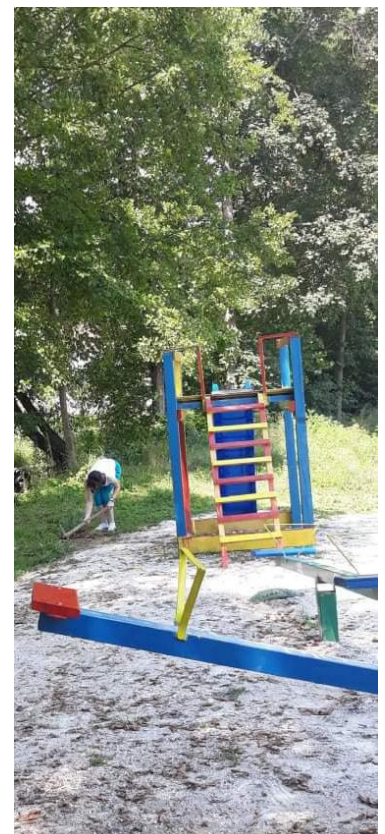
Volunteer engagement

I started this month's local volunteering at 10 o'clock. This time, I decided to help a small group of young people remodel a children's playground in our local community. We all know that children are the future, and seeing them smile makes us feel special, which is why I decided to contribute to their happiness and joy.

Before we started remodelling, we first made a plan of action for our small project - deciding what to do and how to do it.

A children's playground should be colourful and cheerful, so we first brought a little colour into their world, painting swings, seesaws, slides, and everything else on our small playground. Since Earth Day was on April 22, after we finished painting, we picked up the garbage we found on and around the playground. We also planted flowers and pine trees, to make it all look as beautiful and tidy as possible. Of course, we did not forget about the birds, which are regular guests on our playground, so we managed to make a birdhouse so that the children could leave breadcrumbs for them.

I have to say that my day went wonderfully, and I knew that all the effort was worth it since the children were overjoyed to see their little oasis of happiness. A little effort from us can really mean a lot to others.



THROUGH THE LENS



Vanja Muratović



Adisa Bajramović



Andrej Gradina



Hasen Zejčirović



Berun Agić



Ajka Čamdžić



Majida Hasković



Merima Osmanović



Said Kamenica

My second home

Hastor Foundation
It's my second home
in it I met
hundred of friends.

It follows the rules,
love, harmony, order,
Work and peace,
they echo in it.

Mentors Ajka, Irma and Eldina
Spread knowledge, teach us
everything
they are kind and wonderful.

Enisa, Kerim, Merjem, Hena
Are true friends,
we all agree and we lack nothing.

Hastor Foundation
Is our little paradise,
our Foundation
has a real glow.

Harun Karić

Elementary school „Avdo Smailović”, Sarajevo



INTERESTING FACTS



Artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence (AI) describes the field of computer science that deals with the development of intelligent tools, machines, apparatus and applications that react and learn like humans. The technological design of the AI system includes the understanding and analysis of language, speech or even image. In this way, the system learns how to react or solve a certain task. This system was made to make everyday responsibilities and tasks easier for humanity.

HOW IS THIS ACHIEVED?

■ Sophia?

Artificial Intelligence is a system found in almost every device we use today, starting with Google Assistant and some other applications that have a similar function. The AI system is very useful for the human population, but we must understand that it cannot replace humans. Based on this intelligence, a third-generation robot named Sophia was created.

Sophia is able to speak, communicate with people and adapt to their behavior, and she is also able to simulate a person's facial expressions and movements. She can convey more than 60 emotions. Sophia was created on the basis of speech recognition technology from the parent company "Alphabet", which was founded by Google. All of this is a product of artificial intelligence. The applications we use today, such as Google Maps, Google Translate, etc. are all available thanks to these technologies.

The projects that are being developed today and that are based on this system are in line with the approach of the European Union and make life easier for humanity on a daily basis. One such project is the production of self-driving cars. What does this mean? While driving, a person will be able to perform other tasks. Thanks to the AI system, the car will drive itself. This type of car, which is controlled by AI systems, uses sensors that play the role of sight, hearing, and motor actions.

The development of artificial intelligence is not the goal in itself but serves the purpose of making human life easier. If you want to find out more about this topic, we warmly recommend movies about the robot Sophia and generally about robotics and artificial intelligence such as „*Sophia Awakens*“.

LET'S BE (MORE) COMPETITIVE!

HOW TO LEAVE A POSITIVE FIRST IMPRESSION?

In the 21st century, success during your education is not enough to make you attractive on an international level, level of study or employment.

It is not uncommon to see and hear that young people who have recently graduated or obtained a master's degree are unemployed, even though they sent in their biographies (Curriculum Vitae) for several job applications. Fewer and fewer young people know how to use the online resources that they have at their disposal (eg. using e-mail correctly). Educations, seminars, exchange programs are this section's goals, but it also strives to show how students on the international level work on their own improvement.

In today's society, when just a few seconds are enough to make an impression of someone, it is very important to know how to use those few seconds to your advantage in the right way. First impressions can very easily be crucial for your desired employment, internship opportunity or participation in an informal educational seminar. This month, through the "Let's be (more) competitive!" section, we will give you a few tips on how to leave a positive first impression.

Choose your clothing combination carefully!

For a good first impression, it is very important to carefully choose the clothing combination, clothing colours and shoes.

If you wear an item of clothing (e.g. jacket, shirt) that does not fit you perfectly or is a number higher or lower, it can have a negative effect on the person on the other side of the conversation. Appropriate clothing in a size that suits you ideally will leave a far more positive impression of you as a confident, flexible and successful person. Shoes are also important for a positive first impression - if they are not clean and suitable for choosing clothes, they can leave the impression that you are lazy or careless, which you certainly do not want. Neatness is often associated with conscientiousness, so it is extremely important to pay attention to the fact that both clothes and shoes are neat. The choice of clothing colour is still a matter of personal preference, but research shows that among the respondents who got the desired job, the most selected colours are black and blue. However, it is important to keep in mind that the choice of colours needs to be adapted to the occasion - if you are applying for a creative job, where diversity is nurtured, bright colours are not a bad option.

Handshaking is important!

The first impression, in addition to visual appeal, is also achieved by shaking hands when meeting.

Your handshake can say a lot about your character to the person you meet. Firm handshake is a sign of extroversion, emotional expression, but also ability and self-confidence. When shaking hands, it is advisable to make eye contact and smile at the person you are meeting. If your handshake is too strong, it can be a sign of aggression and a desire for dominance, and if it is too weak, it shows that you are insecure. That is why it is important to find a safe balance of the strength of the handshake.

Be friendly!

To make a positive first impression, it is extremely important that you are friendly.

If you are eye-catching and smiling, enthusiastic and optimistic, you will get the impression of an approachable person with whom it is easy to talk, and every employer certainly wants such a person in the team. Don't be afraid to reveal some of your personal tags or ask questions of the person you are talking to. When you ask questions, it gives the impression that you are actively listening to the interlocutor. Remember to mention the name of your interlocutor in the conversation, as this will give the impression that the person recognizes and appreciates him/her.

Come on time!

For a positive first impression, it is inevitable that you arrive on time, no matter who you want to leave a positive impression on.

It is ideal to arrive 10-15 minutes earlier, but not earlier than that, because the person (if you are waiting for an important conversation) with whom you are meeting could feel the pressure to hurry. What is important is not to be late, because being late gives the impression that you are unreliable and that the time of your interlocutor is not important to you, so you should rather start the conversation earlier due to possible traffic jams.

We hope these tips have helped you better understand how to leave a positive first impression!

POETRY CORNER

What colour is the flower that sprouts from the bourgeon of youth?

What colour is the flower that sprouts from the bourgeon of youth?

When I found out, I would touch all the joys.

If it's blue,

Maybe it looks like the sky

So it lets you fly high, free

Without falling to the ground, weary.

If it's pink,

It is the blossom that rises on the trees

So it smells to me like spring and ancient love

Never on the autumn hardly dreamed out.

If it's, on the other hand, green,

It's the grass I walk barefoot on

So I wander into a world without evil and sorrow

And as soon as I get back to this world, I would dream again.

If it's grey,

Then it's that terrible cloud

Who was born over our heads before the rain

So we run, not knowing what Grace walks with him.

You know, poetess,

This flower does not bloom the same for everyone.

And without it, you don't even know if you are there.

To someone it's happily yellow,

While someone's paints its way with blackness.

What you need to know is that to everyone

But really to everyone

It eventually withers

And then it no longer matters what colour it was.

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