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Scholarship Holder Ada Avdagić Named the Olympic Hope of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sometimes we imagine what it would feel like to be among the best in the world how that would influence as people. These fantasies often end up as mere daydreams and seem like unattainable goals that are difficult to fulfill. However, sometimes life completely surprises us and shows us that, if we work hard enough and practice, even our biggest dreams can come true. One of the athletes who is at the very top of the world ranking list when it comes to taekwondo is our scholarship holder Ada Avdagić, who is first on the world WTE list of juniors up to 42 kg.

Ada Avdagić is ninth-grader at the Fatima Gunić Elementary School in Sarajevo and has been a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation since 2019.

She is an excellent student and an extremely successful athlete. Although she is only 15 years old, she has already achieved results that many athletes with a much longer career can only dream of.



Before she started practicing taekwondo, she went to ballet classes, but with its dynamics, fantastic foot techniques and jumps, taekwondo won her heart. It meant a lot to her, because her father was also involved in this martial art, and it was he who took her to the first lesson in 2012. After only one year of training, she began to participate in various competitions and then began a series of enviable successes in the world of sports. Although she says that there have been defeats in her sports career, she cannot deny the fact that her successes and victories are much greater, and that her failures only motivated her to work even harder and get better. When she wins a tournament, Ada does not stop, but takes confident steps towards new victories.

I was carried away by the adrenaline of the tournament, the fights and the feeling when they say my name on the podium and award me a medal, says Ada, who was declared the national champion five times in a row in the period from 2016 to 2020.



As Ada grew, the trainings became more serious and harder, she started participating in much more demanding tournaments, mostly those of an international character with much stronger competition. After a while, she received an invitation for the national team of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and achieved her first great successes at the European Championships and G-Class tournaments, which are among the most elite taekwondo tournaments. She won a total of 18 medals at G1 tournaments, of which 11 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze.

In 2018, she became the European cadet club champion and won a bronze medal at the European Cadet Championship. Ada continued to be the European Junior Club Champion in 2020 and was then declared the most promising athlete in Sarajevo Canton. In addition to this title, 2020 brought her another significant title awarded by the Sports Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the title of the best junior of Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2020.

Sport has a significant educational role in the lives of children and young people, as it contributes to the development of their physical, intellectual and moral characteristics. Playing sports provides significant opportunities for socialization and coping in society, and in young people it can have positive effects in preventing and reducing socially unacceptable and harmful habits and behaviors.

Through childhood and sports, she learned a lot about virtues such as discipline, responsibility and perseverance. Despite all the successes, Ada always strives to be a good and modest person who does not brag much about her successes and tries to be a good friend and to help everyone as much as she can.





Although it is hard to believe that in addition to all the obligations around taekwondo and numerous competitions, Ada has time for anything else, she still likes to draw and play the piano in her free time. She even went to music school, but had to leave in order to devote her full attention to the sport she loves the most and that fills her emotionally.



The coronavirus pandemic had stopped sports activities around the world, and after a while, she recently had a chance to participate in one international tournament. The tournament called "G1 Sofia Open 2021" is an Olympic points tournament that gathered 980 competitors from 48 countries. Due to specific circumstances, Ada and the other competitors had to stay in the official hotel of the tournament and could not leave after they entered the facility on the first day. The competition took place in the congress hall of the hotel, and Ada waited for her fights in the hotel room where she warmed up, following the sequence of fights via live stream. She went straight to the fighting area using an elevator that went down to the arena. She had two fights, the first with a French competitor, and the final with a competitor from Serbia, and both fights ended with victories at the points break, after which she became the winner of the fifth gold medal in the junior competition. Ada says that this competition was a completely new experience for her, because she had to perform in specific epidemiological conditions. Recently, she participated in a competition in Serbia, which served as a kind of preparation for the next competitions.

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In addition to her parents who give her endless support, coach Ibrahim Kolja is also a great support for her, when she says that he greatly contributed to her success. The Hastor Foundation also has an indispensable place in her life.



The Hastor Foundation and the scholarship I receive have a special place in my life, because I feel like a part of a big and successful family, and at the same time it is my first scholarship after which things in sports life and affirmation somehow went uphill. I like to volunteer with my group, hang out and share different experiences. As much as possible, I try not to miss our joint online meetings unless I have some competition or additional training. I try to be an active member of the Hastor family, because I feel that, that is my contribution and appreciation to the Hastor Foundation for the trust shown.

After finishing primary school, Ada chose to enrol in the Fifth Gymnasium in Dobrinja – sports department. Many medals and awards are just the beginnings of Ada's successful sports story and we are looking forward to all future successes that we believe will be more than ever. In the following period, Ada goes to competitions in Niš, and after that in Sofia, after which the State Championship of Bosnia and Herzegovina awaits her. With her first place on the world WTE list of taekwondo, Ada showed that dreams can become reality if we believe in them and if we invest enough strength, effort and will in them. What our athlete strives for and what is the dream of every athlete is to gain the right to Olympic qualifications in the next few years and to perform at the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024 through them. Ada is on a great path, because she was declared by the Olympic Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina as the Olympic hope of our country for the Olympic Games in Paris 2024.



There is one message for the scholarship holders of Hastor Foundation, and that is to believe in their dreams.

My message to scholarship holders is that they need to believe in their dreams, to constantly work on themselves and to be aware that every effort and sacrifice will bring results and success from time to time.

PRESENTING THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

In the past period, the Hastor Foundation family has become richer by forty-six new members in the ranks of scholarship students. Below you have the opportunity to meet some of them!



Hana Kunić

Scholarship holder Hana Kunić comes from Jajce and is a second-year student at the Faculty of Political Sciences at the University of Sarajevo, Department of International Relations and Diplomacy.

Hana has been involved in volunteering and activism in several non-governmental organizations for a long time and has had the opportunity to participate in many youth exchanges in Bosnia and Herzegovina and beyond. She says that non-formal education, volunteering and activism have awakened her desire to work with young people, and that the Hastor Foundation encourages leadership and progress of young people in all segments, which additionally motivated her to apply for the competition.



I heard about the Hastor Foundation from a close friend, but also through social media. I really liked the opportunities that the Hastor Foundation offers to young people that hold their scholarships. The reason for this is that the Foundation, in addition to financial support, also provides us with the opportunity to work positively on our local communities through volunteering, making small changes that ultimately produce a great impact. My goal is to encourage as many young people as possible to do what they love and to positively influence their local community and others around them.

Adna Salković

Adna Salković is from Sarajevo and is currently a second-year student at the Department of Computer Science at SSST (Sarajevo School of Science and Technology).

For a long time, she has been following the footsteps of successful students and is currently performing the function of a demonstrator in two courses – Calculus and Programming and Problem Solving. She points out that she found out about the Foundation much earlier than she became a member of it, and that she read about activities and volunteer work on social networks.



Given the kind of introversion of my future profession, I was looking for something that would open my extroverted side, and I found that something in the work of the Hastor Foundation. Volunteering and working with other young people opens up my other side, the one I try to bring to life whenever I have free time.

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Emina Kukuljac

Emina Kukuljac was born in Sarajevo and is a third-year student at the Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo.

In addition to achieving notable results in college and many projects, Emina spends her free time doing makeup, reading books, training and helping younger students master their material.



I learned about the Foundation and the way it takes care of its scholarship holders thus creating a large family and connection from my TA Lejla Ramić, who was a long-term scholarship holder of the Foundation. I also learned from her that there is still someone who appreciates hard work and effort. It is through helping young people that I believe I can contribute to the work of the Foundation, whose main mission is to improve education and support the achievement of success and goals.



Edna Porča

Scholarship holder Edna Porča is from Visoko and is currently studying at Burch International University at the Faculty of Education and Humanities, Department of Graphic Design and Multimedia.

In addition to the faculty, she works as a "YES" alumni coordinator, leads and supports the alumni of the "Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study" (YES) program so that they can work on projects useful to their community. She also actively works on educating young people through projects such as teaching English, and spends her free time in nature and reading books.



In the past two months, as a member of the Hastor Foundation, I have already learned a lot about professionalism, work and collegiality. I believe that with my activity, creativity, and diligence I can contribute to the improvement of the work of the Hastor Foundation, and I intend to actively work on that. My goal is to use the acquired knowledge for the purpose of improving the work of the Foundation, but also my local community.

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Samra Đuderija

Samra Đuderija is a second-year student at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Sarajevo. She says she opted for these studies because she wants to help people and give them hope that things will be better.

Although she doesn't have much free time because of her studies, Samra has been writing medical articles for the ABC Doctors website for a long time. In addition, she regularly volunteers in kindergarten and in this way, as she points out, prepares for her future vocation and profession.

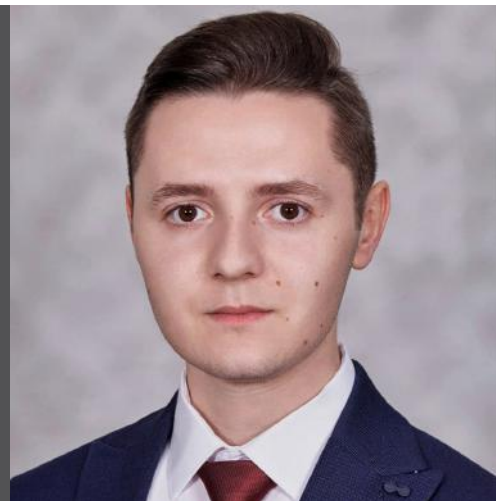


I had heard all about the Hastor Foundation from a friend and I always admired these positive stories. In the end I decided to join this community, a family that has a great impact on us and our education. What attracted me the most were certainly the activities related to working in the local community and volunteering, through which I already help others, but I also upgrade my own knowledge and skills.

Ajdin Karić

Ajdin Karić has recently joined the team of successful scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation. Ajdin comes from Srebrenik and is a second-year student at Burch International University in the Department of Management.

Even during his high school education, Ajdin, as he says, understood the importance of youth activism and non-formal education, was involved in many extracurricular activities, and eventually became a certified youth leader in the training "UMiD 16" organized by the Institute for Youth Development "KULT".



I found out about the Hastor Foundation through stories and recommendations from friends, over time I started to follow its entire work more actively on social networks, and finally decided to apply to become a part of this positive story. The thing that attracted me the most was volunteering – the opportunity to selflessly do good and give advice. I find that volunteering helps people around me and eases the daily responsibilities of others, and thus changes my environment. Being a member of the Foundation is a great pleasure and honour for me, it gives me motivation to continue to progress and achieve new successes.

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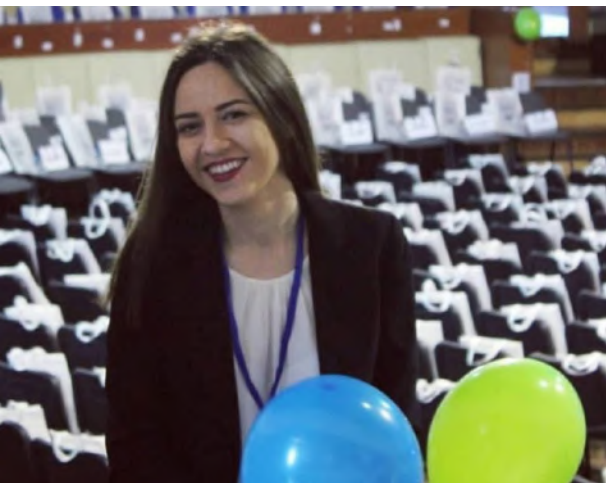
Said Kamenica

Scholar Said Kamenica lives in Sarajevo and studies at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo.

He is currently in his fourth year at the Department of English Language and Literature. He spends his free time doing various activities such as reading books, translating texts, hiking, and other sports. A friend suggested that he should apply for a Hastor Foundation scholarship, and he decided to collect the necessary information from the official website of the Foundation.



After I decided to apply, it took me reading very little about the Hastor Foundation to be able to see that it is truly a unique organization in Bosnia and Herzegovina that provides young people with opportunities for development and advancement in all fields. With this in mind, I feel a great honour to be part of this collective that will, of course, have a great impact on the future development of the emotional, professional and intellectual domains of my life.



Azra Porović

Scholarship holder Azra Porović from Sarajevo has always been attracted by numbers and for that reason she decided to enrol at the Faculty of Economics, University of Sarajevo.

She is currently completing her undergraduate studies at the Department of Management and is attending the Business Analytics course. In addition to college, she likes to play sports the most and tries to spend as much time as possible with friends or family in nature.



I accidentally saw the scholarship competition on the Internet on the last day of application. With a few hours left until the application time ends, I decided to collect and send the documentation almost without expecting that I would become a scholarship holder. I thought, I have a great grade point average, but I'm in my final year and surely a lot of people have signed up, there's no chance of passing. I am now proud to have taken that step and become part of this great family.

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Semina Bulić

Scholarship holder Semina Bulić is a student at the International University of Burch at the Faculty of Education and Humanities, Department of Graphic Design and Multimedia.

She currently performs the function of the representative of her department, as well as the function of the representative of her faculty in the Student Parliament of IBU. She is trying to focus her interest on other segments and this year she was the vice president of the club "PixelCrew" at her faculty and is currently working on the project "Video Art and the Future", where she is shooting a short film to be shown at Cambridge University in Great Britain. She points out that she enjoys photographing shadows and that recently, with the help of her mentor, she told the story "Migrants in Sarajevo" through photographs.



I found out about the Hastor Foundation from a friend who suggested that I should apply to be a part of this wonderful family. I am sorry that I have not done this before, but I am overjoyed that I immediately got the opportunity to be a part of a family that believes in young people, in their education and dreams. When the director of the Hastor Foundation welcomed me to the Foundation, I felt great motivation and satisfaction with myself and my work and I was sure that the Hastor Foundation was the right place for me, a place where I am happy, useful and appreciated.

Lejla Hasić

Scholarship holder Lejla Hasić from Bihać is a third-year student at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sarajevo.

In her free time, she likes to walk her dog, read books, and hang out with friends. She has always been attracted to traveling and tried to visit as many countries as possible, so that she could learn a lot about the cultures and customs of various countries and the people who live there.



I learned about the Foundation through social networks. By researching the goal of the Foundation and the way it works, I realized that one of the most important successes is the way in which the Foundation tries to direct every young person, especially students, to maximize their potential and create a fulfilled person full of knowledge, motivation and desire for progress and success.

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Hanna Helać

Hanna Helać comes from Sarajevo and is a third-year student at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sarajevo.

In addition to college, she spends her free time dancing which fulfils her and has been her love since childhood. During elementary and high school, she practiced hip-hop dance, and now recreationally trains Latin American dances. Hanna enjoys learning new languages, reading books, traveling and interesting TV shows when she finds time for them.



I have been familiar with the work of the Hastor Foundation since my high school days, however, it was only in my third year of studying that I decided to apply for a scholarship. Most of the information I had about the Foundation was either from the media (social networks) or from acquaintances who are part of the Foundation. The very idea of the Foundation, which encourages ambitious young people to make progress, was one of the main reasons why I want to become a member of it.

Haris Berilo

Haris Berilo from Sarajevo is a third year student at the International University in Sarajevo at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering. He is studying at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.



I love computers and everything related to them, the technology and internet culture which fascinates me immensely. Beyond these main interests, I like to research about physics, sci-fi books, texts and video games. In addition to my studies, I am a member of the Student Parliament at the University and I have my own club focused on promoting UN principles.



Haris learned about the work of the Hastor Foundation from a friend and decided to research all the information on the website himself.

When I researched even more, I was just further impressed and convinced that the chance to be a part of the Foundation should not be missed!

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Lejla Đapo

Scholarship holder Lejla Đapo from Sarajevo is studying at the Faculty of Computer Science at the University of Sarajevo.

Lejla is currently in her second year, and in her spare time she volunteers for many NGOs. She often participates in various seminars and trainings that deal with topics such as entrepreneurship, leadership and innovation. She loves traveling meeting many new cultures around the world.



I found out about the work of the Hastor Foundation through social networks and I decided to contribute to the fulfillment of their goal by becoming a scholarship holder. I give my contribution to the Foundation through volunteer engagement, which gives scholarship holders the opportunity to exchange knowledge and skills. It is my pleasure to be a part of this family whose members are young people who are actively making changes in their communities.



Emrah Jamaković

Emrah Jamaković is a scholarship holder who comes from Visoko and is a second-year student at the Polytechnic Faculty in Zenica at the Department of Software Engineering.

In his free time he studies web development, volunteers in the humanitarian organization "Merhamet" and plays the violin. He also participates in debates and received the title of debater of the year in the Zenica-Doboj Canton in 2018.



I first heard about the Hastor Foundation immediately after enrolling in my first year of college when a colleague, who was a member of the Foundation, mentioned to me the way the Foundation works and how scholarship holders have the opportunity to help others through their volunteering activities. I then collected the necessary data from the Hastor Foundation website and decided to apply for a scholarship.

Ilda Šut

Ilda Šut is a second-year student at the Medical Faculty of the University of Zenica, Department of General Medicine.

In his free time, she likes to read and write, spend time in nature and hang out with friends. She believes that free time is as important as the time we spend preoccupied with obligations, because that's when we get to know ourselves, our desires, and goals.



I found out about the Hastor Foundation from a friend who has been a scholarship holder for many years. What impressed me the most at the Foundation is certainly volunteering, which encourages me to be responsible, perform tasks on time and develop other skills. I sincerely hope that through my volunteer work I will contribute to the work of the Foundation.

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER OF THE MONTH

Almina Šabanović

The team of the Hastor Foundation is made up of ambitious, responsible, and successful young people who contribute to the Foundation's work with volunteerism. Exactly those values adorn Almina Šabanović, a second-year student attending the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, at the Department for Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian Language. This month, Almina rightfully became our scholarship holder of the month.



After graduating from Gazi Husrev-bey's madrasah, inspired by her love towards language and literature, she continued her academic education in the field that she always dreamt about. She chose her future profession as a teacher purely out of her love for what she studied. Through various extracurricular activities and school clubs, this was something that interested her since primary school. Even then, while writing short poems, she was a part of the recitation club and through literary evenings and similar events she already started sailing into the vast world of literature and language, in which she is currently sailing safely and boldly. Her sailing continued in high school through membership in the editorial board of the school magazine "Zemzem", in which she published her own poetry. Furthermore, she was also the vice editor on the school radio show "Moja medresa" on Radio BiR. Other than that, she regularly attended numerous literary competitions which have, in her own words, reminded her on how important work with love and attention is on this world. In that period, some of Almina's poems were included in the 'Collection of prosaic and poetic works of high school students in Sarajevo' published by Matica hrvatska, and this was Almina's first important publication.

The end of her high school education was marked by participation in the project "My place in the EU" in which she won first place at the literary competition. Almina highlights this project because it opened a new chapter in her life, but also because it taught her a very important lesson – no matter how unknown, restless and deep some seas are, we must cast off from the peaceful port and confront them. Recently, she made first steps in her profession with the cultural association "Preporod", she also worked as a lector checking a catalogue of literary and art works and she also directed a short stage play.

I try to use every spare moment by investing in myself, my own advancement, courses and other similar programmes and for these reasons I do not have a lot of free time. A part of my time I dedicate to reading and writing – the world of literature has charmed me since I was a child, and nothing has changed today. Books were always my teachers. They were expanses to which I happily ran away to and which I joyously visit now.

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER OF THE MONTH

She is a scholarship holder for full ten years:

With respect to the fact that I became a scholarship holder very early, I can freely say that I grew up with the Foundation and that I am still growing up. A common metaphor for the Foundation is that it is a family that gathers, unites, supports and promotes young people – considering my own experience, I can say that it is true. They were always there throughout my whole education and they followed me like a shadow. They never let me give up on my dreams.

As a Hastor Foundation scholarship holder I really learned what volunteering is, what it means to be helpful to my community and society, as well as, what it means to help those in need every day. From my mentors, I figured out how important the significance of volunteering is for ourselves and our environment. Later, I transferred those ideals and knowledge to other children.



Taking into consideration these examples of transmitting positive virtues which older members of the Foundation carry on to younger, primary schoolers and high schoolers, the Hastor Foundation is unique and special:

The role of the Foundation in my life and personal development is immeasurable. I always found inspiration toward personal action and promotion within the very postulates and rules upon which the Hastor Foundation was built – they truly are the best inspiration to those who seek knowledge, success and progress. It is a privilege to be a part of this community. It is a privilege to learn about life-important values from the best and I am very proud to say that in ten years of being a part of this great team, I learn, work, volunteer and contribute to the development of my society and myself. Even though I recently became a part of the editorial board, I still nurture the relations with my old group, and I will gladly join them in the realisation of their actions and ideas, if the chance presents itself. Considering my own example, I notice how volunteering becomes a crucial part of our lives, which is precious and valuable for us young people.

We know Almina as a young diligent individual on whom we can always rely, and this is reinforced by her dedication in the editorial board of the Foundation. Considering this, the only option remaining is that we sincerely express our gratitude. For the Foundation, Almina added:

Following the quote “Everyone needs to stay on his path and not jump onto the paths of others” by Meša Selimović, find your own path and walk on it with courage and self-confidence. Only on that path will you know how to read signs and choose the right directions. Follow your dreams and allow them to be great. Don’t forget that only you can draw the borders of your dreams, as well as your own selves. When you recognise the sea where the dreams can be realised, don’t be afraid of the waves and storms, rather confront them – only then will you become a good sailor.

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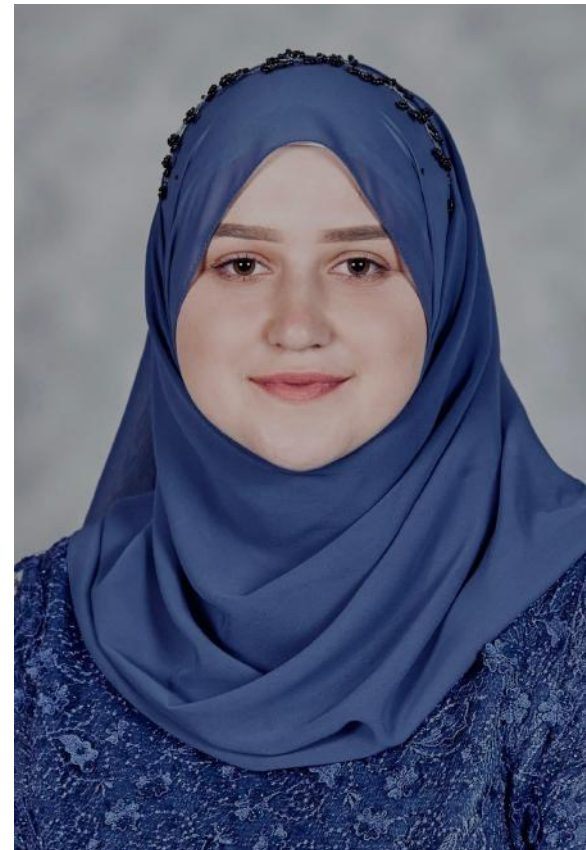
RAM is, by definition, the working memory of the computer. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, “the working memory” represents proactive and diligent young folks who set an example for the society our country needs through their actions. With this section, we’ll present several active young Hastor Foundation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

Biba Ćosić is a first-year student at the Faculty of Philosophy in Tuzla, at the Department of Preschool Education. She’s been a Hastor Foundation scholarship holder for nine years. What Biba gets asked a lot is how she’s able to help others as a student. These questions are a result of misassumptions that help can only be provided through financial resources. Biba is one of those people who see helping in a different light, but she doesn’t take away from the fact that financial help is a priority for many people.

Helping is all about many little things like bending down to pick up a piece of paper, helping an elderly person cross the street, greeting this person, and sending a warm smile. Sometimes, a smile is all it takes to make someone’s day.

When it comes to volunteering, Biba says that she’s ready to embark to do it at any time. She loves to help, and nothing can prevent her from doing that. Most of her activism is within her local community because she wants to give her maximum to improve it. She sees volunteering as some kind of isolation from everyday life and the tough world we live in. That’s how she builds her own new world with different standards and a better lifestyle.

One of the projects where our scholarship holder was involved has an interesting motive, and it’s very useful. It’s the Let’s Collect PET Together (bos. “Sakuplajmo zajedno PET”), which is very important in both humanitarian and ecological sense. It was run by the “Lukavac Grad” primary school.



We collect plastic bottle caps from water bottles, sodas, yogurt, shampoo, and so on, and everything we collect will be recycled. The money we get from recycling goes to buying wheelchairs for children with developmental disabilities. Since this action doesn’t have an end date, you can always get involved and participate, while doing a good deed at the same time. In this manner, we not only help preserve the environment but also help the people in need.

Each time after the bottle caps are collected, they are stored in a safe place, and, after a while, one of the action’s initiators delivers all collected bottle caps to their recycling place. Biba wanted to invite all people and active volunteers to join this action because the little things we do can mean a whole for someone else.



She loves helping children the most because she wants them to have a peaceful childhood and normal living conditions. She thinks that she began to grow her personality through volunteering and that it has impacted the growth of her self-confidence. Also, she appreciates meeting new people who give her an even greater desire to be perseverant and successful.

Each year, during Eid, her fellow citizens and people from the diaspora collect funds to buy gifts for Eid. The tradition has taken place for years now, and Biba is more than proud of this activity. They also never forget the Home for Children Without Parent Care in Tuzla, and they do their best to bring joy and smiles to the faces of these children.

Biba Ćosić is one of those people who volunteer for the greater good. These people are the hope for activism in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Regarding the role of the Hastor Foundation in Biba's life, she says:

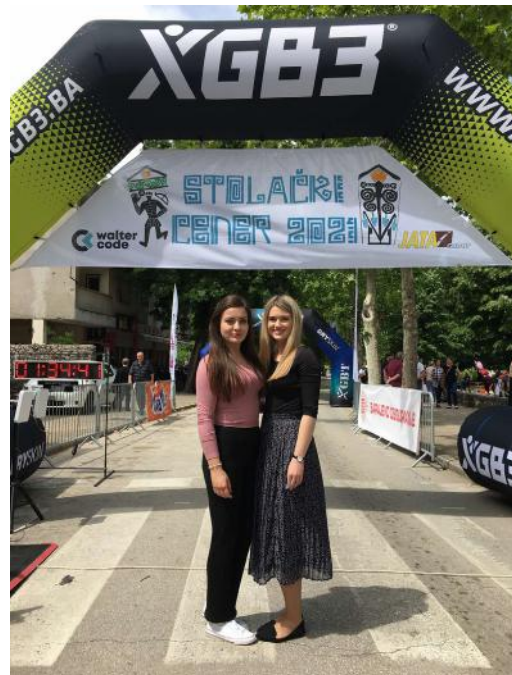
If you ever get lost in the dark, the Hastor Foundation will be the light to guide you. I want to thank the Foundation for the selfless love and support it provides for me. If it weren't for the Foundation, I would have never decided to become active in society, and I would have never achieved the level of faith in myself to be able to help someone. I wouldn't have the self-confidence I have now, I wouldn't be able to express my opinions, and I just wouldn't achieve the success I now have. Never give up, be perseverant, fight, and, no matter how hard it gets, remember there's a light at the end of the tunnel.

THROUGH THE LENS

EDIN GERIN



ENA BEŠO & ANELA MEDAR



AJLA IMAMOVIĆ



EDVINA DURANOVIĆ



NERMINA ČUKAS



MELISA BAČIĆ



NUSRETA FERIZAGIĆ



INTERESTING FACTS

UNESCO World Heritage List

History is the teacher of life. The witness of this is the natural and cultural treasure left to us as heritage, as a result of the existence and centuries-long development of our country. To preserve this treasure, it takes effort not just from the countries rich with such treasures, but the entire world. This is the reason why UNESCO formed the World Heritage List - a list containing the names of natural and cultural inheritance. The list is being expanded from year to year because new natural and cultural treasures that fulfill the World Heritage List's criteria are being discovered. The criteria have been adopted on an international level, and it's enough to fulfill just one of them for a locality or any other cultural or natural good to be included in the list. The criteria have been described in the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention, which are the leading instrument to manage world heritage. The Board regularly performs the revision of the criteria to maintain the evolution of the mere concept of world heritage. A country first needs to put together a list of significant cultural and natural localities. It's only after they put together a candidate list, the country can choose a place or object from the list to nominate for world heritage. Today, there are ten criteria for cultural or natural places.

CULTURAL CRITERIA:

- to represent a masterpiece of human creative genius;
- to exhibit an important interchange of human values, over a span of time or within a cultural area of the world, on developments in architecture or technology, monumental arts, town-planning or landscape design;
- to bear a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living, or which has disappeared;
- to be an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) significant stage(s) in human history;
- to be an outstanding example of a traditional human settlement, land-use, or sea-use which is representative of a culture (or cultures), or human interaction with the environment especially when it has become vulnerable under the impact of irreversible change;
- to be directly or tangibly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of outstanding universal significance. (The Committee considers that this criterion should preferably be used in conjunction with other criteria)

NATURAL CRITERIA:

- to contain superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance;
- to be outstanding examples representing major stages of earth's history, including the record of life, significant on-going geological processes in the development of landforms, or significant geomorphic or physiographic features;
- to be outstanding examples representing significant ongoing ecological and biological processes in the evolution and development of terrestrial, freshwater, coastal, and marine ecosystems and communities of plants and animals;
- to contain the most important and significant natural habitats for in-situ conservation of biological diversity, including those containing threatened species of outstanding universal value from the point of view of science or conservation.



LET'S BE (MORE) COMPETITIVE!

LinkedIn as a tool for being more competitive on the job market! (Part one)

In the 21st century, achieving only a high GPA in the process of education is simply not enough for a person to be spotted at the international or academic level, nor would that be enough for a potential employment. One can hear quite often these days about unemployed young people who have only recently received their BA or MA diplomas – the new graduates. The new graduates seem to be unable to find a job, despite having sent multiple resumes to apply for various job positions. Nowadays, not many young people are familiar with the ways in which they can properly manipulate and use online resources (e.g., not being familiar with using e-mail in the right way). This section is intended to promote educational and exchange programs, but also show how students on the international stage work on their self-improvement.

Despite being established in 2002, LinkedIn became the most popular site for professional networking only four years after it had been presented to the public. Now, the site gathers around 740 million users who have different backgrounds, fields of interest, as well as professional experience. This site for professional development presents an opportunity for young people who are not yet experienced when it comes to them being present on the job market. Such opportunities may vary from meeting experts in particular fields, over researching different occupations, to getting a chance for an internship or a new job. This month's Newsletter will revolve around benefits of the LinkedIn platform. On the other hand, by reading the next month's issue, you will have a chance to take a look at the ways in which you can create and/or improve your LinkedIn profile, so that you can become a more skillful and competent user of this useful platform.

You can build your own brand on LinkedIn!

LinkedIn is a perfect platform where you can post and talk about your successes in relation to education and extracurricular activities. In this way, you can present yourselves as young people with ambition and potential. If you have achieved some notable results during a school year – post it on LinkedIn! You should, also, post some pictures with detailed descriptions which will stand as a proof of your achievements. By doing this, you will shed light on your effort and hard work. Additionally, it would be a great thing to use this platform to talk about your taking part in various conferences, seminars, or any other events which are relevant to your field of inquiry. Regularly posting on LinkedIn about your wish to learn and improve will make you a desirable employee (or business associate) from the observation point of your potential business partners and experts whose interest is to have in their professional circles young people who are ready to acquire new skills.

An excellent opportunity to establish your professional network!

It is never too early to start establishing your network of professional (business) contacts which might be of use to you in the future. As a first step, you could connect with other students from your field of interest or people you share your professional circles with, including the ones you meet at conferences, seminars, or competitions. If you are a member of an organization, connecting with other fellow members who are part of the same organization might be very useful, provided you can support each other on your way to develop personal skills and assets. Moreover, it is always useful to connect on LinkedIn with your potential employers who represent companies that you are interested in. The platform is also a perfect place for you to connect with your professors who have profiles there. Doing so will enable you to stay in touch with them even after finishing your studies; thus, you will later be able to ask the professors to write a letter of recommendation for you, should you need it. This is something that every professor will do for an enthusiastic and hardworking student. Once you have connected with current or soon-to-be experts in particular fields, you should aim for finding and connecting with other users of LinkedIn who share your interests, i.e., other members, or employees who work at companies in which you are interested and whose part you would like to become in the future.

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The online resume that confirms everything you said in an interview for an internship or a job!

HR professionals often read through the candidates' profiles on this business platform in order to see whether the candidates are as competent as they said they were. Namely, the segment of uploading a resume on LinkedIn is especially important for the students of social sciences (and all the other students, as well!) since LinkedIn is a perfect place for these students to promote their social engagement which is oftentimes directly related to professional networking. Your LinkedIn profiles should be the place where the most important parts of your biography are pointed out, given the fact that this platform encourages you to do so. By filling out different sections available on this platform for professional networking (e.g., the sections concerned with education, work experience, volunteering experience, certificates of qualification, foreign language, skills, achievements, realized projects, completed academic papers or theses, etc.) you can create a digital version of your resume which will enable potential employers to carefully read through and gain an insight into your competences and skills.

You can use LinkedIn to extensively read about companies/organizations that interest you!

LinkedIn gives its users a possibility to read about and research into the companies that they're interested in. By following companies' profiles and the content related to them, one can find out where the company is located, how often and in what way one can apply for the job at the company, as well as the details in terms of the organizational culture of the company. By recalling both employers' and employees' experiences, you can determine whether you would fit in, in case of getting a job, or whether that particular company is a place in which one can make progress and improve.

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We sincerely hope that this section of May's Newsletter has inspired you to create and/or improve your LinkedIn profile. If so, the next month's issue will give you some more useful tips and tricks as to how to effectively manage your profile on this platform.

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The Sailor

We are all sailors
On the wide sea surface sailing
Guardians of the sea gate
Holding our dry oars and boards

Waves defy them, crushing a boat
Hanging by a wreck, they still float
Catching the air and breathing deeply
Such good swimmers they are, believe me

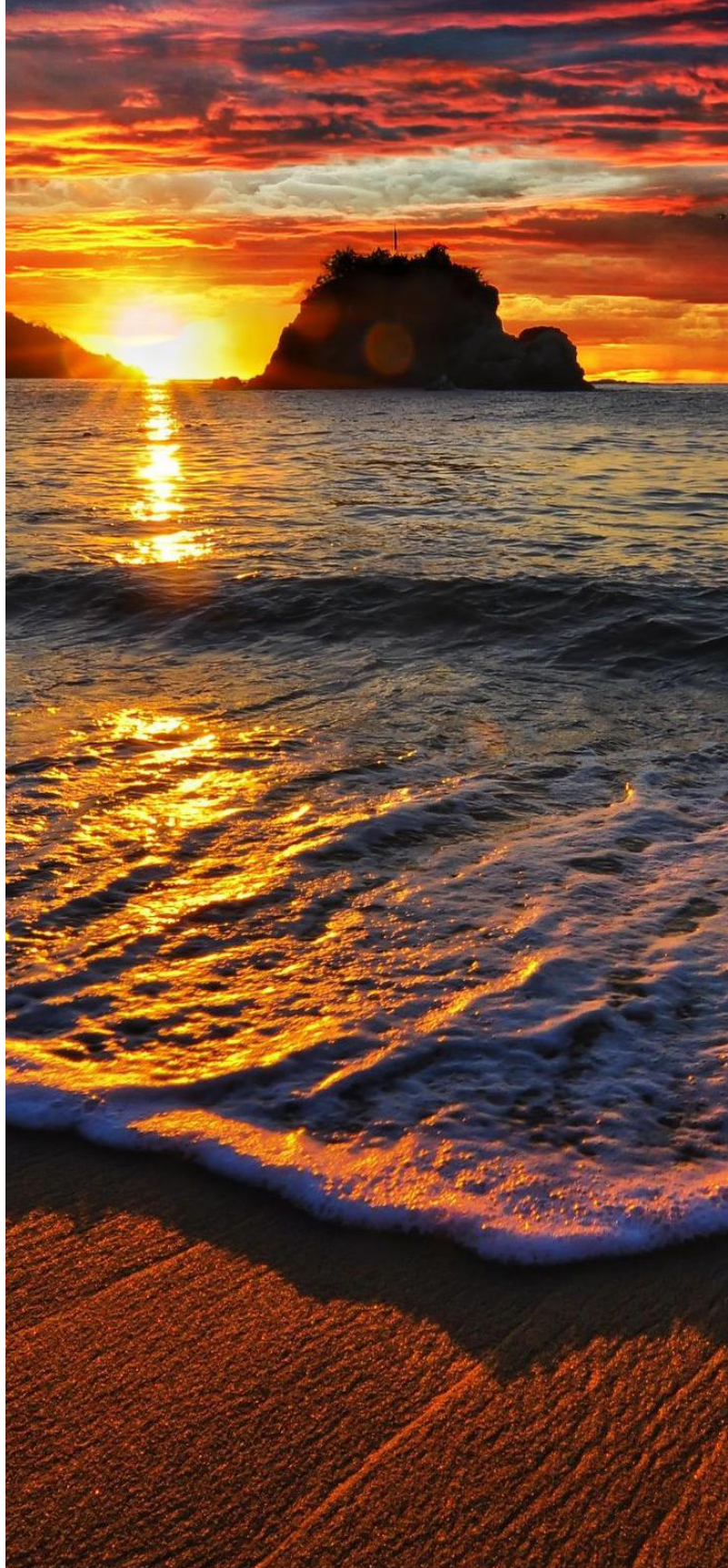
Far away is the Shore of Salvation
Human stains are floating on the surface
They seem to be of no one's admiration
And will just keep floating, on the sea face

Tempests are blowing all around us
Every human flaw will repent
Sink to the bottom and escape the fuss
Shiny hope is only left to protect

A captain crew on another wooden liner
Has no stains and is led by love's image
A rope which acts as their Savior
Knows no color or race or visage

The rope protects the captains on the surface
Until the wooden liner of their life is to resurface

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