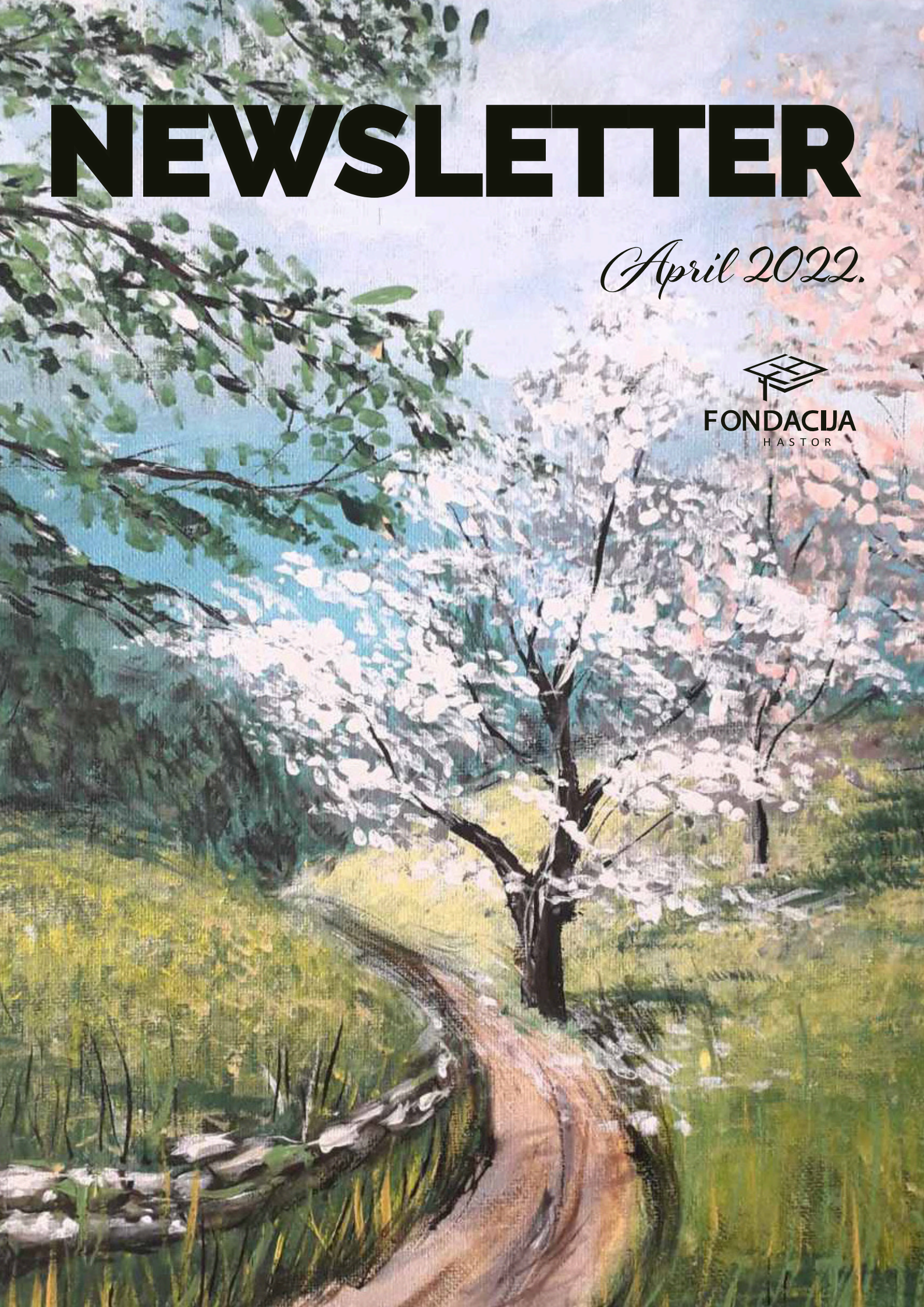


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Meeting Held With the New University Students – Scholarship Holders

Every year since its founding, the Hastor Foundation has happily welcomed new members into the family. Based on a precise set of rules and criteria, and through the Call for Scholarship Applications for all full-time students studying at accredited higher education institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Hastor Foundation selects students who become scholarship holders due to their knowledge, interpersonal skills, and many other factors. Students of all accredited higher education institutions can apply for the Call via the Hastor Foundation website, as long as they meet the following criteria: they are regularly enrolled students of the second, third or fourth year of undergraduate/bachelor's degree, regularly enrolled students of the first year of graduate/master's study, regularly enrolled students of the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth year of integrated study (this applies to students whose integrated study lasts five and six years), they have during the study achieved an average grade of 8.0 and more (3.5 or more), they are not older than 24 years and they are not a recipient of another scholarship or other financial aid for studying.



This year, the Hastor Foundation received many applications, and the Scholarship Selection Committee had a difficult job in selecting candidates to become part of the Hastor Foundation family. Based on the rules and criteria for awarding scholarships to students, the commission selected 42 new scholarship holders who will contribute to the hours of volunteer work through their engagement.

On Saturday, April 9, the director of the Hastor Foundation, Seid Fijuljanin, held a meeting with the new scholarship holders. He greeted them with cordial greetings, expressing satisfaction that they are becoming members of our large family.

At the beginning of the meeting, the director introduced the new scholarship holders to the mission and vision of the Hastor Foundation, which has been operating throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina for 16 years. He also presented volunteer work as one of the inseparable segments of the Hastor Foundation's activities. Volunteering aims to develop and improve useful skills and acquire good and positive habits. This meeting was also an opportunity for new scholarship students to get acquainted in more detail with their new obligations and responsibilities in order to perform them as well as possible in the future.

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One of the key goals of the Ha-stor Foundation is for its scholarship holders to understand the importance of their own advancement through working with other people and to see the importance and benefits of volunteering for their development and progress.

As the number of new scholarship students increases, so do the volunteer hours that our diligent scholarship holders perform on a daily basis, contributing to the development of their local communities and the entire Bosnian society. We are happy that our family is getting bigger and richer every year, reaching young people who will be the initiators of positive changes and contribute to our society.

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SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER OF THE MONTH

The Hastor Foundation can boast of diligent, ambitious, and successful scholarship holders who achieve notable results in the field of education and science. The Foundation's team consists of young people who contribute to its work, improving it with their knowledge and skills. It is precisely these values and commitment to volunteer engagement within the Hastor Foundation that give scholarship holders the title of Scholarship Holder of the Month. Read below about the scholarship holder who won the title this month!

"True universality does not consist in knowing much but in loving much." – Jacob Burckhardt

The purpose of true universality is not to know a lot of information on various topics, but to approach what we do with true love. An example of this is the Hastor Foundation scholarship holder Aldina Hadžić, who received the flattering title of Scholarship holder of the Month. Aldina was born in Travnik in 1999, and completed her primary and secondary education in Jajce. As she points out, Aldina's love for law was born in high school, so she continued her university education at the Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo, successfully graduating and receiving a BA degree in law in 2021. Our Aldina is currently in the second cycle of studies at the Department of Legal and Economic Sciences.



She has been a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation for eleven years. She points out that through many years of experience as a scholarship holder and through volunteer work with the youngest scholarship holders in the past five years, she has gained many acquaintances, experiences and skills, which she believes will be extremely important in her future life and work.

Aldina emphasizes that in addition to faculty and its obligations, it is important to set aside your time to help those in need. She regularly tries to be an example by implementing this principle through volunteer work in the local community, where she implemented ideas on environmental protection and assistance to the elderly. In addition, she provided instruction in school subjects for students.

When it comes to certain affinities, Aldina especially emphasizes her love for nature, so ideas such as planting trees, removing waste and protecting plant species are what she often does in her free time. In addition, in her free time she likes to play volleyball, and has been writing poetry since elementary school. In this way, Aldina embodies the idea of versatility and from an early age advocates the need for different interests and orientations, to be as successful as possible and offer the world the best version of herself.

Our Aldina is also interested in modern technologies and believes that in the 21st century it is imperative to keep up with the times and be familiar with the modern achievements. That is why, whenever she has the opportunity, she attends courses and learns about creative, efficient, and safe use of technology. One of the courses that Aldina especially pointed out, and which she successfully completed is about cyber security. This topic is especially important and interesting for her and she is happy to include it as an additional topic when she volunteers with her mentoring group.

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Aldina's love for poetry has resulted in her participation in numerous poetry competitions, and she participated in one with the following:



Esma Sultana

When Sultana Esma got ill
She began to seek a cure for her pain
That is why she turned to many astrologers
To find the right cure to relieve the pain.

Three habous were her medicine
Two bridges and one mosque
Where you hate, love and pray
And where rivers embrace

The sultana obeyed all the advice
She sold her jewellery for that
To build habous in the city of Jajce
And do good deeds to heal.

All her habous was built
She healed and overcame the vicious disease.
And when she left the world in old age
She left us her possessions to keep safe



About the role of the Hastor Foundation during her education and life in general, Aldina says:

The role of the Hastor Foundation in my life and education is immeasurable. In addition to financial support, moral support and volunteer work were especially important. As a member of this large family, I had the opportunity to attend lectures by successful people during monthly meetings and to meet many young and educated people from our country. All this was a wind in the back to achieve the best possible results in all segments of education and volunteer work. Inspirational stories and new friendships are what will leave an eternal mark of Foundation in my life.

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RAM – RUBRIC OF ACTIVE YOUTH

RAM is, by definition, the working memory of a computer. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, "the working memory" are the proactive and diligent young people whose actions make them an example of society that our country needs. Through this section of the newsletter, we will introduce our young activists, scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation, who, in addition to volunteering, also do phenomenal things and in that way represent the Foundation in the best light!

Majra Šišić



Majra Šišić from Kakanj is one of the most active scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation. Majra is a fourth-year student, studying theoretical physics at the Faculty of Natural Science and Mathematics, University of Sarajevo. She has been a scholarship holder for two years.

As far as her extracurricular activities and volunteering are concerned, Majra actively engages in activities hosted by the Physicist Society of FBiH. Every year, Majra is a part of the organizational and educational board for multiple camps and physics courses for pupils attending elementary and high schools. Usually, these courses help pupils learn physics, and prepare them for upcoming events and competitions. Throughout the organization of these camps, Majra learned how to create promotional materials (flyers, posters, Facebook posts...), make schedules, coordinate events...

Furthermore, among organizing and lecturing at the camps, she also teaches pupils who are qualifying to represent Bosnia and Herzegovina in international physics competitions. Based on results from federal and state-level competitions, Majra and her colleagues receive a group of "best" students who will represent the country in various international physics Olympiads. They receive excellent results! In 2020, the team won a gold medal for BiH, the first medal the country ever received from an international physics competition. A year later, they received another gold medal. Majra holds this achievement in high regard since she worked tirelessly with her students for a whole month. This is one of Majra's highest achievements.

Why did I choose to work for the Physicist Society and in what way does that fulfil me? Well, I always had a high affinity for mathematics and physics. I went to competitions since elementary school, and I always wanted to know more than what I learned exclusively from classes. There are a lot of such students and sadly, our educational system is somehow adapted towards the masses, towards the average student. Exceptionally talented students are not considered more seriously. Through my work in the Physicist Society, I am trying to change the current situation. Moreover, through our camps, pupils have a good chance to learn many new things, make new friends from the whole country... The camps provided remarkable results so far. Our students are achieving better results on an annual basis. A lot of them manage to become students at prestigious universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina or the world as well. Furthermore, I love teaching and transmitting my knowledge to others. That has been one of the reasons why these activities fulfil me. Another fact I must mention is that I have learned a lot, not just about my knowledge domain but also from others as well (social, informatic, economic).

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Along with the Physicist Society, Majra started actively working on other projects at her university. Currently, she is working with an assistant on the topic "Odd and even harmonic generation from CO and NO molecules by bi-elliptical orthogonally polarized two-column field". For now, it is going great, and she will present her work at the scientific conference in Sarajevo, "PSYCONBA 2022" which will take place from June 30 to July 1. Moreover, she gives assignments and takes part as a member of the committee on federal and state-based physics competitions. The scientific work is another successful endeavour that she is working on, even though she likes to say that she is proud of everything she achieved in her life.



Young people need to be active in society! Every one of us has our talent and story. If we would personally invest even a little bit of time in using our talents in a socially useful way, imagine how much our whole society would improve. I am a senior this year and along with that, I must do all these activities I mentioned above.

Moreover, recently I became a part of the administrative team of The Foundation, and I have a lot more work to do than I had before. However, with proper organization I have time for this and various other activities and hobbies like trekking and running...

Majra singles out the fact that The Foundation helped her see how important it is to volunteer and help others. Through work and volunteering in The Foundation, Majra realized how many pupils there are in Bosnia and Herzegovina that need help. Of course, she does not mean only financial help, but also the fact that someone needs a kind word, half an hour of your time or a conversation.

The ways in which we can help others are infinite, only if we know where to look. That is what The Foundation taught me.

Majra's advice to the other scholarship holders of The Foundation is that they should continue to work diligently because work and effort pay off in the end. However, everything we earn for ourselves becomes whole only when we share it with others! Only then does it become a special type of satisfaction. Let us not be stingy in sharing our talents and knowledge with others.

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ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Even after completing education, each scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation remains an important part of its community. The Foundation proudly looks at the successes of its former scholarship holders, because the Foundation itself, at least partially, contributed to achieving those successes. In the text below, we bring you the story of the former scholarship holder Emina Sijahović, who works today as a teaching assistant at the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, University of Sarajevo.

Her story began in Novi Šeher, near Maglaj, where she finished elementary school, and then graduated from the General-Program Secondary School "Edhem Mulabdić" in Maglaj. After graduating from secondary school, she enrolled in the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences at the University of Sarajevo, where she majored in fruit growing and wine growing at the Department of Plant Science. In the third, and final year of the first cycle of studies.



At the interview, what interested them the most was how I managed to come from a small place to Sarajevo in order to study, even if my parents did not have any financial income. I explained to them that my mother was a tailor, and that she had a sewing machine at home and she always worked on it. My father was an agricultural worker, so we could sell milk and wood. They somehow found courage to send me to college studies, because I – as an excellent student at the secondary school – did not have any other plans.

When discussing college with her parents, Emina originally planned on finishing only the first cycle of studies and finding a job afterwards; from the experiences of her older colleagues, she knew that the probability for something like that was small, even for the best students in the first cycle. So, she decided to continue her college education at the Department of Floristics and Landscape Planning, from which she graduated and became a recipient of the "Golden Badge", an honorary award of the University of Sarajevo, as the best student in the second cycle of studies. She was the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holder for three straight years, and a volunteer for a longer period than that. During her work as a volunteer at the Foundation, she volunteered with pupils from elementary and high schools in Maglaj, was a member of the editorial board, as well as a member of the Foundation's administration team.

Several times, I was the person with the most hours spent in the field work. While volunteering in the office, we wrote letters to the students all around Bosnia and Herzegovina, encouraging them to strive for excellence, empathy, and the continuation of working on themselves and their education, by providing them with personal examples of how poverty, distance, and being different cannot and must not be an obstacle on their road to a brighter future. I enjoyed that task so much that, in one day, I wrote and sent 70 letters. Later on, I met a scholarship holder at my faculty who told me that I was the one who was sending him letters while he was still in high school; and that he decided then to enroll in my faculty. We are friends today and he works in the field for which he was educated.

Emina says that, after her finished studies, and in spite of all the awards and certificates, it wasn't easy to find the first job without work experience, but even in that situation, she wasn't devoid of the Foundation's support.

They organized for us a two-month training program called "The program for the development of interns" with skilled lecturers who were preparing us for entering the business world, which gave us a chance to have one month of volunteer work at the companies they had good collaboration with. I suppose there were 14 of us scholarship holders who had finished formal education and who were given a chance to try themselves for one month at different companies. Considering the Foundation has only the best scholarship holders, some of the people still work at those companies.

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Emina received a chance to work at "Coca-Cola", within the department for controlling the quality of beverages, where everybody was very satisfied with her work, so her contract was extended for another six months. After which she received an opportunity to work as an agronomist at the company "ITC" in Zenica, something which was closer to her actual profession. Today, she works as a teaching assistant at the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, where she is also in the final year of her PhD program. Besides her primary job, she does project planning and construction of gardens, which is, as she says, her biggest love.



I can express my own creativity doing that; I have contact with plants and nature all the time, which keeps my energy levels afloat, recharges batteries, and also gives me a sense of freedom, expands horizons, because that is a job to which I can apply the knowledge I collected through formal education, as well as my personal experience.

The most important things that she learned at the Hastor Foundation; that is, from the people who were leading it and who were a part of it, were: discipline, self-esteem, and the right way to enlist priorities in life. Emina says that she had been a shy girl before becoming a scholarship holder of the Foundation, who had not had the courage to loudly express her opinion, nor do things in the way she had thought was correct. Today, while recalling her own case, she feels that the Foundation reached its goal, the goal being for all the scholarship holders to become self-conscious figures through education, to become strong through individual work; but, at the same time, to be a strong branch in the team work, to be determined and resolute persons with good communication and presentation skills, as well as the skills to turn unpredictable situations in life into an important element of motivation.

My message to the current scholarship holders is for them to be real ambassadors of the Hastor Foundation and to build inside themselves these values, as well as to apply them whenever and wherever they have a chance, because ours is only what we give. Do volunteer work, absorb, learn; exactly these might be your comparative advantages on the labor market!

After gaining her first work experience, she managed to get employed by two companies at the same time.

All of that was thanks to work habits that I adopted at the Foundation, among which, I would like to emphasize: accuracy (everything needs to be done before the deadline), efficiency (not to ask "how much time", rather "what is the way")... At the Foundation, we were learning how to properly place documents into a register stand; something which might have sounded absurd to us back then. However, later at work, when one of my colleagues dropped her entire file collection from the register stand because the documents were stored in plastic envelopes which were turned upside down (with the envelope opening being turned down, instead of up), I realized how important little things are and how applicable are the things we learned at the Foundation.

She claims that newly formed friendships are definitely among the most beautiful things that happened to her at the Foundation. She made best friends, met friends with whom she socializes even today, and also people of different nationalities coming from different cities who provide support to each other.

It is priceless when you find yourself in Mostar, Bihać, Goražde, Livno, Banja Luka, and when you have someone with whom you can meet up for a coffee, someone at whose place you can sleep or spend quality time with. That is the broadness given to us by the Hastor Foundation to which I can only relate the most beautiful memories. In today's world, it is nice to have someone you can always rely on, no matter how old you are or where you are located. That is the Foundation to me, and I believe that I am that person to the Foundation, as well.

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INTERESTING FACTS

Calligraphy

Art is, as many authors say, an expression of one's personality. According to the traditional understanding, art requires the presence of an aesthetic element.

Calligraphy emerged in the East, as a special form of art. The first examples of this art were found in China and date back to 4000 BC. They were created by carving signs into oxen horns and turtle shells as a result of intertwining the art of painting and a need for communication.

Today, there are various types of calligraphy inherent to their geographic location. We have Indian, Tibetan, Arab, East Asian and Persian calligraphy, each with their own understanding of this type of art.

Nowadays, its most common expression is found in Arabic countries, where the Oriental and Islamic cultures predominate. Calligraphy is usually associated with the Arabic alphabet, or to be precise, the Arabic letters. Last year, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization added calligraphy, the key tradition of the Arab and Islamic world, to their list of immaterial cultural heritage items.

From the standpoint of art, Arabic calligraphy was famous and respected due to its diversity and great potential for growth. In reality, in the Arab civilization, calligraphy was linked to various fields such as: religion, art, architecture, education and crafts. All of the mentioned fields had an important role in her development.

Six of the well-known types of the Arab calligraphic script are: sulus, nesh, muhakkak, rejhani, tevki and rika' together they are called aklami sitte (the six pens). The calligraphic pen is clipped in an oblique fashion where the height of the letter depends on the width and slope of the pen. Calligraphy is used with miniature painting, art crafts, special bookbinding, damascening, carving, ceramics, etc., ...

The use of calligraphy in writing ferman-s (imperial decrees) of sultans in the Ottoman Empire is especially interesting. This type of calligraphy was called divani and could only be understood by those trained to read it. In this way, the manuscripts were protected from possible malicious manipulations.



THROUGH THE LENS



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The Flame of Joy Which Can't Be Extinguished

Only once is the mother embraced for the first time
And the white paper colorfully painted
Only once is the heart broken for the first time
and the first word uttered
Every other time
Is like a path
Each step is familiar
And you already know the feeling which used to be foreign

The wideness of the sea, I looked forward to
Only then when my eye looked for its distances
And never again have I touched upon joy or fear
Of the first swim in deep waters

Paths you take for the first time are difficult
But they look impassable only until you start walking

All of those joys of meeting the unknown
Disappear within an hour or two
Except one
Looking into your eyes

Becomes the first time, every time
And awakes the joy
In my sensations.
Your eyes make me forget
All the joys past
And close the worn-out closets of the unknown

Only your eyes
Confuse my senses anew
Every time
Even though the heart knows
That it has recognized you a hundred times before
By those eyes
With which every new encounter
Is like the first one – surreal.

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