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Second Regular Meeting of the Alumni Club Assembly of the Hastor Foundation Held

On Saturday, September 21, 2024, the second regular meeting of the Assembly of the Alumni Club of the Hastor Foundation was held, bringing together our former scholarship recipients and friends in the warm setting of the ASA Institute in Sarajevo. The Alumni Club of the Hastor Foundation has, since its inception, gathered various generations of young and promising individuals—former scholarship recipients who have gained beautiful life experiences and friendships for a lifetime through the Hastor Foundation. Therefore, each meeting is inevitably filled with joy and special memories.

The meeting was opened by the president of the Assembly of the Alumni Club of the Hastor Foundation, Marizela Hadžić, who, along with her deputy Emin Sijahović and secretary Alem Merdić, announced future activities and plans for their realization. The report on the work of the previous year was adopted, along with the plan and program for the upcoming year.

Although it has only been a year since the establishment of the Assembly of the Alumni Club of the Hastor Foundation, I can say that I am exceptionally excited about everything that awaits us in the future. After adopting the minutes from the previous meeting and the annual report on the club's work, we presented our activity plan for the coming year. All activities will be led by the members of the Assembly, and I believe we are in for many beautiful stories to be proud of in the future, emphasized Assembly President Marizela Hadžić.



This was an opportunity to recall all the moments and successes we have shared, as well as to exchange experiences and new ideas for the activities that lie ahead. The meeting was extremely productive, with all present members of the Assembly actively participating and sharing many useful ideas on how to implement as many activities as possible in the upcoming year. All members of the Alumni Club are aware of the importance of an inspiring and motivating environment, which has never been lacking for them or for the current scholarship recipients of the Hastor Foundation.



*It is a great honor and pleasure for me to attend yet another regular meeting of the Assembly of the Alumni Club of the Hastor Foundation. A person becomes so emotional reminiscing about the countless positive memories of our past gatherings, volunteering, challenges, responsibilities, and old friendships. Such gatherings always leave a mark of beauty and anticipation for future events, as well as the satisfaction of being truly part of a large family that helps many young people become successful members of their communities, just as we **have become**,* emphasized Assembly member Dino Habib.

We especially look forward to each upcoming meeting of the Alumni Club, where we will continue to promote our mission and maintain the friendships that have developed over the years in a positive atmosphere.



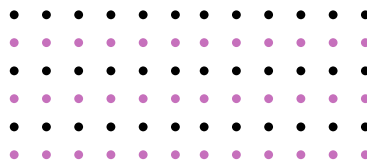
Selma Krivokapa

Scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation break records month after month and set new standards in the fields of humanity, humanitarianism, education and many other spheres of life, representing the Foundation in the most beautiful light wherever they step. This time, **Selma Krivokapa** shared her volunteer journey, wealth and experience with us, and because of her volunteer activities at the Hastor Foundation, this month she was chosen as a scholarship holder of the month.

Selma Krivokapa became a scholarship recipient of the Hastor Foundation only eight months ago, but in that time, with her hard work and diligence, she managed to achieve outstanding results volunteering at the Education Club, which is why we are extremely pleased to present her as a scholarship recipient of the month this month. During this time, Selma showed extraordinary dedication to volunteering and improving the volunteering process itself through volunteering with excellent students in the Education Club, where she organises math workshops for excellent students from primary and secondary schools, and her workshops are one of the most visited. He points out that he enjoys this whole process and does volunteering with special attention and love.

I really want to say to all students who are scholarship recipients of the Foundation, but also to all those who may have been there for many years - the entire volunteer process at the Foundation is timeless. Every workshop, meeting, every kind of volunteering, help, as well as competition are valid. Not only do you build friendships and knowledge and have support in this, but you also build your personality. You are creating someone who likes to work - to do the right thing, who likes to help and who appreciates what is important, which is our ever-growing family.



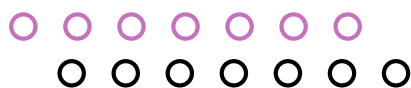


Selma is a student at the International University in Sarajevo (IUS) at the Department of Business and Finance, which she sees as her future vocation and profession. She learned about the Hastor Foundation in high school from an older cousin, who was a senior scholar and mentor at the Foundation, and, as she points out, she always dreamed of becoming a scholar herself, which she succeeded in, and she has only the nicest words about the Foundation:

Of course, financial support helped my family a lot. The longer journey to college brought with it higher financial costs. I became a member of the Foundation in my second year of college and have been volunteering for eight months through educational workshops with children. Most of them are mathematical workshops and I became very close to my team.



In addition to the Foundation, our valuable scholarship recipient also has active volunteer hours in the student dormitory in Sarajevo, which represents her address during her student days. Likewise, she has been engaged in environmental activism since her high school days in the area of the Zenica-Doboj canton. Now her attention is focused on projects that are in the process of adopting sustainable business and respecting ecological standards in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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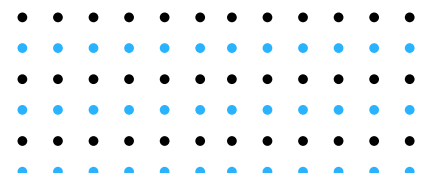
Gold Medals for Outstanding Scholar Tarik Dacić

Tarik Dacić is a true model of excellence and dedication in education and research. As a second-year student at the Second High School in Sarajevo, he stands out with exceptional academic results, a passion for natural sciences, programming, and foreign languages. With an average grade of 5.00 and exemplary behavior, Tarik serves as an inspiration to his peers as well as to younger and older students alike. He is also a proud scholarship recipient of the Hastor Foundation.

at all levels of competition: from school, regional, to international. As a representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, he excelled at the Junior Balkan Mathematical Olympiad and participated in the Iranian Geometric Olympiad and many other prestigious events.

I learned about the Hastor Foundation through my cousin and decided to apply for the scholarship for gifted students. I passed the selection and became a scholarship recipient. In addition to the financial support I receive from the Hastor Foundation, which eases my life, I have met many wonderful young people and made new friendships through volunteering with this foundation. The Hastor Foundation, as I mentioned earlier, provides us not only with financial assistance but also new opportunities, broadening our horizons and striving to involve us in community events to help us achieve our dreams.

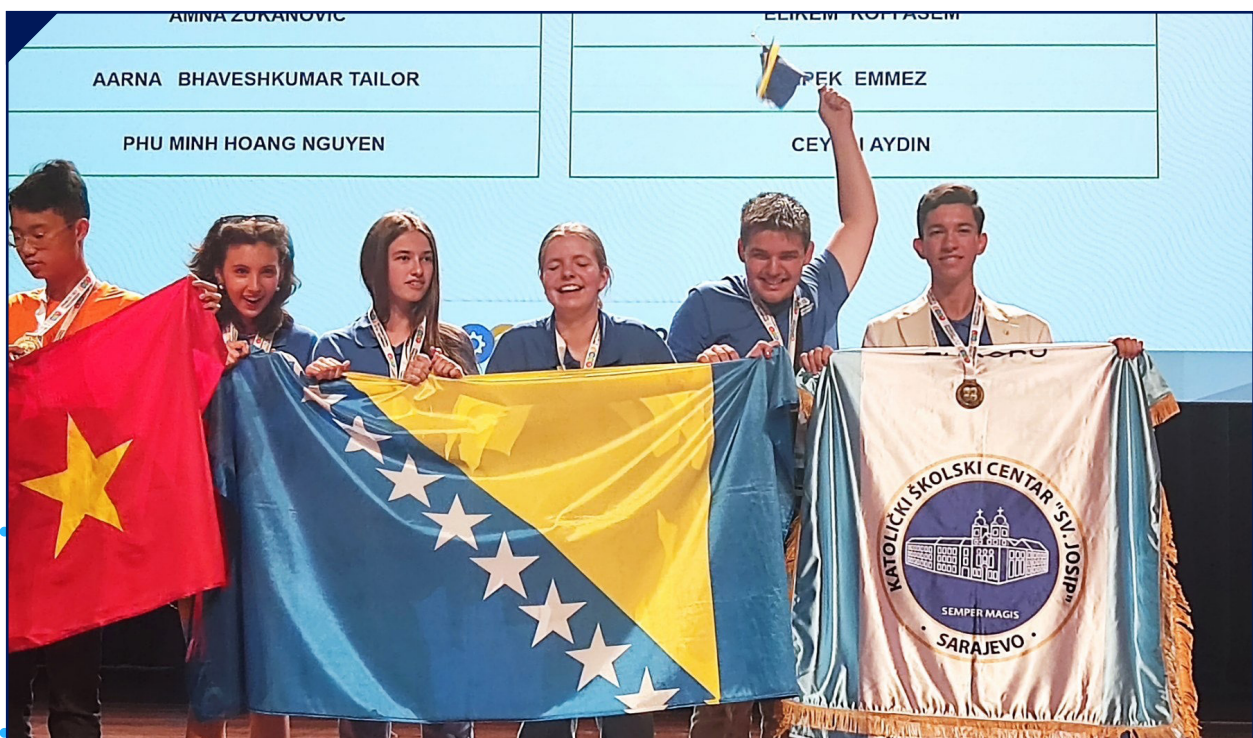
The Hastor Foundation proudly emphasizes that among its scholarship recipients are exceptional young scientists and great talents. Tarik's journey into the world of science and mathematics began at an early age, and his love for this field is reflected in his numerous successes at competitions. His achievements include outstanding results



His passion for natural sciences is also evident through his involvement in various projects. Tarik has not only successfully participated in Olympiads and competitions but is also engaged in international eTwinning projects. Through these projects, he has honed his skills in using dynamic mathematical software such as GeoGebra and Robocompass and was one of the instructors in online education on how to use Robocompass. This training, conducted in English, gathered participants from Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and other

countries, showcasing Tarik's capabilities in international education and collaboration.

In addition, Tarik has been involved for four years in the Mathematics School for Gifted Students at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics in Sarajevo and has participated twice in the popular science gathering "I Love Mathematics," where he was one of the presenters. These activities are not just additional successes but also indicators of his dedication and love for mathematics and science.



His participation in numerous projects and clubs, including mathematics, informatics, physics, mobile app development, and shooting school, further highlights his versatility and desire for continuous learning and advancement. During the 2023/2024 school year, Tarik achieved notable results in geography, mathematics, and STEM competitions, with his representation of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the European Geography Olympiad being just one of the many challenges he has embraced.

The past year has been exceptionally successful for Tarik, who secured second place at the Federal Mathematics

Competition and brought home two gold medals from the International STEM Olympiad in The Hague.

Tarik Dacić is an example of a young genius whose achievements transcend local competitions and represent Bosnia and Herzegovina on the global stage. His journey serves as an inspiration to all young people striving for excellence and wishing to contribute to the world of science and education. We are confident that Tarik will continue to achieve outstanding results and remain a role model for future generations. We wish him all the best on this journey!

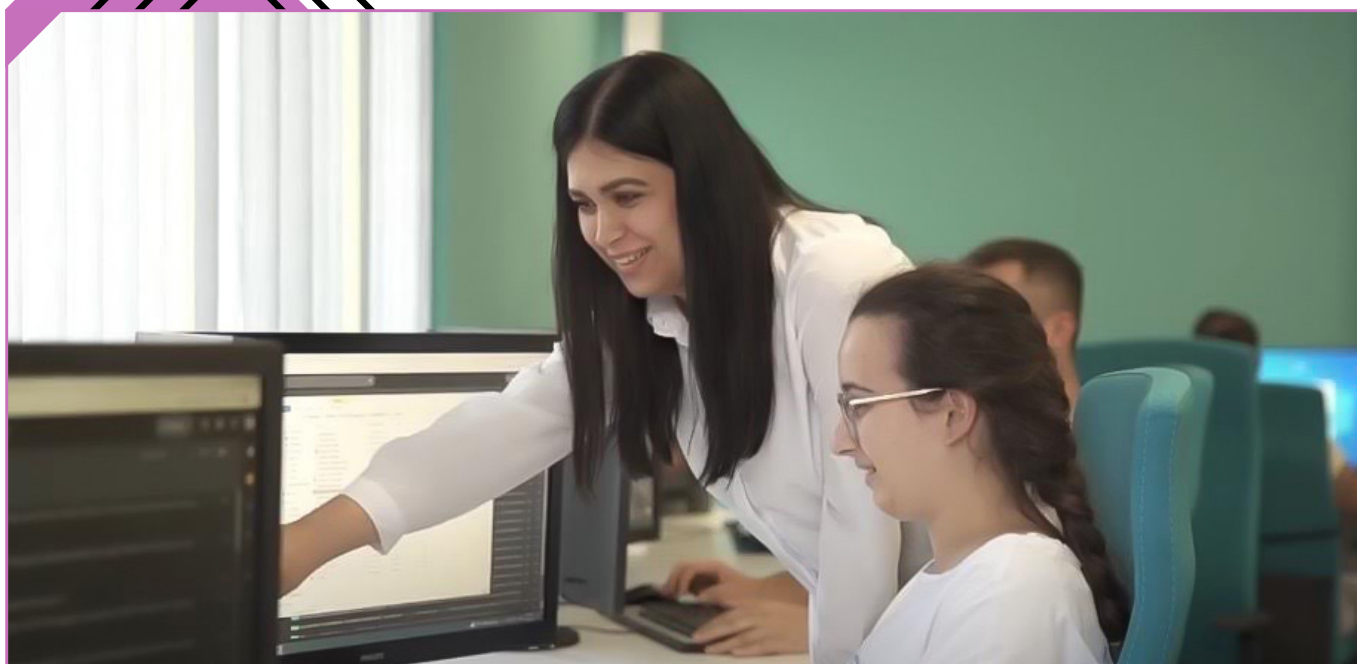
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The Support of the Hastor Foundation as the Foundation of Life Successes – Naida Čomor Alić

All our scholarship recipients, both current and former, often remind us of the treasure trove of wealth and uniqueness that the community of our volunteers holds! In this month's newsletter, we are pleased to introduce our former scholarship recipient, Naida Čomor Alić. Naida hails from Stoc, a town in Bosnia and Herzegovina located along the banks of the Bregava River.

Naida became a scholarship recipient of the Hastor Foundation during her high school education. Reflecting on the time she spent as a scholarship recipient, she fondly recalls how the knowledge and experience she gained from the Hastor Foundation significantly helped her in her education and later in her career.

It's truly reassuring to have support and encouragement behind you, which is unfortunately rare in today's world, she says. The Foundation challenges us to become better people—educated and successful—and to be, as we often heard, leaders, thereby representing the Foundation that has always been our great support.



The skills Naida acquired at the Foundation, which she has successfully implemented, include mentorship and teamwork. She effectively applies mentorship as a proper way to pass knowledge to younger generations in her current job and the courses she leads. Teamwork is an essential link for the successful execution of projects, contributing to personal growth, team development, and ultimately, the advancement of the company.

Naida is now an employee at Geobiro d.o.o Konjic, and she fondly remembers how the scholarship came at just the right time: when it truly mattered, both materially and in expanding her circle of friends. Some friendships last to this day, and she believes this is something all scholarship recipients take pride in. She also emphasizes how wonderful it was to meet her mentors and work with them. Meetings were mostly held in school facilities, where they learned together and attempted to solve everyday problems. Volunteering at the kindergarten holds special memories for her.

As a passionate lover of mathematics and physics, she aimed for a university that would allow her to expand her knowledge in these fields, ultimately enrolling in the Faculty of Civil Engineering in Mostar, where

she earned her bachelor's degree and later a master's degree in civil engineering.

During her studies, she served as a mentor in elementary and high schools in Stoc. Through her mentorship, she aimed to share her knowledge and experience to assist younger scholarship recipients in choosing their universities. Joint meetings, outings, walks, studying, and socializing among scholarship recipients beautifully marked that part of Naida's life.

Regarding her connection to the Hastor Foundation, Naida highlights a particularly fond memory of her trip to the Netherlands. In her final year of university, Naida participated in the project "Summer Break in the Netherlands," serving as a mentor guide for a group of children from Olovo.

It was truly something special and hard to put into words. Saying goodbye to my parents and family, going to another country, and then witnessing the enjoyment and joy of the children—along with the happiness of having such an opportunity—were indeed special parts of that journey.

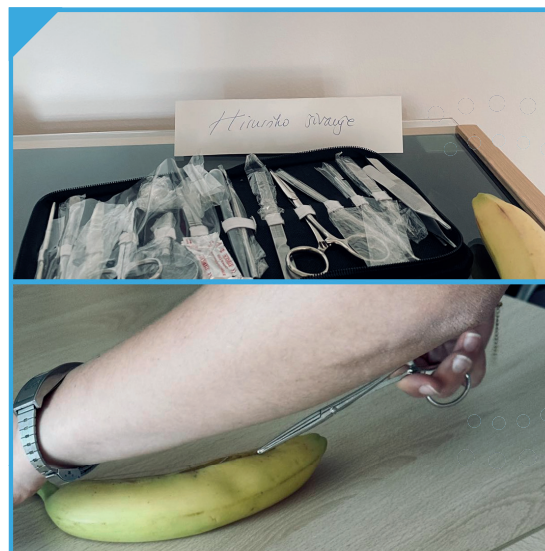


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Small deeds, big hearts – Volunteering for a better tomorrow

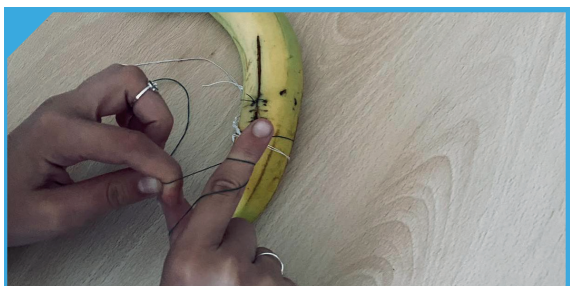
Daily life is based on what we receive, but we truly live from what we give, Winston Churchill once said. When he said this, he didn't just mean giving in a material sense – every kind word we share, advice, an idea, all of that can enrich our lives, but also the life of the person we offer it to. Mentors of the Hastor Foundation are walking this very path, as they strive to be role models for our younger scholars, passing on as much of their knowledge as possible with the best and most engaging approach. Small Stories of Great Volunteers is a column that reveals the true treasure of the Hastor Foundation because, month by month, by bringing the most interesting stories from our fieldwork, we showcase countless good deeds and those beautiful moments that the Hastor Foundation is truly proud of.

This month's group of our scholars comes from Sarajevo. Samra Đuderija and Zana Beljuri are two dedicated mentors who skillfully and carefully prepare meetings for their 13 high school students. Their volunteer hours are filled with meetings featuring carefully planned workshops and community volunteering. Every month, they strive to prepare something new and different, something that will be interesting to the students but, of course, also useful. This month, they had both forms of volunteering on the same day, and we'll learn how it all went in the following lines.



We fully committed ourselves to this workshop and tried to convey everything we had planned to the students, Samra stated

at the beginning of our conversation. She added that the final result was successful, and they achieved most of what they had planned. Their meeting began with the topic of activism and the role of young people in society, as well as the importance of formal and informal education for the future. With this in mind, they decided to organize the workshop into small stations where certain courses were presented, designed to give students practical knowledge they could apply. The first course the scholars encountered was a painting and drawing course. This course was specially prepared, considering that painting is Samra's hobby. After that, the students attended a course in surgical stitching, where they learned how to sew individual stitches and tie surgical knots – all with the help of a banana. A bit unusual, isn't it? This is what our mentors do – with some unique ideas and actions, they quietly influence the younger scholars, leaving behind a wealth of knowledge and cherished memories. The third, but no less important, was the embroidery art course. This time, with their combined efforts, our hardworking scholars embroidered the name of the Hastor Foundation. The mentors noted that the students were pleasantly surprised by what was prepared, and there was no shortage of laughter and conversation.

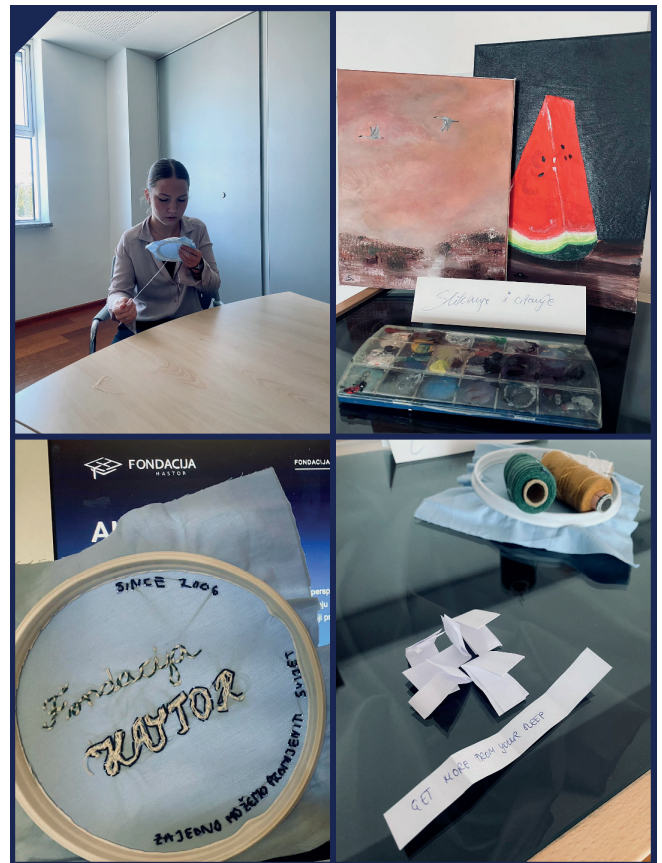


I learned how to do a surgical stitch, which was a very interesting and useful experience. Besides that, we talked about serious topics, like how to recognize and help people in crisis situations. It was educational and inspiring to see how small changes can make a big difference in others' lives, student Mediha Hećimović shared her experience with us.

In the second part of the workshop, the students drew pieces of paper with common problems among youth written on them. The paper represented a friend's problem, and the task was to explain how they would help in that situation, Samra noted. She added that they also had other pieces of paper with various pieces of advice, and the students had to explain whether the advice would actually help them. In addition, the students had the opportunity to work in Canva, creating posters to convey certain messages to young people. The first poster was about mental health, and the second discussed burnout syndrome.



Through volunteering with the Hastor Foundation, I've had the chance to develop skills that are already invaluable to me. From lectures on formal and informal education to learning surgical stitching – which is a perfect blend of theory and practice for my future career in medicine. Besides that, volunteering has allowed me to explore and develop my creative side through drawing and making Canva posters, especially on the topic of mental health. It gave me a chance to contribute to important topics in a different way, said another scholar from this workshop, Imran Tabaković.



In the end, everyone was visibly satisfied with the activities completed, and they finished another meeting with light conversation. Volunteering carries great strength and humanity. Every hour, every act of kindness, every smile we offer through volunteer work can have a deep and lasting impact on those we help. So, let volunteering be our daily mission, because only then can we make the world a better place for all of us.

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Ending Dance of an Indian Summer

A fall night is temperate
in a Saturn's ring.
The brightness has fallen asleep
and adopted the starry night.

The lamp's light in the time of wandering
thoughts shatters the darkness in the silence of a saloon.
The picture in the glass is a home to winds of the North
briskly coming unannounced.

At night through a cold sidewalk
strolls September's mysticism
without any rhythm for dance, like an eerie herald
seeking its companion at the window of the saloon.

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