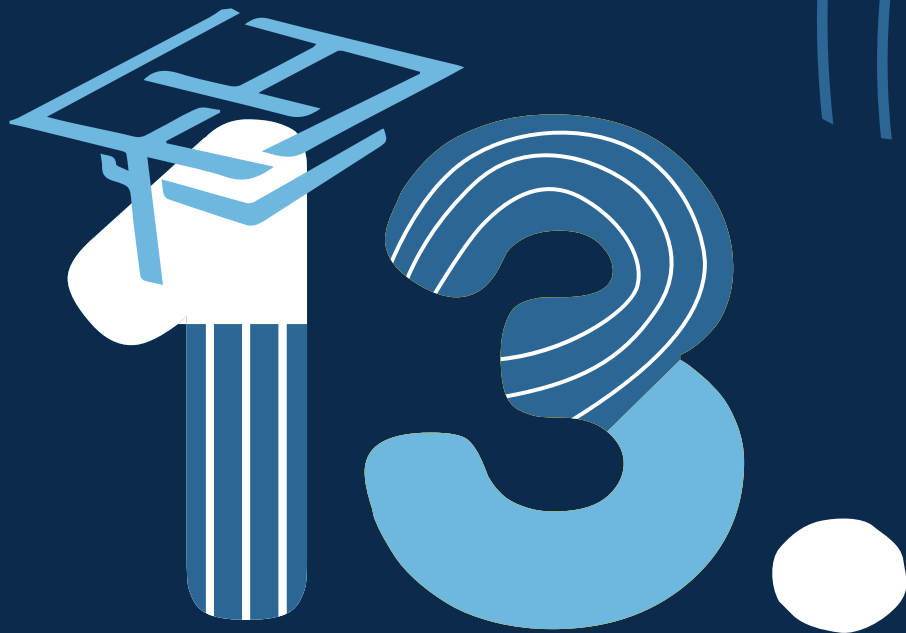


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## THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HASTOR FOUNDATION: A GREAT CELEBRATION AND AN OCCASION TO PRESENT THE NEW VERSION OF THE FOUNDATION'S APP

On Saturday, the 13th of April, in the Main Assembly Hall of the ASA Prevent Group, a monthly meeting of the college student scholarship holders was held. Students from all across Bosnia and Herzegovina have gathered, once again, to meet their peers from different cities, exchange experiences and learn something new.

April meetings, however, have always been special, because this is the time of the year when we celebrate our Foundation's birthday: on this day, thirteen years ago, all the legal building blocks necessary for the Foundation's establishment, and for it to begin working on improving the BiH society through intensive work with young people and above all through work on their personal and professional advancement, have been put in place.

In thirteen years of continuous work, the Hastor Foundation rose to become the leading foundation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and one that supports the greatest number of students, from primary school to college. We are especially proud to point out that we currently provide scholarships to 1976 children and youths, although we certainly see these numbers going up in the following school year. Of greatest importance are also the Foundation's alumni, former scholarship holders who are now respected professionals and experts in their respective fields. The Hastor Foundation's unique mission, coupled with long-standing efforts and determination to improve BiH society is what shaped it into what it is today – one of the most recognizable foundations of its kind.

Since 2006, the Foundation supported more than 3000 youths all across Bosnia and Herzegovina, aiding in their becoming responsible citizens and successful young men

and women, both in their own communities and globally. This month's regular meeting of college students differed greatly from previous ones, as the Foundation's Administrative team aimed to organize a gathering that those present would treasure and look back on with fondness – the festive atmosphere was almost palpable in ASA-Prevent's Main Assembly Hall.

The April meeting was opened by Seid Fijuljanin, the Foundation's Managing Director, who first reminded the scholarship holders of the Foundation's values and the importance of these monthly gatherings, focusing primarily on the networking opportunities and exchange of views and experiences.

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

The idea for the app's development was born in 2016, and soon afterwards, the initial team of scholarship holders was formed. They would go on perfecting the app for the next three years and the hard work was concluded this Saturday, with the presentation of the app's final version. The leader of this hard-working team of Foundation's scholarship holders, and eventually the one who delivered the presentation on how it works, was Sanel Delić, himself a former scholarship holder.



It is worth noting that the development of the “Moja Fondacija Hastor” App , from the initial idea to all the fine tuning, was entirely in the hands of the scholarship holders; they are the ones who have made the app a legacy that all their fellow scholarship holders, both current and future, can enjoy.

This was a very important day for all of us at the Foundation because all of our future activities will be carried out via this platform. The fact that the Hastor Foundation’s thirteenth anniversary was marked by the introduction of its very own mobile app confirms that it is indeed the leading Foundation in BiH.

As usual, the monthly meeting would not have been complete without teacher Ramo’s address to the students. In it, he foregrounded the importance of the following: the scholarship holders should always keep in mind their personal, but also the entire Foundation’s reputation; they should help those in need; they must always follow the right path in life and never forget whence they came from.

Once the formalities were over, all scholarship holders could enjoy delicious dessert and refreshments – the joy and merriment were even more noticeable!

Džulisa Otuzbir



## „MY HASTOR FOUNDATION“

By presenting the improved version of the app “My Hastor Foundation”, the Hastor Foundation has once again confirmed that it is the leading foundation of this kind both in BiH and in the region. In the manner appropriate for the occasion, namely the marking of the thirteenth anniversary of the Foundation’s existence, consistency and progress, improved version of the app was officially presented as a symbolical gift to the scholarship holders.

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

The “My Hastor Foundation” platform offers an additional special option, with the purpose of establishing and nurturing connections between all scholarship holders; this implies that the app’s primary goal lies in strengthening the bonds within the Foundation itself. Namely, the app allows every user to find contact information of other scholarship holders, including primary and secondary school students, college students, and alumni.

During the April monthly meeting of college student scholarship holders, on the day when the Hastor Foundation marks its 13th anniversary, the app was officially presented by Sanel Delić, its former scholarship holder. Sanel is the leader of the team of scholarship holders who have worked tirelessly on designing, developing and eventually presenting the “My Hastor Foundation” app. The initial idea for developing an app of this kind, which would modernize and improve the activities of the Foundation’s scholarship holders, goes back to 2016. The initial team of scholarship holders was formed that same year, and its members would go on perfecting the app for the next three years so that its final version could be proudly presented on the same day when the Foundation would celebrate its 13th anniversary.

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

Amina Vatreš

# NIJAZ HASTOR RECEIVES THE SBF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

As a part of the tenth Sarajevo Business Forum 2019 investors' conference, a ceremony honoring prominent entrepreneurs was also held. These individuals were awarded appropriate plaques and certificates for their significant contribution to sustainable and successful entrepreneurship in the last ten years, and therefore also helped promote SBF.

Sarajevo Business Forum is an international business and investment conference organized annually by Bosna Bank International (BBI), in cooperation with its shareholders (Islamic Development Bank, Dubai Islamic Bank, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank) and other partners. In 2010, this conference, which is regarded as one of the most significant business and investment events in Southeastern Europe, was held for the first time, retaining its annual character in the following years. SBF brings together institutions, private investors and people from different areas of business from across the globe and introduces them to entrepreneurs and project owners from the following countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia. Moreover, it serves as a platform that enables business networking and exploration of investment opportunities in the Southern Europe, with the primary aim of fostering its economic growth.

Among those awarded at the jubilee edition of the SBF conference was **Nijaz Hastor**, the owner of ASA Prevent Group and the founder of the Hastor Foundation, as well as one of Europe's most successful entrepreneurs. Amer Bukvić, CEO of Bosna Bank International, and Ousamma Abdel Rahman Kaissi, CEO of Islamic Corporation for the

Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC), one of the members of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), awarded the recipients with appropriate certificates, using the opportunity to highlight certain participants' personal endeavors and consistency at increasing the reach of SBF further.

**Philanthropy, dignity, righteousness, and selflessness** that are some of Mr. Nijaz Hastor's character traits have also found expression in his business practices and work pertaining to different social spheres; the projects he has undertaken and his business endeavors are one more proof that every idea can be realized if the foundations on which it rest demonstrates sufficient strength and integrity. These foundations will also serve as a place for a more productive and prosperous community to take root, ultimately contributing to a brighter future of this region by having successful, self-aware and responsible people lead dialogue. In addition to his aforementioned contribution to the education of youths, Nijaz Hastor is an entrepreneur who has selflessly invested in various other segments of the BiH society, including economy, sports, art and culture, to which his other awards and certificates of appreciation testify.

Amina Vatreš



# SILVER MEDALE FOR AMAR VELAGIĆ AT THE EUROPEAN COMPETITION IN LATIN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE OF ANCIENT ROME

Amar Velagić is a third grade student at Mixed Secondary School "Bugojno", General Grammar School. He currently lives in Bugojno. In the course of his secondary school education, he has developed particular interest in Latin language and plans to devote himself to studying it at university level too.

At the competition on Latin language and culture of Ancient Rome, that gathers students from over 20 different European countries, Amar succeeded in winning a silver medal. In regard to other noteworthy achievements at competitions, Amar highlighted the second place he won at a Physics competition and the first place for his knowledge of Latin language. In addition, the school commended his role in organizing and implementing different school activities.

In his free time he writes poetry and dabbles in acting. "Acting and poetry are particular spheres of life: they open up an unusual, imaginary world in which you can do everything you can't do in a "real" way. Art is inspiration. It produces a special melody that, nowadays, doesn't stick with us as easily as it did before." Amar's love of poetry is also made evident by his efforts to publish two books: his own collection of poetry and a collection that would include poems penned by youths from across the country. What made him want to start drafting and implementing this project was the fact that youths' opinions tend to be dismissed; in this way, our scholarship holder wants to connect young people in a country where separation is the norm.



Amar has a Facebook page "Carpe diem" that he created with the goal of promoting content related to art and culture; every morning he posts a Latin phrase, accompanied by a translation, while in the evening he shares works of world-renowned poets. In this way, he hopes to counterbalance the negativity of various news sites.

He has become involved in theater activities two years ago, and the play "Reevolucija", in which he performed as a member of a troupe, earned him and the others numerous awards at festivals in Trebinje and Jagodina. Thanks to theater, he regularly takes part in workshops that promote peace and tolerance among young people. So far, these workshops were held in Banja Luka, Trebinje and Žepče, and the next one is scheduled for Višegrad. As a part of the school activities, a Festival of Miniature Drama is also held. The concept and directing was handled by Amar, and the miniature eventually received an award for the deft way it combined various techniques and approaches, such as shadow play. Applied informatics also found its way in school activities. Amar is very involved in creating various presentations, quizzes and anything that can aid development of creative classes, since he believes that different approaches in classroom are necessary today.

Razim Medinić

# COMPETITION AND CONTENTS: SOME OF THE SUCCESSES OF THE HASTOR FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

1.

**FERID OMIĆ**

(International School, Zenica)

1<sup>st</sup> place at the cantonal competition in Mathematics  
10<sup>th</sup> place at the federal competition in Mathematics



2.

**IRMA LIPOVAC**

(Second Gymnasium, Mostar)

4<sup>th</sup> place at the cantonal competition in Mathematics  
1<sup>st</sup> place at the school competition in Turkish  
3<sup>rd</sup> place at the school competition in Physics  
3<sup>rd</sup> place at the school competition in Chemistry



3.

**INELA HODŽIĆ**

(Mixed Secondary School, Travnik)

3<sup>rd</sup> place at the school competition in Chemistry



4.

**AMAR VELAGIĆ**

(Mixed Secondary School, Bugojno)

Silver medal at the European competition in Latin language and Culture of Ancient Rome



5.

**ELMEDINA BEGIĆ , AMILA KONJIĆ  
I AMRA FORIĆ**

(Mixed Secondary School Čelić, Čelić)

Second award at the international festival of poetry and prose for primary and secondary school pupils and the youth of age 30 or less



6.

**AMINA OKANOVIĆ**  
(Second Gymnasium, Zenica)

1<sup>st</sup> place at the team competition in first aid, organized by the Red Cross of the City of Zenica

7.

**ARMIN CETIN**  
(First Primary School, Bugojno)

2<sup>nd</sup> place at the national competition in kumite for children held in Banja Luka



8.

**NEJLA GRAHO**  
(Konjic Gymnasium, Konjic)

3<sup>rd</sup> place at the federal karate competition for seniors, category of -55kg





9.

**LEJLA FIJULJANIN**  
(Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo)

1<sup>st</sup> place in the First League of the  
Federation of BiH in women's volleyball



10.

**ABDULMELIK KEVRIĆ**  
(Gazi Husrev-bey Madrassah, Sarajevo)

An award received at the Spelling Bee competition  
organized by the US Embassy in BiH



11.

**LAMIJA NEZIROVIĆ**  
(Gazi Husrev-bey Madrassah, Sarajevo)

1<sup>st</sup> place at the school competition in the History  
of Islam



12.

**ALMINA ŠABANOVIĆ**  
(Gazi Husrev-bey Madrassah, Sarajevo)

2<sup>nd</sup> place at the literary competition for  
the Day of Isak Samokovlija



# THE TEN MOST BEAUTIFUL LITERARY QUOTES

A quote is a sentence or a textual paragraph that is transmitted from another source word for word. This is a definition one can find in a dictionary, but simply put, a quote is what makes a book memorable. Therefore, in this month's issue, I have compiled some of the most beautiful quotations that have made many remember these works of literature. Of course, it was difficult to choose the top ten, so let's say that this is just a tiny glimpse into, in my opinion, the finest excerpts taken from literary works.



## 1. ““

“No man is an Island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.”

**Ernest Hemingway, “For Whom the Bell Tolls”**

## 2. ““

“To lose yourself is the most dangerous thing, she tried to teach me while I was younger. If you lose something else, you can always win it back again – but if you lose yourself, who will go look for you? While other mothers warned their daughters about rapists, unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, she always warned me not to lose myself for someone.”

**Anne Swärd, “Breathless”**

## 3. ““

“I'm like that. Either I forget right away or I never forget.”

**Samuel Beckett, “Waiting for Godot”**

## 4. ““

“Can words describe the fragrance of the very breath of spring?”

**Neltje Blanchan**

## 5. ““

“How many eyes would a man need to notice the happiness surrounding him?”

**William Shakespeare**

## 6. ““

“Here is my secret. It is very simple. It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; What is essential is invisible to the eye.”

**Antoine de Saint Exupery, “The Little Prince”**

## 7. “

**Hamlet's monologue:** "To be, or not to be: that is the question: / Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer / The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, / Or to take arms against a sea of troubles, / And by opposing end them? To die: to sleep; / No more; and by a sleep to say we end / The heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks / That flesh is heir to, 'tis a consummation / Devoutly to be wish'd. To die, to sleep; / To sleep: perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub; / For in that sleep of death what dreams may come / When we have shuffled off this mortal coil, / Must give us pause: there's the respect / That makes calamity of so long life; / For who would bear the whips and scorns of time, / The oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely, / The pangs of despised love, the law's delay, / The insolence of office and the spurns / That patient merit of the unworthy takes, / When he himself might his quietus make / With a bare bodkin? who would fardels bear, / To grunt and sweat under a weary life, / But that the dread of something after death, / The undiscover'd country from whose bourn / No traveller returns, puzzles the will / And makes us rather bear those ills we have / Than fly to others that we know not of? / Thus conscience does make cowards of us all; / And thus the native hue of resolution / Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought, / And enterprises of great pith and moment / With this regard their currents turn awry, / And lose the name of action."

**William Shakespeare**

## 8. “

"When at night we fall asleep, we all turn into actors and step each time onto a different stage to play our part. And by day? By day, when we are awake, we learn our part. Sometimes, when we do not learn it well, we dare not appear on the stage and instead hide behind other actors, who for the moment know their lines and moves better than we do. And you, you come to the theater to watch our performance, not to act in it. May your eye behold me when I am well rehearsed, for no one is either wise or beautiful all seven days of the week."

**Milorad Pavić, "Dictionary of the Khazars"**

## 9. “

"Give me my Romeo; and, when he shall die / Take him and cut him out in little stars, / And he will make the face of heaven so fine / That all the world will be in love with night / And pay no worship to the garish sun."

**William Shakespeare, "Romeo and Juliet"**

## 10. “

"A man is not what he thinks, but what he does."

**Meša Selimović**

**Razim Medinić**





## TAKEN FROM TEACHER'S TREASURE OF WISDOM: "THE PIGEON"

The school's principal, Sefer Mrkulić, the librarian, Rašid Ramović, and myself were looking at the school's exterior when a loud crash was heard; the glass rattled and our gazes were soon drawn to a shadow on the school's ceiling window. A hungry, or perhaps simply wanton, sparrowhawk was chasing after a pigeon. Perhaps he was hungry. Perhaps he wanted to make his strength known, even if it was put on display against a weaker foe. A deathly screech followed by the menacing beating of the preying bird's wings caused the pigeon to flee. In an effort to save his bare life, the pigeon took off as quickly as he could – there was no time to ask how or where. In this headlong dash, his wings took him in the direction of the school building. The sparrowhawk was gaining on the pigeon, feeling elation at the prey being nearly within his talons' grasp. Blinded by the fear of the aggressor, the pigeon struck the window pane, shattering the glass. With his body, he broke through it and fell on the floor of the school corridor. Amid the now quiet shards of glass he opened his eyes one more time, victorious, and then peacefully laid his head on the concrete before us.

The sparrowhawk, similarly blinded, in this case by greed, did not realize that he would hit an unbroken and immovable piece of glass. The sharp point broke through the skin and tore into the flesh of the unfortunate bird's abdomen. Losing strength, he tried to keep himself in the air by beating his wings, but they were already giving out. With the talon of his right leg, he managed to push himself away from the glass, bloodying his leg in the process, but somehow freeing his gutted body from the glass's embrace. The sparrowhawk used the last of his strength to propel himself forward; he

was desperate to anchor himself between the wall and the gutter. It was to no avail. He beat his wings and tried to cling to the gutter with his talons in vain. His strength was leaving him and with every passing moment he was closer to the ground. The sound of his wings attracted the attention of a tomcat that was lurking close by; in two or three swift leaps he was poised at the bottom of the gutter. The sparrowhawk managed to grip the last of the gutter's joints, but his intestines could no longer stay inside his body. They spilled out. Some twenty centimeters of hanging intestines were now served before the tomcat – one powerful leap was enough for the feast to begin. The sound of the sparrowhawk's shrieking meshed with the tomcat's satisfied munching and occasional growling. Fate would have it that both the victim and the aggressor lost their lives. The principal directed two students to take the necessary tools from Muhamed Lipa, the janitor, and take the pigeon's body to the nearby park – they would bury him underneath a rose bush.

Do not hold it against me, pigeon. Perhaps I would have saved your life here, but I had survived an aggression in which I lost many who were dear to me.

Ramo Hastor

# Amra Imamović-Golić

The Hastor Foundation can truly boast about the great number of scholarship holders who achieve excellent results in the fields of education and science. Nevertheless, it should also be mentioned that the Foundation's team comprises of young people who contribute to its work by constantly improving it with their knowledge and skills, as well as their devotion to volunteering within the Foundation. Amra Golić is one of those scholarship holders whose work and a large number of volunteer hours make her stand out. It is for this reason that she is, quite deservedly, the scholarship holder of the month of April.

Amra was born in Hadžići, where she completed her primary education with excellent success. She then enrolled into the Secondary School of Economics in Sarajevo; that is when her interest for economic sciences appeared. After graduating, she continued with her formal education at the School of Economics and Business in Sarajevo, eventually earning a bachelor's degree. She is currently in her master studies at the Economics department (Macro-financial management) and is in the process of writing her Master's thesis in the field of financing local communities. During her studies, Amra partook in various vocational conferences and workshops.

She became a scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation eleven years ago, when she was in the 7th grade of primary school.

"I can say that the Hastor Foundation has been with me for the greater part of my life. It is difficult to describe its overall significance. All the people I've met in the Foundation, the workshops where I've learned a lot, and the opportunities I have been given to work and prove myself: all of it was important. Through volunteering, I've learned many things about myself, other people, and our surroundings. The most important thing I learned however, is that we should always fight for the right values, and that education is our greatest 'weapon'".

Amra is the scholarship holder with the greatest number of volunteer hours. She reached such impressive numbers due to her engagement in the work of the Administration team of the Foundation. As a part of the Administration team, she had the opportunity to gain various skills that would prove useful in her business engagements, and during volunteer meetings and workshops she met many people, some of whom she now considers true friends.

Considering that the end of her formal education, and thereby her being a scholarship holder, is very near, Amra is overwhelmed by emotions.

"I consider the Hastor Foundation to be my second family, and it will always have a friend and support in me. Its work, which is recognized in our society, is truly praiseworthy, and its scholarship holders are the greatest hope of our society. The Foundation shows that education is not a privilege, but the right and responsibility of all of us."

Amra's exceptional work ethics and the effort she puts in for completing the administrative tasks have made this hard-working and ambitious girl stand out, but no less important is her sense of responsibility and her devotion to volunteer activities. In terms of activities she likes to do in her leisure time, Amra mentions her love of reading, mountaineering and travelling, and, being passionate about nature and photography, she wants to explore different parts of our country.

Maida Husnić



In order to enrich the content of our Newsletter, we have decided to introduce a new section: Dates to Remember. It will provide you with basic information on important dates that are marked throughout the year.

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### 1. APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Although it is marked in various ways in different countries, the essence remains the same: every first of April we should be expect a few practical jokes played on us!

This day is "celebrated" almost everywhere in the world, but to this date, it has not been determined who is behind it or where it originated.

According to some sources, "Fool's Day" already existed near the end of the Middle Ages in Europe, and while the English believe that it is the result of the Eastern tradition, the Finns and the Swedes associate

it with the spring teaching of children. At the same time, some studies point towards a

connection with ancient Rome, and evidence of its existence was also found in the 16th-century France. Back then, it was said that those who were pranked got "the April fish".



### 2. APRIL WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

The United Nations General Assembly has chosen the 2nd of April to mark World Autism Awareness Day, thereby aiming to raise global awareness about the growing problem that this complex disorder poses. ; it most commonly develops in the first three years of an individual's life and generally lasts for the rest of their life.

Although we often hear about this disorder, there is a large number of people who are still unaware and do not know what autism or autism spectrum disorders are and how they affect the individual and the community.

Very often, only the term "autism" is used, since it is much shorter than the term "autistic spectrum disorders" (ASD) or "autistic spectrum conditions".



## 7. APRIL WORLD HEALTH DAY

World Health Day is marked each year on the 7th of April, under the sponsorship of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The first World Health Assembly organized by the World Health Organization was held in 1948. By the Assembly's decision, the 7th of April was selected as World Health Day and has been marked as such since 1950.

This day is marked in order to raise awareness about health-related issues, drawing attention to the priority areas that are under the care of the World Health Organization. Activities related to this particular topic,

as well as the resources needed for them, should not only be observed on the 7th of April, but should be our concern throughout the year.



## 11. APRIL WORLD PARKINSON'S DAY

Since 1997, the World Parkinson's Day has been marked on the eleventh of April, on the birthday of an English physician, Sir James Parkinson, who first described the disease. The purpose of marking this day is to raise awareness and increase knowledge about the causes, symptoms and possible treatments of this important health problem.

Parkinson's disease is a chronically progressive neurodegenerative disorder of the central nervous system, which results in the decrease of healthy

dopamine cells. The illness significantly reduces the quality of life of the affected person and affects the family as well as the entire community.



## 22. APRIL EARTH DAY

Earth Day is celebrated each year on the 22nd of April in more than 150 countries around the world.

The idea of marking the day of the Planet Earth was first introduced by John McConnell at the UNESCO conference in 1969. The flag of the Earth was designed the same year, and the very name "Earth Day" was first used by the mayor of San Francisco, Joseph Alioto on the 21st of March, 1969, in a proclamation which stated that the Earth Day was to be celebrated in the area of San Francisco.

This day has been officially marked since 1992, when a long-term programme for promoting sustainable development was adopted during the UN Conference

on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro. Based on the Bolivian government's proposal, the United Nations General Assembly declared the 22nd of April as the official Earth Day in 2009.



## 23. APRIL WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY

World Book and Copyright Day is celebrated every year as an important date in world literature: on this day in 1616, Miguel de Cervantes and William Shakespeare had both died.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) marks the World Book and Copyright Day with the help of numerous publishers, bookstores, teachers and communication specialists. UNESCO wants to encourage people to read and thus promotes publishing and protection of intellectual property through copyright protection. The decision to mark the World Book and Copyright Day was made at the UNESCO General Conference held in Paris in 1995.

In our country, book fairs are held every year, and especially important is the International Book Fair which is held in Sarajevo and lasts several days.



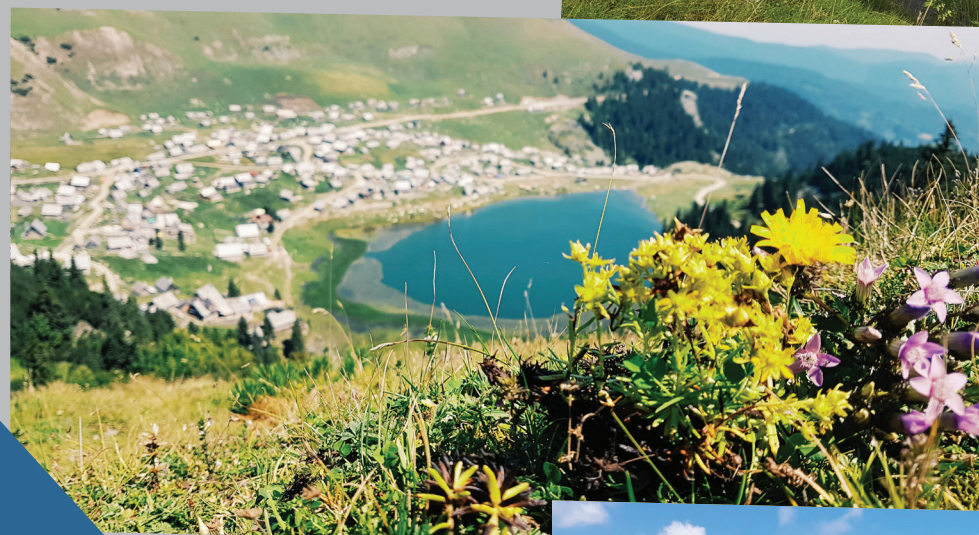
## 29. APRIL INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

International Dance Day is marked as the date of birth of Jean Georges Noverra, the inventor of modern dance. In 1982, the World Dance Alliance launched the International Dance day within the framework of the International Theatre Institute of UNESCO. The idea and purpose of this international day is to have a worldwide celebration of this artistic discipline, hailing it as a universal language that overcomes all political, cultural and ethnic boundaries and provides the opportunity for unifying people around a common and unmistakable experience - dance. Each year, a celebrity choreographer or a dancer sends a letter which circulates around the world and is translated into all languages spoken around the globe.





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## Anela Medar, Stolac

### Faculty of Health Care, Mostar

During a volunteer gathering, my mentors came up with the idea of visiting an older person and buying her groceries. This way, we would do a good deed and at the same time cheer up one person who has no one and lives alone. We headed to the end of town to visit granny Sabira. We briefly introduced ourselves, saying that we are the scholarship holders of the Hastor Foundation, and that each month we volunteer for a certain number of hours, and that as a part of this volunteer meeting, we wanted to visit somebody.

Granny Sabira welcomed us kindly in her pleasant home. She told us that we should not be bothered by the purchase of the groceries and that she, thank God, has enough with her pension. She served us juice and cookies and started the story of her difficult life and unfortunate destiny. She did not have any children, and she lost her husband a few years ago. Since then, she says, she finds peace in prayer. Her house is in a bad shape, she did not receive any sort of donations, and she pays for all house repairs herself, by taking money out of her pension. Despite all this, granny Sabira is a cheerful person who merely needs friendly conversation now and then. Our visit was very much appreciated and she told us that we can visit her again whenever we wish.

We offered to help her with housekeeping, but she thanked us and said that she could do all that by herself, and that it also was a pass time, along with the television. When it was time to say goodbye, she gave us precious advice: Whatever our destiny is, we always need to remain good and honest people, because eventually, this will come back to us.

The database showed that the scholarship holders and volunteers of the Hastor Foundation reached the number of 20.695 volunteer hours during the previous month. As usual, most of these hours were spent in our scholarship holders' volunteering meetings – students, primary and secondary school pupils in 276 volunteer meetings in 60 municipalities across Bosnia and Herzegovina. Our students who volunteer with the Administration team and Editorial Board of the Hastor Foundation contributed greatly to this number, as well as the students who work on developing the Hastor Foundation app and are in charge of web page maintenance.

The compulsory theme that our scholarship holders discussed in volunteering meetings during the previous month was: “The importance of knowing foreign languages” . t

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### Some of the most interesting themes:

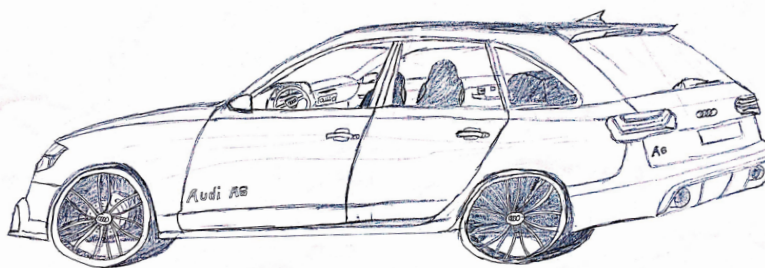
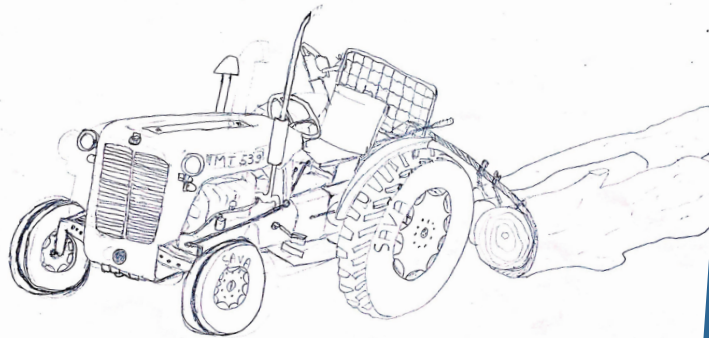
- **Respecting the elderly and pregnant women**
- *How does literature affect a person's intellect?*  
**Earth Day**
- **My view of the future**
- *The most beautiful rivers in BiH*  
**Knowing basic traffic signs: safety and decrease in the number of accidents**
- **The evolution of the humankind**
- *Non-violent approach – preventing violence in schools*  
**The right for diversity – respecting the differences among people**
- **Genetically modified products – do we know what we eat?**

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