

Moldovan Student Sponsorship Newsletter

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GRADUATES' EMOTIONS

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Every autumn, our third quarter meeting brings a special milestone: celebrating our incredible graduates. This year, we marked the occasion with a gathering filled with shared memories, laughter, and meaningful reflections on our journey together. It was a warm afternoon in which our graduates spoke of their growth and expressed their appreciation to the coordinators and sponsors who made their success possible.

Ana B: *During my studies within this program, I felt wonderful and had unforgettable experiences. Every quarterly meeting was both useful and important; we explored vital topics, discovered new things, and shared wonderful moments together. These activities opened doors to opportunities I otherwise would have never had. The scholarship I received, along with the gifts during the winter holidays, meant a great deal to me, helping me continue my studies with greater confidence and motivation.*

I am deeply grateful for the dedication and effort invested in each of us. I want to express a special thank you to Ms. Angela, our program coordinator, for the patience, care, and guidance they offer to every student. Thanks to her, this program is a warm space where every young person feels encouraged to learn and grow. I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors. Without your immense support and generosity, I would not have had the opportunity to receive this scholarship and graduate from the college.

I hope this program continues to support young people from socially vulnerable backgrounds, offering them the same chance to study at a vocational school, college, or university to build a brighter future. For many of us, this scholarship represented far more than financial aid—it brought the hope we needed to move forward and achieve our dreams. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the trust, care, and support provided throughout these years.

Cristina P: *When I began my studies, I had many dreams, but also many challenges. At times, I worried about whether I would have all the materials and supplies needed to learn and continue my education. Through this project, I received the support I needed at exactly the right time. The financial assistance allowed me to purchase the necessary school materials and focus fully on my studies. Instead of worrying about what I lacked, I was able to dedicate my time to learning and personal development. This project meant much more than just material support. It encouraged me to keep moving forward and gave me the confidence that I am not alone—that there are people who truly believe in my future. Thanks to this support, I was able to complete my studies in tailoring and dressmaking, and I now look toward the future with great hope.*

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and to everyone who contributed to this project. Its impact on my life will remain a cherished memory and a blessing that I will never forget. Thank you a lot to my sponsor!

Victoria F: *The program I was part of was an enormous support for me. Thanks to this program, my sponsor, and to our wonderful manager, Ms. Angela, who guided us and was a great support, I managed to achieve many of my long-sought goals. • One of my biggest goals was to enroll in driving school, and the support provided by this program helped me immensely with this. Thank you to all the sponsors who contributed and gave us great possibilities. I managed to cover many expenses, and this financial support is a wonderful opportunity for all students who face difficulties.*

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Cristina B: *A valuable aspect of this program was the quarterly meetings with the other participants. The topics discussed during these sessions challenged me to look at certain things from new perspectives and to reflect on aspects I might not have thought about on my own. These conversations not only provided me with useful information but also contributed to the development of my way of thinking.*

My participation in this program was a true blessing and a real help during an important period of my life. In addition to the monthly financial support, the program taught me to be more responsible, to manage my resources better, and to plan my expenses more wisely.

Right from the beginning of my participation, I went through some difficult situations that forced me to take out a loan. The support received through this program helped me cope with those challenges and gave me the stability I needed. As a result, I was able to focus more on my studies without the pressure of working long hours to cover my expenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this program, which has had a positive impact on my life. I am also very grateful to my sponsor,

Ionela D: *Dear mentors, sponsors, and program coordinators,*

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the financial support provided throughout my participation in this program. Your help has represented a valuable opportunity for both my personal and professional development.

I am also grateful for all the meetings, activities, and experiences shared alongside the students and mentors. Every moment has contributed to gaining new knowledge, building beautiful relationships, and developing important skills for the future.

Thank you to the sponsors, for your generosity and trust, to the mentors for your guidance and support, and to my peers for the collaboration and unforgettable memories we created together. I am deeply grateful for everything you have done, and I hope this program continues to offer valuable opportunities to other young people.

Diana T: *Participation in this program has had a significant impact on my personal and professional development. Beyond the support provided, I had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people and build meaningful connections with fellow students. Some of these connections have grown into genuine friendships that I truly value.*

The activities and interactions within the program encouraged me to believe more in my abilities, set clear goals, and work consistently toward achieving them. It also gave me the chance to learn new things, develop my skills, and look toward the future with greater confidence and optimism.

Moreover, the program helped me understand the importance of involvement, solidarity, and mutual support within a community. I am grateful for the experiences, opportunities, and friendships I gained, as each of them has contributed to my growth as a person and to shaping my aspirations for the future. I also have special thanks for my sponsor who has assisted me financially throughout all these years.

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Marina C: *For the past four years, this program has played an important role in my personal growth and development. It has given me opportunities not only to learn new things but also to meet inspiring people from different academic and professional backgrounds. Through these experiences, I have grown as an individual and gained valuable perspectives that continue to influence my life. One of the greatest benefits of the program has been the chance to connect with ambitious students who specialize in various fields. I have met people studying medicine, law, and many other disciplines. By interacting with them, I have learned about their areas of expertise, discovered new ideas, and broadened my understanding of the world. These conversations have helped me become more informed and open-minded.*

The program has also encouraged meaningful discussions on a wide range of topics. Together, we have talked about social life, current issues, and different perspectives on important matters. We have participated in debate and exchanged opinions. These experiences have strengthened my communication skills and taught me the value of constructive dialogue.

Another important aspect of the program is its focus on both individual and group development. Through teamwork and collaboration, I have learned how people can positively influence one another. We support each other, share knowledge, and motivate one another to achieve our goals. This positive environment has contributed significantly to the development of my personality, confidence, and sense of responsibility.

Dear sponsors, thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Your kindness has changed our students' lives. You haven't just supported our students' education—you have given them hope for the future!

NEWS:

We have 8 graduates this year. 4 of them will continue their studies at another institution.

Marina and Diana are this year's top graduates, achieving the highest average grade of 9.5 out of 10.



Congrats graduates! L-R: Ana Bat, Victoria Falus, Cristina Botnaru, Cristina Porubin, Marina Cenusa, Diana Titica, Ionela Daicu