I find this question usual, but quite reasonable and challenging. So for this quarter’s meeting I decided to make it the main topic of our Student Club discussion.

I’ve recently read somewhere that this is a banal question. It might be banal, but not for me and not for this youth as they make their first serious steps in life. I consider that at this moment it’s very important to know what they want, WHAT they do, FOR what they do, and WHY they do it. It’s too simple to come and go, to study and rest without knowing what you really expect out of your life. I don’t want them to live just for today, without thinking or making any plans for tomorrow. I want them to analyze their current situation and establish the base for their future harvest. For me personally, this is a real impulse of optimism. If people have any dreams or set any goals, they know how to act to obtain what they wish. I always do this and the majority of times I accomplish what I want. I can’t imagine living without drafting any projects for my future – this makes no sense. Moreover, asking yourself this question is a good way of finding out how productive you are and if you know what you work or struggle for. If so far you have had no ideas, it’s high time you considered this subject very seriously and fix your pylons for your future. If you have no plans – make them, if you have no goals – set them, if you have no realizations – work to fulfill them. So, besides debating this theme, I asked the students to write on a sheet of paper the answer to this question. I firstly did it because I do hope to see them in 5 years and understand how successful they have been at reaching their goals.
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Secondly, it was their choice whether to write their names or not and I was pleasantly surprised to see their answers signed. This is proof that they have aspirations they work for and have big beliefs that guide them without being afraid of failure. The majority of them see themselves in 5 years as masters in their field, coaches or even champions. Others, especially the girls, dream of a family and even a child. Those who are in trade school see themselves in university. I was impressed by great answers that speak about their positive outlooks and high expectations, however I was deeply impressed by these words: “… I will be the same young student agog on learning, with the same calm mind and with absurd theories about life. The same naïve and banal child; the same person who wants to change the world in which he lives. Most of all I want to become a big soul, well known and respected not for his words, but for his facts. I want to fight for something necessary - for truth. I will be a producer, but in 5 years I’ll be the same as I am now…” So much desire of life, charm and soundness are hidden in these words. This student has attitudes and aspiration, leading to higher levels of attainment.

Discussing this topic, I hope I have attained my aim in making students understand that in order to be victorious, they are obliged to ask themselves this question. They have to understand how positive they are, what they want out of their studies, what they want out of life, what they are good at. They MUST establish aims, but they also need to realize that there are so many other steps they need to take in order to achieve these objectives. They must work really hard to build a better future and understand that without education and endeavor there’s really no future for anyone.

And who will you be in 5 years?

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**Student Sponsorship news**

**WELCOME NEW STUDENTS:**

1. Pavel Gutu, brother of Oxana. Awaiting sponsorship confirmation
2. Teodor Mamolea, brother of Marina, and sponsored by Michelle Crow
3. Eugenia Popovici, sponsored by Cheryl and John Ford

Mihai Galbura has been accepted to join a trip to Great Britain together with the best instrumentalists from Moldova. It is a tournament organized by the Musicians’ Union and Madame Kent between 09.22.2014 – 12.08.2014. There are 59 performances throughout the UK. Congratulations Mihai, and happy and safe travels!

Ion Terna will participate at the weight lifting championship in Kazakhstan in November.

Honor Roll students:

4. Vadim Carp
5. Alina Rotari
6. Pavel Gutu (new student)
7. Teodor Mamolea (new student)
NEWS ABOUT MOLDOVA

1. 27 August – Independence Day is the national day of Moldova commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence from the Soviet Union on August 27, 1991.

2. 31 August - Moldova celebrates the Language Day. On August 31, 1989 the country adopted a language law that proclaimed the Moldovan language, written in the Latin script, to be the state language.

3. 1st September – the 1st day of school. If you see a throng of children, all dressed up and everyone carrying flowers, you’ll know it is the 1st September or the First Bell, the event marking the beginning of school each year. In most instances students along with parents gather at the front of the school where the principal greets them and there a program outside is performed.

4. 13 October - National Wine Festival in Moldova. It is an old Moldavian tradition when the fermentation of the new wine ends. The festival presents a big national wine tasting where wineries present their best products and usually is visited by many foreign guests and partners. It lasts for 2-3 days. The show ends late in the evening with fireworks.

5. 14 October – Chisinau City Day, or Hramul Chisinaului, is celebrated on October 14th each year.
   The main street of city, Stefan cel Mare Blvd, is closed to traffic and instead it hosts a huge open air festival. Traditional food and wine is served, national music, dance (especially the hora, a traditional Moldovan folk dance), and other folkloric traditions are all around. Many people wear national costumes. In the evening, typically there is an open air concert in the Great National Assembly Square which often ends with an impressive firework display.