

Moldovan Student Sponsorship Newsletter

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SPRING TOPICS

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The sun rays are gently caressing our cheeks, the first spring flowers are greeting us, the “mărțișor” is shining on our chests, the inner world is more positive – It’s SPRING. If in winter the weather was dull and people were somber, now everybody seems to be in a good mood, full of life, and ready to start new projects and work hard to fulfill their dreams. The spring season seems to have a good impact on our students, too. They are bigger, more mature, they have even changed their looks which match perfectly with the weather charm. They appear to be in the midst of activities that keep them very busy, but simultaneously make them happy, too.

This time the moderator of our meeting is Denis Sanin. Although, nowadays people can’t imagine their lives without modern gadgets, Facebook or telephone, Denis is trying to show his mates the opposite. He provides his friends with examples to prove that students’ access to internet has to be lessened. He theorizes that many students are fully dependent on internet and this is a reason why they don’t attend the classes, they forget to walk or do sports, they intensify miscommunication, and they live completely in the world of gadgets while forgetting about the outer world. Certainly, the replies are sent back immediately. The internet keen fans try their best to disprove his theory. They say that the Internet, especially Facebook, keeps them updated with the news, events and bulletins. Others say that the internet is a source of earning money, the others mention that it is the easiest way to communicate with friends from all over the world and even a way of finding out the homework. Denis manages to maintain his position; they don’t succeed to make him change his mind and he concludes that we should have to be deprived of internet at least during the night. This method would help students sleep at night, attend classes the next day, and lead a healthy life. The third category of students seem more neutral, affirming that everybody has to do what is good for him/ her, however we need to understand the limits of gadgets, otherwise everything that is positive, even internet and phones take a negative turn.

Nevertheless, almost everybody agrees that the internet is replacing books, and this fact will continually impact people's reading habits. So, my request for them is to read a physical book whose main idea will be discussed and debated at our next meeting, hoping that this will provoke more students to read books.

Another topic approached at the meeting is: “What is the thought that persists in your mind all the time?” The answers are various: career, money, family. The majority of them answer: “money”. I like Mihai Galbura’s opinion a lot. He says: “One needs to know to live and enjoy the life he has. Money is never enough. The more you have, the more you want and the more you spend. You only have one Life, and if you know to fully live it, enjoying each moment and always underling it’s good aspects, if you are able to look for good even where it is bad, then for sure you’ll be satisfied and you’ll be happy. Enjoy your life and be happy.”

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By the way, in the World Happiness Report 2015, Moldova was placed on the 57th place. Although we have been passing through a very difficult period lately, our people are still contented and want to live in their country. Their happiness is perceived differently: some are glad that they are healthy, others because their children are happy and have a job, the third category because they have grandchildren. ***“Be happy with what you have and are, be generous with both, and you won't have to hunt for happiness. William E. Gladstone”***

NEWS OF OUR STUDENTS

1. **Gratii Vasile** - participated at the basketball championship organized for colleges March 13-19. His team CC (College of Construction) won 2nd place.
2. **Mihai Galbura** –went on a trip to China with the Radio Orchestra. He visited the big cities like Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong. They had concerts in extraordinary halls. He was impressed by their culture, life, etc. It was a great and unforgettable experience for him.
As the month of March is dedicated to the “Martisor Festival”, Mihai also participated in it, playing with various bands.
3. **Victor Organ** - due to his sponsor's and university mates' support, he will finish shooting a short film by the end of this month.
4. **Oxana Gutu** – Spring was very generous with her, allowing her to “flower” with several impressive performances. On 1 March – the opening Concert dedicated to Martisor at the Academy of Music, Theatre and Fine Arts. On 4-5 March – performances in 2 centers for children with disabilities. On March 15 – Concert: “Traditional Music” at AMTFA.
5. **Soloduh brothers** – Soon they are having a basketball championship and they hope to win the 1st place. Also, in January they set up a volleyball club. They coach a team for girls. They are also planning to train a group of younger kids as well.
6. **Alexandru Cojevnicov** - was in the Romanian mountains with his University class. He saw the mountains for the first time, and it also was the first time he visited a foreign country. He enjoyed the trip a lot..