

# Milijon dolara za američki san

AUBiH stipendije za najbolje učenike srednjih škola širom Bosne i Hercegovine

Američki univerzitet u Bosni i Hercegovini ove godine je iz vlastitih resursa osigurao iznos od preko 1.500.000,00 KM (ili oko 1 milion američkih dolara), koji će biti iskorišten za dodjelu četverogodišnjih školarina najboljim učenicima srednjih škola širom Bosne i Hercegovine. Riječ je o 33 stipendije za srednje škole u Federaciji BiH i Republici Srpskoj.

- **Milijon dolara za američki san** je društveno odgovoran projekt koji ima za cilj razvoj i unapređenje visokog školstva u cijeloj BiH, ali i mogućnost stipendiranja najboljih učenika, kao i učenika nepovoljnog materijalnog statusa. Projektom je predviđeno da 33 bh. srednje škole u uži izbor nominuju tri maturanta za dodjelu školarina za studij u AUBiH i isti verifikuju na svojim nastavničkim vijećima, pojašnjava Denis Prečić, predsjednik Upravnog odbora Američkog univerziteta u Bosni i Hercegovini.

Osnovni kriteriji za dodjelu stipendija su rezultati ostvareni u srednjoj školi, znanje engleskog jezika i finansijsko stanje kandidata, dok se dodatni kriteriji odnose na učešća u takmičenjima, posebne preporuke, loše materijalno stanje i maturante bez jednog ili oba roditelja. Konačan izbor jednog kandidata iz svake od 33 bh. srednje škole, izvršit će AUBiH nakon što svi kandidati pristupe polaganju prijemnog ispita. Sa izabranim učenicima, AUBiH će na svečanosti koja će biti upriličena tim povodom, potpisati ugovore kojima će regulisati njihovo besplatno četverogodišnje školovanje.

Konačan izbor učenika kojima se dodjeljuje četverogodišnja školarina,



**Prečić: Društveno odgovoran projekt**

AUBiH će izvršiti najkasnije do 5. juna ove godine i rezultate javno objaviti, kako bi učenici koji nisu dobili školarine mogli aplicirati za redovan upis na fakultet.



U ovoj obrazovnoj ustanovi, na Fakultetu međunarodnih finansija i bankarstva, Fakultetu digitalne ekonomije i informacionih tehnologija i Fakultetu međunarodnog prava i diplomatije, u Tuzli i Sarajevu se školuju studenti koji će uz diplomu AUBiH dobiti i svjetski priznatu diplomu State University of New York (SUNY). Nakon otvaranja Koledža međunarodnog prava u Banjoj Luci u martu ove godine, AUBiH planira i otvaranje Koledža u Beogradu.

## William Montgomery, bivši Ambasador SAD-a i član UO AUBiH

- Bio sam prva osoba u porodici koja je pohađala fakultet. Studiranje mi je bilo omogućeno stipendijom Bucknell univerziteta, te sam upravo iz tog razloga velika pristalica programa stipendiranja studenata koji provodi Američki univerzitet u Bosni i Hercegovini. Ovaj program će omogućiti mnogim talentovanim studentima da ostvare svoj puni potencijal što, u suprotnom možda ne bi bilo moguće.

Montgomery dodaje da bi kampanju trebalo podržati, upravo zbog toga što šansa za nastavak školovanja nikome ne bi trebala biti uskraćena samo zbog nedostatka novca. Pored toga, u zapadnom i demokratskom sistemu, koji je u velikoj mjeri usmjeren tržištu, finansiranje dobrotvornih organizacija, obrazovnog sistema i umjetnosti nije prepušteno državnom budžetu. Sve ove oblasti finansiraju sami poduzetnici, društveno odgovorne kompanije te različite nev-



**Montgomery: Veliki sam pristalica programa stipendiranja**

ladine organizacije. Podržavajući ovaj program takođe podržavamo tranziciju Bosne i Hercegovine na njenom putu ka demokratiji, mišljenja je Montgomery.

Činjenicu da program obuhvata cijelu BiH, a da se AUBiH ovom akcijom svrstao u red najvećeg

donatora među Visokoškolskim ustanovama u BiH, Montgomery komentira riječima da je Američki univerzitet u BiH ključni dio velikog obrazovnog sistema Bosne i Hercegovine. Da bi opravdao svoju ulogu, AUBiH treba biti prisutan na teritoriji cjelokupne Bosne i Hercegovine, te imati podršku svih političkih stranaka. Program stipendiranja će pomoći u ispunjenju ovog zadatka ali i uveliko doprinijeti ostvarenju poslovnih odnosa sa velikim brojem drugih obrazovnih institucija, kako u RS tako i u FBiH.

- Dodjela američke diplome u Bosni i Hercegovini pomaže ideji da najbolji i najtalentovaniji mladi ljudi, umjesto da odu u inostranstvo i tamo se obrazuju a nakon toga se vjerovatno više nikada ne vrate u svoju zemlju, ipak zadrže u Bosni i Hercegovini, završava William Montgomery, bivši ambasador SAD-a i član UO AUBiH.

## Ralph Jonson, bivši Ambasador SAD-a i član UO AUBiH

- Kampanja Američkog univerziteta u Bosni i Hercegovini, pod nazivom "Milijon dolara za američki san", pokazuje zalaganje ovog univerziteta da mladim ljudima Bosne i Hercegovine obezbijedi mogućnosti za obrazovanje na najvišem međunarodnom nivou. Čestitam Američkom univerzitetu u Bosni i Hercegovini na izvršenju zadatka koji će osigurati da što više mladih i kvalifikovanih ljudi dobije priliku završiti fakultet sa međunarodno priznatom diplomom. Odlučio sam postati član Upravnog odbora AUBiH jer je cilj ovog univerziteta da ponudi obrazovne mogućnosti najvišeg kvaliteta svim mladim ljudima, bez obzira na njihovu etničku ili religijsku pripadnost.



**Jonson: Čestitam AUBiH**

Jonson ne krije da je, kako kaže, sretan, ali nije iznenađen, zbog činjenice da AUBiH, u

konkurenciji visokoobrazovnih institucija, sada zauzima prvo mjesto u dodjeli najvećeg broja stipendija, što je još jedan pokazatelj zalaganja Univerziteta za mlade ljude Bosne i Hercegovine. Moja nada, a ujedno i cilj je da AUBiH izraste u istaknutu multietničku obrazovnu instituciju, ne samo u Bosni i Hercegovini već i u cijelom regionu. Uvjeren sam da će ovaj univerzitet biti instrument koji će državi i regiji ponuditi visokokvalifikovane mlade ljude sa fakultetskim diplomama, a ujedno i pomoći Bosni i Hercegovini u dostizanju ekonomske snage, koja je, svakako, temelj jednog zdravog društva, riječi su Ralphi Jonsona, bivšeg Ambasadora SAD-a i člana UO AUBiH.

**DONATIONS:** American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina to award 33 scholarships

## **A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM**

AUBiH scholarships to be awarded to the best high school students across Bosnia and Herzegovina

American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina has secured an amount of over 1.5 million KM (around 1 million US dollars) out of its own funds, to be used for awarding four-year scholarships to the best high school students across Bosnia and Herzegovina. More precisely, the funds will cover 33 scholarships for high schools in the Federation of BiH and the Republika Srpska.

“A million dollars for the American dream is a socially responsible project whose aim is to develop and further improve higher education in all of BiH, as well as the possibility of providing scholarships for the best of students, and the students with unfavorable material status. According to the project, a total of 33 schools will shortlist three high school graduates who will receive scholarships to study at AUBiH. These nominations must be verified by the respective school’s teacher council”, explains Denis Prcić, chairman of the Board of Trustees of American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The basic criteria for awarding the scholarships include the academic results achieved in high school, command of English and the candidate’s financial status, while additional criteria are related to participation in various competitions or contests, special references, weak material status, and high school graduates without one or both parents. The final selection of one candidate from each of the 33 BiH schools will be made by AUBiH, after all the candidates have taken the entrance exam. The selected students will sign contracts with AUBiH at a special ceremony to be organized for this purpose, regulating their free four-year education at AUBiH.

AUBiH will carry out the final selection of students to be awarded the four-year scholarship no later than June 5th this year, and the results will be publicly announced, so that the students who did not get the scholarships can regularly apply for studying at AUBiH.

At this institution of higher education, students currently attending the College of International Finance and Banking, the College of Digital Economy and Information Technologies, and the College of International Law and Diplomacy in Tuzla and Sarajevo, will, in addition to receiving the AUBiH diploma, also receive the internationally-recognized diploma from the State University of New York (SUNY). Following the opening of the College of International Law in Banjaluka in March this year, AUBiH plans to open a College in Belgrade.

### **William Montgomery,**

former US Ambassador and current member of the AUBiH Board of Trustees.

I was the first person in my family to attend college. I was able to study owing to a scholarship I received from Bucknell University, and that is why I fully support the scholarship program for students of American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina, implemented by the University itself. This program will enable many talented students to realize their full potential which, perhaps, would not be possible if they did not have the scholarship.

Montgomery further says that the campaign should be supported precisely because no one should be deprived of the opportunity to study because of lack of money. In addition, in the Western democratic system, which is mainly market-oriented, funding the charities, the education system and art in general is not left to the state budget. All of these fields are funded by businesspeople themselves, socially responsible companies and various non-governmental organizations. “By supporting this program, we are also supporting the process of transition of Bosnia and Herzegovina on its path towards democracy”, says Montgomery.

The fact that the program covers all of BiH, and that AUBiH thus becomes one of the largest donors in the field of secondary education in BiH, in Montgomery’s words, is a sign that American University in BiH is a key component of the larger education system in BiH. To justify its role, AUBiH should be present in the territory of entire BiH, and have the support of all political parties. The scholarship program will help achieve this task and greatly contribute to the realization of business relations with a large number of other education institutions, both in the RS and FBiH.

“Awarding US diplomas in BiH helps the idea to have the best and most talented young people study in BiH, instead of receiving their education abroad, and most likely never returning to their country”, concludes William Montgomery, former US ambassador, currently a member of the AUBiH Board of Trustees.

### **Ralph Johnson,**

former US Ambassador and current member of the AUBiH Board of Trustees

“The campaign led by American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina, called “A million dollars for the American dream”, shows the University’s great efforts made into providing the young people of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the opportunity to receive education at the highest international level. I congratulate American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina on completing the task that will ensure that as many as possible young and qualified people get a chance to complete their higher education and receive an internationally-recognized diploma. I decided to become a member of the AUBiH Board of Trustees because the goal of this University is to provide top-quality education for all young people, regardless of their ethnic or religious background. Johnson clearly states that he is happy, and not surprised, because of the fact that, in competition with other institutions of higher education, AUBiH now occupies first place when it comes to awarding the largest number of scholarships, which is yet another indicator of the great efforts invested by the University for the benefit of young people of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is my hope, and at the same time a goal that AUBiH has, for AUBiH to grow into a distinguished multiethnic education institution, not only in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but in the entire region. I am convinced that this university will be the instrument that will offer highly-qualified young people with their college diplomas to the state and the region, while at the same time helping Bosnia and Herzegovina reach economic power which, of course, is the foundation of a healthy society”, said Ralph Johnson, former US Ambassador and current member of the AUBiH Board of Trustees.