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HOW TO BE FULBRIGHT COOL, MASTER MATERIALS, AND GO TO HARVARD FOR FREE!

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June brings graduation ceremonies and with them, plenty of sage advice. This edition of the Fulbright Bulgaria newsletter offers thoughtful reflections from freshly finished Fulbrighters Andrea Childs, a second-year ETA in Razgrad, and Botyo Dimitrov, a Bulgarian MA graduate from Georgia Tech. EducationUSA star and BEST debate champion Maria Georgeiva from Geo Milev English Language High School in Ruse also shares the inside scoop on how she got into Harvard, with a full ride, no less – now there's some advice worth reading!

But the end of the Fulbright year does not mean the end of the Fulbright experience, as Fulbright Alumna Professor Dobrinka Georgieva of Plovdiv Medical University clearly showed this May when she hosted a round table entitled "Fulbright and Health: New Perspectives." The event brought together almost a dozen BG and US Fulbright alums and scholars and featured keynote speaker Professor Harris Pastides, chair of the Fulbright Scholar Advisory Board (CIES) and former president of the University of South Carolina, who was visiting Bulgaria for the first time. We wish our AY2023-24 Fulbrighters well in their future adventures and hope these stories inspire them and all our alums to actively engage our wonderful Fulbright Bulgaria community for many years to come!



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Meet the Master of Materials Science

Botyo Dimitrov is a Fulbright graduate student (AY 2022–23) who completed a Master's in Materials Sciences and Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology. An impressive Fulbright nominee with work experience under his belt, Botyo found his perfect academic fit through cooperation with the Fulbright office, discovering in the process opportunities for further scholarly career as a PhD researcher. His outstanding academic performance is not the only achievement related to Georgia Tech – he also celebrated personal milestones! During his graduate studies, Botyo was joined by his wife and fellow architect, Silvia, who became a research assistant at Georgia Tech: making them partners in life and in academic adventures.

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“The American system allows for strong involvement of Master’s students in serious research work.”

BOTYO DIMITROV,
FULBRIGHT GRADUATE
STUDENT AY 2022–23



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From Country Karaoke to Cool Chorister in Razgrad

ETA Andrea Childs reflects on her two years as a Fulbrighter in this interview with Program Officer Iliana Dimitrova. Read on to find out what Andrea loves most about Bulgaria and what she'll be taking home to Iowa with her!

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Maria's Road to a Full-Ride at Harvard: "Success Is Possible If You Have Someone To Guide You"

EducationUSA Advisor Filip Lyapov sat down with Maria Georgieva, our latest addition to a growing cohort of bright Bulgarian high school students who continue their education with degrees at prestigious American universities. In the interview, Maria sheds light on her remarkable journey as part of the EducationUSA and Opportunity Funds programs.

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