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Zdeňka Bakaly

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**May is the application deadline  
for our SCHOLARSHIP program**

March 2013



### **Dominika – A Boxing Architect**

In January, the Bakala Scholars (60 recipients of the Zdeněk Bakala Foundation scholarship) elected their president, Dominik Miketa, and vice-president, Dominika Demlová. Dominika aims to study architecture at one of the world's leading universities. "I have been gradually getting to know the individual aspects of architecture and design study. When I am not sketching, creating something out of a random material, or analyzing philosophical texts on architecture, I am pursuing my other interests, which include various sports from skiing to kickboxing."

Dominika succeeded in the interviews for our SCHOLARSHIP program in October 2012 and, having been promised a scholarship from the Zdeněk Bakala Foundation, she took entrance exams to the universities of her dreams.

"The scholarship from the Zdeněk Bakala Foundation enabled me to apply for universities that I would never have considered before. Apart from financial assistance, the Foundation has enabled me to meet truly remarkable people from across the Czech Republic who soon became very good friends of mine."



### **Matěj – Business and Ice Hockey**

"Neither religions nor governments are the most powerful entities on Earth. Businesses are. That is why I decided to study business," says Matěj Šenkárcin, our 2010 scholar, in a promo video for the SCHOLARSHIP program. Matěj is currently an undergraduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business (WSB), having spent one semester at Goethe Universität in Frankfurt.

"I was pleasantly surprised to meet students in the Erasmus program, which makes European students feel that we have so much in common as people and in terms of culture and that European integration makes sense even on the state level."

Matěj has also held the positions of President of Wharton Europe (a club bringing together WSB's European students), captain of an ice-hockey team, and President of the Penn Team of the inter-university investment fund Global Platinum Securities. (Matěj is pictured to the right.)

"Study abroad remains a difficult objective to achieve, but the Foundation makes it easier for talented students. I feel I have been given a chance to grow that few of my peers will ever have – and that I have made the most of it."



### **ASPEN INSTITUTE PRAGUE**

Last summer, the Aspen Institute Prague (AIP), a public benefit organization, was established, with substantial assistance from Mr. and Mrs. Bakala. A non-ideological and non-partisan organization, the Institute serves as a venue for the meeting of personalities from politics, culture, media, and business, connecting worlds between which communication is often lacking. Last year, our scholar Jakub Langr took a summer internship at the AIP, and a similar opportunity is open to other Bakala Scholars. The opening conference in July was attended by our scholars (pictured).

The Institute is focused on three program areas: Leadership, Policy, and Public. AIP organizes closed-door expert meetings on current political and economic issues, hosts a series of debates entitled Aspen DNES, as well as international conferences, and publishes the quarterly Aspen Review Central Europe.

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