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**continents currently host our scholars. Will there be more?**

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### Counseling Now Available on Study Abroad

Many students in their final years of secondary school are now thinking about what to do after their school leaving exams. Those who seek the best degree programs in their fields are considering applying for a university abroad, as are many current university students. All such students are invited to apply for our SCHOLARSHIP program. Our scholarships are intended for undergraduate as well as graduate studies. Each year, dozens of students receive our financial support to study at the best universities in the world.

More will be chosen this year and **applications** are due by **May 15**. Moreover, all those interested in study abroad, as well as their teachers or parents, are offered counseling on study abroad with our school counselor, available via skype of the Zdeněk Bakala Foundation, **each Monday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**



### Bakala Scholar Between EU and Russia

One of our scholars, Matěj Jungwirth, is in his second year at Beloit College in South Wisconsin. On Wednesday, April 3, Matěj had a public lecture at The Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C., where he has been staying for the past two weeks on a study visit. During his time in Washington, he has prepared and held a lecture entitled "The Czech Republic Between the EU and Russia". Matěj says: "In my presentation lasting almost an hour, I covered three major topics: the Czech Republic's dependence on Russia's supplies of natural gas, Russia's interests in the completion of the Temelín nuclear plant, and the results of the latest presidential election. And although I can talk about Czech foreign policy and energy security only from the position of an amateur enthusiast, I knew enough to explain to the audience the problems that our little country is facing. As for myself, this was an invaluable opportunity to practise public speaking and presentation skills."



### Zaostřeno

Last year saw the establishment, with Mr. and Mrs. Bakala's significant contribution, of Zaostřeno (Focus), a public benefit organization with a mission to promote principles of good governance, transparent and responsible management of public affairs and to strive for betterment of the political environment.

Aiming to provoke debate about diverse issues related to the above topics, Zaostřeno holds round tables, panel discussions and conferences, at national and international level, inviting experts as well as the general public. Successful events include the visit in March of two journalists from the renowned New York-based investigative organization ProPublica. For three days, the ladies led workshops for students and journalists on data and investigative journalism.

Zaostřeno grants an annual award for special contribution in promoting transparency in public administration, entitled Bílá lilie (White Lily). More at: [www.zaostreno.org](http://www.zaostreno.org), [www.facebook.com/zaostreno](https://www.facebook.com/zaostreno).