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HIGH SCHOOL "VASIL LEVSKI" – Montana**

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

What does the education really mean? What is its importance in our life? How does the education influence upon our life after school?

Through the help of education you rise, develop yourself, your talents and memory. A good education gives you the chance to be one worthy competitor. It is very important to be competitive these days.

You choose where to study - in which High School. OK! But how can you be sure this is the right choice, the best one? You cannot! Maybe someone will say: "How could you choose that school? It can give you only poor education." You should not listen to these people, if you think that it is the right school for you. It was the same for me. I made my choice and I do not regret it.

I chose this High School all by myself. Someone tried to influence my decision, but I had already decided and nothing could change that. It was an easy choice for me - I knew what I wanted. Since then I have been doing what ever it takes to get to my purpose.

My expectations? What were they? I expected to meet many different and interesting people in my new school. That happened. I had heard from some other students that the Finance and Economy High School "Vasil Levski" was the best school in our town. It really was and it still is!

You can grow a real professional at this school. It gives you many possibilities to express yourself. I didn't expect all of that. But I do not regret my choice at all. I am very lucky that I can study in this school.

If I could turn back the time, I would make the same choice again. I am more certain in that than ever. I am more optimistic than ever too.

Contestant:..... KRASIMIR IVANOV

Grade:..... 9th

School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS "ALEKO KONSTANTINOV" -
Kardjali

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

Professional High School of Economics "Aleko Konstantinov" is the most popular school in our region. It's like "Harvard" in the USA. Everybody wants to study in this school. But not everybody can. You must have a diploma above 5.50, if you want to be a student in the most popular classes.

I'm studying in Professional High School of Economics "Aleko Konstantinov" now and I like it very much. My friends had told me this school was the best and they were right. It is really a great school. My expectations were that I could get a good education and preparation for the real business and meet new friends here. Well, like all other schools, it has its problems. For example it has no white boards and it's really nasty to write with chalk. Some chairs, tables and windows are broken, too, but it doesn't matter. The atmosphere here is great. I mean that everybody is really friendly, nobody fights and this is good. The teachers are friendly, too. They teach the lessons very well and if you can understand them in class, at home you have to check them and you have a lot of spare time for your new friends. Some of our students have trainings in different countries – Italy, Spain, Austria and many others. I hope to be one of these students next year.

I really like my school. I think it is the best one in our town. I think I've made the right choice to study in it. It helps me become a successful person.

Contestant:..... BILYANA GUGLINA

Grade:..... 11th

**School:..... FINANCE AND ECONOMY
HIGH SCHOOL "VASIL LEVSKI" – Montana**

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

Hello, my dear reader! You ask me what my expectations were when I chose to study in a Professional High School. My answer is very emotional, full of pride and just a little sadness. I believe you are ready to read the story of my school years, so let me start.

When I was fourteen-years old and still learning in a secondary school, I used to dream about the next very important step in my life. I thought: "Can I pass my exams and study in Finance and Economy High School "Vasil Levski"?" I was so worried and confused. But when I really passed my exams I felt very happy and proud of myself. My life was going to change.

I went to a new school in a new town. My fear was different at that time. I wondered what the new school would be like, what kind of people my new classmates would be. I was very nervous and suspicious during my first day at the new school. But when I got closer with my classmates, my class teacher and the other teachers I was so happy, because they are all terrific people. I was very pleased with my school - Finance and Economy High School "Vasil Levski". I study here, because I know that with this knowledge my life won't be so hard. This school is like a dream-come-true. It helps me to become more confident in my powers. It helps me to become a stronger person. This school shapes my personality and gives me great possibilities for a professional career.

I found some good friends here and I created relationships which will never be forgotten. I am a little sad, because my school years come to an end and this time will never return to me...

This is my story, my dear friend! This is all that I'm feeling. I'll be happy if I was able to explain you... to explain you how much I like this school and the people, I've found here!

Contestant:..... DENNITSA KOSTOVA

Grade:..... 11th

School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS - Pernik

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

It is a very important decision to choose the school where you will study. It predetermines your life, your personality and your realization in this difficult and complicated world. By choosing a professional high school students, in fact, choose their future profession. They have to do this very carefully, because it is the time, when they form their personality and start their real, independent life.

When I chose the Professional High School of Economics in Pernik, I made the first step to my new life. I entered an unknown and strange world for me, which I wanted to get to know. The first two years were a little scary, but the longer I studied, the easier and more understandable the lessons became.

Now I have only one year left in this school and I think that I have made the right decision. I gain a lot of knowledge and develop different skills here, as my expectations have been. I am sure that with this knowledge I will continue my education at a prestigious university and realize myself professionally.

For those, who are to make their choice and to apply for a school, I would like to say: "Your future is in your hands. You have only one life to live. So choose what you really like and be proud with the choice you've made!"

Contestant:..... DEYAN MIHALKOV

Grade:..... 8th

School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
"YORDAN ZAHARIEV" - Kyustendil

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

In my opinion education is very important. That is why, I decided to study in Professional High School of Economics and Management "Yordan Zahariev" - Kyustendil.

I knew it was very hard to study here, but I also knew that this school had many traditions. My friends, who were older than me, told me this school was not good. I didn't believe them. I knew that this school could give me the best education available in my town. I also knew that I would meet new friends. I thought that the school could give me opportunities for a good job. I also expected that the school would be nice.

It was my first day at the new school and I was really nervous. The senior students started to throw carrots when we, the freshmen, entered the school for the first time. I saw that the school wasn't so nice. I told myself that the appearance was not so important. I realized that my friends had been right. When I came back home, I told my friends who my class teacher was. They started laughing. I thought to myself that this school was bad.

Nevertheless, I went to school the next day. I thought that it was going to be awful. Later I started to talk with my classmates and realized that my friends were not right at all. I was really happy, because I met a lot of friends and good teachers.

Now I know that I have made the right decision.

Contestant:..... ELIZABETH PETKOVA

Grade:..... 8th

**School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS - Pernik**

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

To choose a high school is a very important thing in every teenager's life. Studying in a professional school gives you a qualification to find a good job in the future.

I chose the Professional High School of Economics in Pernik, because I liked the school and its teachers' professionalism in training students. When I applied after 7th grade, I was between two decisions - to choose this school or another one. I chose the Professional High School of Economics, because I wanted to get a good and modern profession.

Every student has expectations about his or hers school - to get good education, make new friends, meet new teachers and to have fun of course. My expectations about this school were to get a good education and possibilities for a good career. I have been studying at the Professional High School of Economics since 15th of September 2006. It's been great. I think I have made a good choice. Every day I get to know new things about the history of our world, also about geography, chemistry, physics, etc.

I am only in the 8th grade now and I am going to study in this school for another five years. I hope I'll learn more and more useful things that I'll need in my future career. I hope to find a good job, when I leave this school.

Contestant:..... GERGANA LEVKOVA

Grade:..... 9th

**School:..... FINANCE AND ECONOMY
HIGH SCHOOL "VASIL LEVSKI" – Montana**

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

Education is of great importance in everyone's life. It is a cultural and intellectual development. With the development of education in the recent years, more and more opportunities for professional realization appeared. Proper education helps people reach their goals, fulfill their dreams and be successful.

The high school years are a period of transition from childhood to maturity. It is very difficult to choose which high school to attend to, because it will be one's home for the next five-six years.

The high school I have chosen to study at is the only one of its kind in the Northwest of Bulgaria and the best school in the region. It offers many opportunities for professional realization. In Finance and Economy High School "Vasil Levski" – Montana I get very useful professional education and it is a good start for my future career.

When I got to the school for the first time, I was a little bit nervous. It was a new place for me and it was full of new people. With the time I got used to the students and the teachers. They left good impressions on me, because they worked like a united family. They tend to overcome the difficulties together. I did not expect it to be easy, because the road to success is hard. It will not be worth much, if you do not try hard.

In my school, we organize different activities and celebrations connected with important events for Bulgaria and our town. All students take part of their organization. That's how we develop our talents and abilities.

This school is great, because I met many friends and I learnt so many things about life. The teachers are our friends and they make the lessons easy to understand.

I like my school, because it gives me all I need to be successful.

Contestant:..... HRISTO BOYADZHIEV

Grade:..... 10th

School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS "IVAN ILIEV" – Blagoevgrad

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

When I chose to study in a professional school, I expected many things, but of course you can't be sure what to expect from something new and unknown. I was asking myself many questions. My brother was a student in the same school where I was going to be, so he told me many things about it.

According to what I had heard about my future school, I expected to study seriously and to receive a good qualification in economics. I also expected serious lessons in mathematics, literature and English, because these are the subjects I'm going to need for applying for a university.

What I expected and really wanted was meeting interesting new people. I was asking myself if there would be nice girls and boys, whose thinking is similar to mine (I don't take life too seriously). Actually it happened just like I wanted it to be - I met people that will be my friends forever. That is more important than any professional career.

Contestant:..... PAVEL DESPODOV

Grade:..... 11th

**School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
"YORDAN ZAHARIEV" - Kyustendil**

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

What were my expectations, when I chose to study in a professional high school? It is hard to say exactly what I expected, but in this essay I will try to do it and bring my thoughts together for the given subject.

When I finished 7th grade, I wanted to continue to study in my hometown - Kyustendil. In this town, there are 5-6 high schools, but only two are better than the others and my choice was between them. These schools were the Maths High School "Dr. Petar Beron" and the Professional High School of Economics and Management "Yordan Zahariev".

At the time I finished 7th grade, the most perspective profession was informatics and computer programming and engineering. Both "elite" schools in our town had been offering informatics and computer orientated classes. Since I am not very good at Maths, I chose the Professional High School of Economics and Management "Yordan Zahariev".

At the beginning my expectations about this school were not very high.

The first thing that lowered them was when I saw the scores from the admission exams. At PHSEM my score was the highest, while in the Maths High school, it was only 6th. When I saw that, I thought I had made a mistake by going to the professional high school, because obviously the better, more progressive students had gone to the other school.

The second thing that lowered my expectations was when I first saw the building of my new school. The building of my first school, in which I studied until 7-th grade, was well tended and cosy. But when I first walked in my high school's building, a not-that-pleasant picture showed up in front of me - dirty and scratched school-desks, walls with peeling paint. Of course, now my school is much better tended and reconditioned, but in the first year I was in it, it lacked money and was in bad condition.

So I lumped these facts and accepted them in the name of good professional opportunities.

When I entered Professional High School of Economics and Management "Yordan Zahariev", I also expected quality teaching, attention and professional work by the teachers. These expectations have been fulfilled. Our teachers are good professionals (at least most of them). In this school I have learned many new and useful things about computers - things that will help me in my future life and profession.

The general conclusion is that I am pleased with my high school. To the exclusion of some insignificant details, my most important expectations were fulfilled.

Contestant:..... PETAR PRODANOV

Grade:..... 11th

School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS "IVAN ILIEV" – Blagoevgrad

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

Education is probably the most important thing in a person's life, especially in our days. It is necessary, because without it no one can have a normal life. Without good education you cannot get a nice job and improve your career. That's why most parents force their children to study more, when they are young and don't know these things. My case was the same.

I was in 7th grade and I wanted to study along with my friends, but my parents bribed me to study more and go in a professional high school. I was too young to understand how important that was, but I know now.

I'm sure that when I graduate from Professional High School of Economics "Ivan Iliev" many doors will open for me. I can start working in a big firm with a big salary and a sure career, in which I can climb up the levels of the corporate ladder. That's very good because our country is a member of the European Union now and these jobs are very well paid.

Also, well-educated people with my profession are much respected from the society. The employers want to hire people just like us, not somebody else, whose relatives are friends of the employer.

These were my parents' expectations, when I chose to study in a professional high school, but now they are mine too.

Contestant:..... PETAR STOILKOV

Grade:..... 11th

**School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS - Pernik**

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

There are a lot of people, who are convinced that every person is “sent” to this world with his or her own purpose. I am one of them, because otherwise our lives lose their meaning.

To reach your purpose, you should have some skills. To get them you need to study and learn; you need to be trained and taught. Usually, the appropriate place for this is school, not the primary one, but the high school and the university. We can say that the choice of a high school is the first major crossroad on our life’s journey. There we choose which turn to take. I passed through that crossroad too.

I decided to study in the Professional High School of Economics in Pernik. It wasn’t very difficult decision for me, because I was led by my interests. I had a lot of expectations and I hoped the school I’d chosen would justify them.

At first, I expected the best education in Pernik. I had heard that there is no better school in town than the Professional High School of Economics. My brother is three years older than I am and in 2003 he was a student at this high school. He told me that the teachers were very good at their job and most of them were very kind. I knew a lot of people that studied there and all of them were smart and good. So I expected good attitude, not only from teachers, but from classmates too. I hoped to find a better material base than average for the country, because I had heard that there were new computers and the school-radio created nice atmosphere during the breaks between classes. I knew the school had good sports’ teams. I expected a lot of beautiful girls to make the study process more pleasant.

Now I am in 11th grade and I know the answer to the question “Have my expectations been justified?” By now, at this high school, I’ve received very good education in very pleasant atmosphere. So I am absolutely convinced the expectations, which I had when I chose this high school, have justified and I am pleased I took that decision. I hope, when I finish school next year, to be able to continue my education in a university. I am sure I’ll be able to say that Professional High School of Economics has helped me reach my purpose in life.

Contestant:..... PETYA IVANOVA

Grade:..... 9th

**School:..... FINANCE AND ECONOMY
HIGH SCHOOL "VASIL LEVSKI" – Montana**

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

Education, as system of values, can be social, ethnic and philosophical. For me it is a spiritual growth, development of the intellect, and cultural jump in time. It is my way to success in life.

It is not easy to choose a school. At school we grow from children to teenagers and then to young adults. Education shows us the steps we have to follow.

In my life there have been many possibilities for education, but most of them - not really appropriate for me. I've chosen to start my secondary education in a different and not that easy way. I had to overcome many problems, but I've made my choice and I won't go back. I don't regret my choice.

I've chosen to study in Finance and Economy High School "Vasil Levski" in Montana. It's a school that gives us good possibilities for realization in the future. Our school gives us many opportunities to go through real life situations. It helps us develop intellectually in different spheres of science. There are projects for international communication - students from different countries visit us and we visit them in return. I didn't expect this, but it was the least I received.

When I went to my school, I realized I'd made a though choice. Since then my expectations have risen above all I've imagined the Professional High School would be.

Contestant:..... RONALD HRISTOV

Grade:..... 10th

School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
"YORDAN ZAHARIEV" - Kyustendil

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

When I chose to study in Professional High School of Economics and Management "Yordan Zahariev" my expectations were positive and negative.

I expected to find new friends. And so it happened. I met many new people with different interests.

I also expected to have good teachers. That came true too. My teachers are very clever and I have learnt many things from them. When I cannot do an exercise they are there for me and they do their best to help me cope with the task.

I expected to receive a scholarship. This expectation also came true and every month I receive certain amount of money for my good grades.

I expected most of my classmates to be very diligent. That was a wrong expectation. Only a couple of them are diligent.

I was expecting to be the center of attention. But alas, that didn't come true. That's life - you think you're on the top, but actually you're at the bottom.

I expected my school to have a lot of good computers. I am very satisfied that this expectation came true. The computers are very good and there is Internet connection in every lab. We can stay and work on them up to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

I was hoping some of my former classmates to be in my new class. And indeed four of them are. I was very satisfied when I found that out.

I was expecting to have fun at school. And so it happened. All my days at school were a blast (went very well).

Most of my positive expectations came true.

I didn't have only positive expectations, I had some negative too.

I expected that my new classmates wouldn't like me and wouldn't talk to me. This expectation didn't come true. What a relief!

I expected that everybody would laugh at me, because I was a little different from everybody else. But my classmates accepted me as their friend.

I thought that I had made a mistake by choosing this school. But now I think that I have made the right decision. My negative expectations didn't come true and I am very happy about that. Most of my expectations for my new school were positive and they came true. I am proud of myself for choosing this school.

Contestant:..... ROSITSA MILEVA

Grade:..... 9th

**School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
"YORDAN ZAHARIEV" - Kyustendil**

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

I study in Professional High School of Economics and Management "Yordan Zahariev" in Kyustendil. I chose that school, because it was really good, teachers were the best and they could help me become a self-confident person.

When I chose to study here, I expected many things. I wanted to meet different people with different goals and I expected to learn many things about science, about life and the people from different countries of the world.

When I came in this school for the first time, I met many children who looked like me and they were watching around with interest. It was very exciting. I met a lot of the teachers and they looked experienced and very smart. I expected those teachers to be the people, who could make children better persons and educate them well. I wanted to learn many things - Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Economics and I wanted to know how people all over the world lived. I expected to learn foreign languages. I wanted to have a good profession when I grow up.

I hope to work with computers and I want my profession to be interesting and to make a lot of money with it, because that's really important. I want to be a confident person with a good job and a good salary. I want people around me to be smart, intelligent and friendly, with good jobs and be happy, because that's the most important thing in life. I don't want people around me to be busy just with our professions, to be unhappy and loveless. When I go to school every morning I see different people, who have different goals in their different lives and I'm almost sure that these people will prosper, because our school gives us that chance. I choose that school with my parents when I was 14-years old and I am not sorry.

The one thing, which made me disappointed, was the school's building. It's very bad. Some of the equipment is very old and it couldn't be used properly, but it doesn't matter, because our school is the best in town. I've been studying here for two years now and I've learnt much about everything. Last year I took part in many competitions and some of them were success for me. I think that this school gives me an enormous chance to become a 21st-century prosperous person.

I think that I made the right choice and I think that I won't be disappointed, because our school is really good.

Contestant:..... ROMINA SLAVEVA

Grade:..... 9th

School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS - Pernik

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

Every child dreams of his or her future and wants to have the best profession. The most important thing to fulfill these dreams is the school where he or she studies and gets his or her education.

Everyone wants to enter the best school and I did so too. After 7th grade, I had to choose a school to continue my education. I am good at maths and I wanted to study something related to this matter. That's why I chose the Professional High School of Economics in Pernik. It is one of the most prestigious schools in my town. Before I entered it, I had heard that studying at this school is very difficult and if I wanted good marks, I should learn very hard. But it turned out that it isn't so difficult, if you are a responsible person. Studying is very nice and the teachers are very friendly and with a lovely attitude towards the students. I've found new friends and reliable people here.

Professional High School of Economics gives me good opportunities, because the profession of economist is very well paid and has prospects for a good career and professional realization. I have been studying here for two years now and I am very happy and proud of this fact. Now, I am sure I made the right choice. I hope that when I leave in 3 years, I will have a lot of knowledge, skills and qualification and will be confident and successful in finding my job.

Contestant:..... TODOR TODOROV

Grade:..... 11th

School:..... FINANCE AND ECONOMY
HIGH SCHOOL "VASIL LEVSKI" – Montana

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

Education is our window to the world. It gives us necessary information, which man must know before he starts living with other people. Education gives us a chance to join society.

For me education is a chance to learn something useful about economics. This is my favorite subject at school. I decided to choose Finance and Economy High School "Vasil Levski" four years ago. I expected the usual class work, many hours of study, new teachers, many new friends, but in fact, things were much more complicated. I thought I knew what I was going to face up with. Today, after hard study at school and many unsuccessful attempts, I'm sure that economic education is my first big step in professional world.

People make many choices in their life. That includes choices about things, which could help their dreams to come true. May be the choice of education is the most important choice that man makes. My expectations about the education I'd chosen began to prove. This isn't a game that you can stop at the middle. Life is something serious and you must know exactly what you are going to do with your future.

Finance and Economy High School "Vasil Levski" is the school, which interested me at first sight. When I came with my mother to sign in, I saw it for the first time and I loved it. The classrooms were spacious and nice-looking. But the appearance is not everything. Therefore I met some of the teachers and I asked them about the subjects I wanted to study. Their words were completely enough for me to decide to study here. I will always remember my first day at my high school when I entered the classroom and saw my future classmates and friends.

Every day at this school I learn new things about economics: the way other countries make choices about their economic development, the way they plan their investments and their aspiration for better life in future.

I am completely pleased with the profession I've chosen. Education mustn't be just a goal; it is a constant strive for intellectual growth. All my expectations about education have been exceeded. My school years and the time of hard study at home will always be the most interesting for me. I think that everyone must try to change his life and make it better by using knowledge.

Contestant:..... TSVETOMILA DIMITROVA

Grade:..... 9th

School:..... FINANCE AND ECONOMY
HIGH SCHOOL "VASIL LEVSKI" – Montana

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

School – the place we call our second home. Here we find friends, grow up and discover the secrets of life.

I am sure the education I receive in Finance and Economy High School "Vasil Levski" will give me a good start in my future career. This was the main reason for me to choose it two years ago. I wanted to be in one of the best schools in the region and so I made my decision to go exactly to this school.

As every young person I have many ideas and I hope that my new school will help me realize them. I have to work very hard to do it, but I am certain that I can cope with everything, as long as I have the support of my teachers and my school.

When I came in this school for the first time, I was scared and excited - a new place, new people, everything was so different, so difficult. Today, when I remember these days, I can only laugh. Now I know the school's building as well as my own home and many of the students are my friends. My life is full of opportunities and wonderful moments.

I'm 16-years old and I still haven't found my place in this big world. Every day I learn something new and interesting. I didn't know that it was going to be like this, but I'm happy with it. I've found the real meaning of education – to make us responsible, purposeful and confident in our skills.

Now I know what I want from life and I know how to get it. Thanks to my school, I became a new person, ready to conquer the world with my ideas, dreams and desire for life.

Contestant:..... VANESA DRAGOMIROVA

Grade:..... 10th

School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
"YORDAN ZAHARIEV" - Kyustendil

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

One of the most popular and well-furnished high schools in Kyustendil is my school – Professional High School of Economics and Management "Yordan Zahariev". There are many reasons, which have made me choose this school and I will tell you about them. Unfortunately, a few of them did not come true, but I am happy and proud to study here.

When I chose this school my expectations were to receive good education and valuable experience that would help me find a well-paid job. I knew life was not as easy as it'd been in the past and if I wanted to have success I should be working hard. That's why I wanted to be able to study economics. I have heard that, if I wanted to be successful, I should study economics. Both, my parents and I, wanted me to study this subject as well. So I decided to study in Professional High School of Economics and Management "Yordan Zahariev". I wanted to study there, because of the interest I had in economics. I hoped that I could receive good education which would help me find a well-paid job and to ensure my future.

Another expectation, which I had, was to meet many new students with different abilities and interests. I wanted to meet young people, who were interested in studying economics too and make friends with them. I also wanted to meet teachers with a lot of experience and many different abilities. I expected that they would be patient, sociable, reliable and outgoing people, who could help me, make my dreams come true. And now, when I study at this school, I can say that this expectation became true.

I cannot hide that, when I wanted to study economics, I expected to receive a good scholarship. I knew that money wouldn't be much, but I was ready to do my best to get it. This also motivated me to fight and not to give up when I faced difficulties.

Well, these were the expectations I had when I chose to study in this economics high school. And now, when I'm studying at this school, I can say that I have made the right choice. The knowledge, which I receive and will receive, will help me be successful. I hope that I will be able to study in a university and continue my education.

Contestant:..... KAMELIYA DIMITROVA

Grade:..... 9th

School:..... PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS "IVAN ILIEV" – Blagoevgrad

What Were Your Expectations When You Chose to Study In a Professional High School?

Our life starts from the first breath we take and we have to think about our future. When I chose to study in Professional High School of Economics "Ivan Iliev" I expected something more than just studying – I wanted a good start in my life, one that would help me in my job one day.

I dream to be a manager, but it won't happen, if I don't study enough and at the right place. That's one of the reasons, which helped me make my decision two years ago. I'm not sorry for my choice, because I think that PHSE "Ivan Iliev" is the best place for me.

When I first came to this school, I expected to find lots of new friends here and that happened. Most of my classmates are very kind and friendly people. I like almost all of them, but of course, it is normal that some of their moods bother me sometimes. I am very happy, that I've found a few very good friends in my class. I wish I would always have them as my friends.

I expected to have brilliant teachers too. I think that all of my teachers are great professionals and do their job more than good. My school is known to be one of the best in our town. I think that it is true, because great people work there and the students are good and intelligent.

Sometimes in the teen years, we feel lost and confused about our present and future. We try to be other people - not ourselves. At this time we need a good role model and our teachers are the perfect people, after our parents of course. My teachers teach us not just languages, science, economics, but they show us what the real life is – that's one of the things, which I expected when I chose my school.

Choosing the right place to study at and to graduate from is very important for one's future. I think that my choice was right and so were all of my expectations. Now I am very happy, because I've found the right place and people for me.

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When I finished my basic education, I decided to go to Professional High School of Economics "IVAN ILIEV", because I expected that there were skilled teachers and I would learn something more there in comparison to the other schools. Everyone used to tell me that it's very difficult to study in a professional high school, but I didn't believe it. I wanted to go to a professional high school, because of the opportunities that I would have after finishing my education.

First of all, when you go to a new school, there are new teachers and you must behave well with them. You have new classmates, new friends and everything is perfect.

Second, you become a better person with the teachers' help. Usually, the teachers in the professional high schools are more skilled, then the teachers in the other schools. You can learn a lot more than the students in the other schools.

Moreover, when you finish your secondary education in a professional high school, you have better chances to find a well-paid job.

I deeply believed that my expectations would turn to be true and so it was. I don't think I am wrong about studying in the high school I've chosen. All one has to do is to study regularly.

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