

One more award for the HI



From June to November 2022, St. Petersburg hosted the regional stage of VI open contest of student projects Russia Aspires for the Future. The contest was organized by the Council of Rectors of the Northwestern Federal District Universities with the support of the executive office of the Russian Presidential Envoy in the Northwestern Federal District of the Russian Federation.

Maria Azarenko, a first-year student of master's degree program of the Graduate School of Media Communications and Public Relations, took the top place in the *Best Video* category. Her work *Patriotism Begins in Family* covers an important and challenging topic of patriotic upbringing. It should be mentioned that to shoot the video Maria went to her native town Stary Oskol.

"I took a very responsible attitude to participating in the contest and shooting the video. I've been thinking a lot about the idea of the video, the location of it and how it should be made. I'm really grateful to my supervisor Elina Borisovna Avakova for the idea that she suggested to me to reveal in my work and for all the given advice. Love for the Motherland has always been and still is an important topic, because to live means to love yourself, your family, your country. I'm glad that my work was singled out and appreciated. There is still room for improvement. I advise all students to take part in such contests, as they help to develop their creative potential, expand their horizons, get out of their comfort zone and try something new. I want to thank the organizers of the contest Russia Aspires for the Future for an interesting experience and assistance in the development of new skills and opportunities," Maria said.

This year, 165 student projects from 20 universities of the city took part in the contest. The contest regional stage traditionally finished in the Academic Council Hall of St. Petersburg State University of Industrial Technologies and Design. The ceremony of awarding the winners was held on November 25.

We congratulate Maria and wish her scientific and creative success!