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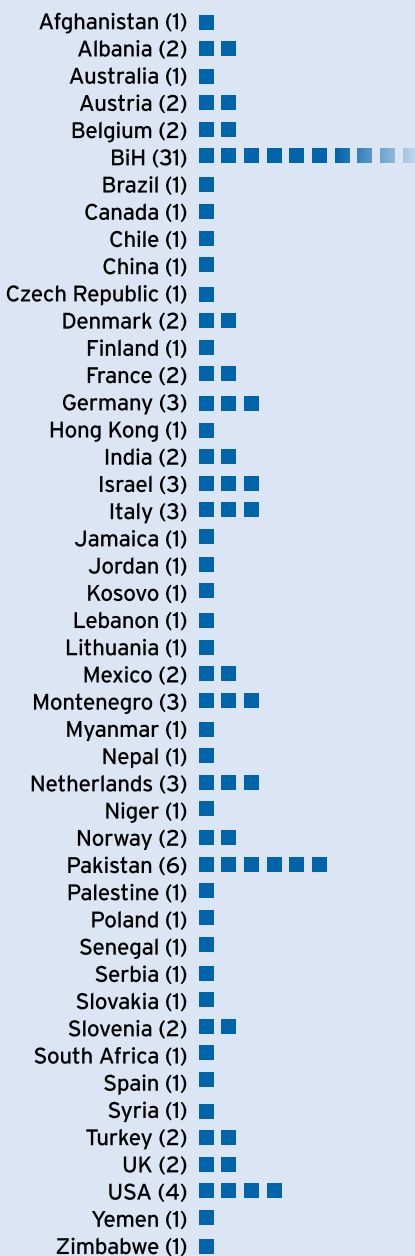
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School year 2015/2016 marks the jubilee 10th anniversary of UWC Mostar, which was officially established and opened in 2006 and UWC Mostar family has already started with plans and organization of a number of wonderful events which will celebrate our decade of success in 2016. In 2015/2016 UWC Mostar has officially welcomed the jubilee 10th generation of students, 105 new students from 46 countries of the world. Students were welcomed by UWC staff and students and enjoyed their induction week where they had the opportunity to get familiar with Mostar, life at UWC Mostar and the IB Programme. We also had the pleasure of welcoming 11 students who are the first generation of the endowment scholars, supported by UWC Mostar Endowment Fund "Bridge to the Future". In academic year 2015/2016 UWC Mostar is attended by a total of 192 students from 59 countries of the world.



UWC Mostar was honoured to host the Annual UWC Council meeting this year. The UWC Heads started with their meetings in Split, Croatia. All other Council members joined them in Mostar from 22nd to 24th of October 2015. Thursday, 22nd of October, was reserved to give the guests the opportunity to experience the College through its activities. All guests were invited to participate in Balkans Studies' workshops, attend the community service, and the workshop taster on 'Education in a Conflict and Post Conflict Context'. The UWC Mostar students presented a cultural show for Council members on the Friday evening, and tried to summarize last ten years of the College through their perspective. All the meetings, including the meeting of the UWC International Board finished on the 25th of October. For many Council members this was the first time to visit Mostar, and we are proud to say that many of them left inspired and touched with the work we do.



On October 6th, UWC Mostar was honoured to welcome the Chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia Mr. Serge Brammertz. Visiting UWC Mostar was a part of his official visit to Mostar. In addition to visiting our school, Mr. Brammertz gave a lecture to all students and staff on the topic: "Contemporary Challenges in International Criminal Justice". Mr. Brammertz's lecture was welcomed by all students and staff who were very inspired by his visit and the work he does.



First year students enrolled at UWC Mostar in 2015/2016 attended an official reception at the Mayor's office on October 6th 2015. The reception organized in the City Hall was a solemn event where the mayor of the City of Mostar welcomed our students on behalf of the City Council and thanked them for selecting Mostar as their home for their education in the next couple of years. Following the introductory address and official welcome, the students had an opportunity to ask questions about the City of Mostar. The students were interested in the city administration, current topics, as well as projects in which they could support the City of Mostar assisting in different activities. UWC Mostar expresses sincere gratitude to the Mayor's Office for the wonderful reception and the support of the City of Mostar during the past ten years.



Welcoming UWC Norway

In September we had the pleasure of welcoming our colleagues from UWC Norway. UWC Mostar welcomed Else Margrete Rafoss on the behalf of the Norwegian National Committee, Anne Hunderi and Siv Andersen, both officials of the Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (<http://siu.no/eng>), the government agency providing scholarships and partaking in UWC nominations who spent a few days getting to know Mostar and life at UWC Mostar. The pleasant stay included an organized and specially arranged programme for our visitors which included meetings with the headmistress and staff, meeting teachers and students, and participating in various aspects of life at the college including academic classes and CAS, and visiting the residences.

„We are utterly impressed by the amazing students and staff at UWC Mostar. It is truly an uniquely located school with an ambitious aim "to equip the next generations of young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the knowledge, skills, leadership qualities and international values, necessary to bridge the still existing ethnic divisions and move their country into the 21st century."



Spectacular celebration of the UWC Day in Mostar

On September 21st UWC Mostar joined UWC family in marking and celebrating the UWC Day with a wonderful event dedicated to the citizens of the City of Mostar. "Around the World in 80 Minutes" was a successful and joyful event which followed the success of the last year's event and thrilled the local community and the people of Mostar. Our students prepared wonderful meals, presentations, songs and stories for all to enjoy. Everyone who visited the merry fair on the Spanish square in Mostar was able to get a taste of over



50 countries of the world, enjoy traditional dances and music. The positive response from the local community and media representatives was overwhelming, proving once again the enormous positive impact of the UWC mission in BiH.



United World College in Mostar cordially invites you to attend the celebration and marking of the 53rd UWC Anniversary Saturday, 19th of September 2015, at 11:00h Španski trg 1, 88000 Mostar "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES"

Closing conference of the IPA project KEPASS

The closing conference of the IPA project KEPASS (Knowledge Exchange Program for the Adriatic School System) took place at Hotel Mostar with UWC Mostar as one of the project cooperants.

The Knowledge Exchange Program for the Adriatic School System (KEPASS) is a project aimed at promoting undergraduates' mobility at the secondary school level, responding to the growing need of a challenging and high quality education system from young students and their parents. Students are exposed to different cultures and languages; they experience new teaching approaches and curricula; and they are involved in various extra-curricular activities. During the period from October to December 2014, 17 students within the KEPASS

exchange programme attended UWC Mostar. During the three months stay, the students attended regular classes but also participated in all extracurricular



lar activities, such as CAS service, which was a wonderful and new experience for most of them. The transformational effect aims at self-development, flexibility, intercultural competences, new skills and languages acquired. Conference also emphasized overviews by headmasters, teachers and tutors and 15 students from Herzegovina-Neretva Canton presented their positive experiences during the three months stay in partner countries.

European Researchers Night - ten years of celebrating science in Europe

"Start the chain reaction" was the slogan of this year's European Researcher's Night. Chain reaction of this manifestation was initiated in 2005, so this year it is celebrating its first anniversary in Europe - ten years since the first Researcher's Night. Since then, more than 300 cities in over 35 European countries have joined this initiative, aiming to bring closer the science to all people, in a fun and educational way. Mostar and UWC Mostar was a part of the happy researchers event this year as well. As the event for wider audience, "Researchers Night" raises awareness in various ways in citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina on what the science actually means for us all. By encouraging thinking of science, research and in - novations, this event results in multiple benefits:

- Contributes to awareness raising in different sectors of society, including business community, on importance of science and vari-

- ous possibilities for inclusion in science projects and use of funds supporting science development;
- Presents the opportunity for meetings of scientists and people working in science and research, as well as establishment of the new cooperation initiatives and exchange of knowledge in this field;
- Enables transfer of scientists knowledge to younger generations in an informal environment, contributing in that way to demystification of the science;
- Encourages young people to think of science as possible career;
- Gathers in one place: those working in science, those who would like to get involved, those responsible for support, as well as those who could provide the support;
- Linking students and scientists from a number of Bosnia and Herzegovina towns through the meetings in one place;
- Influences the development



of volunteering spirit amongst young people, through strong motivation of young people to gain new experiences and important acquaintances through volunteerism

Programme in Mostar included various activities and projects in ten different locations in the city. The interesting 2015 programme

included: Cheerful experiments, Archaeological excavation simulations, CSI simulation, Water rocket contests, Astronomy lectures, Presentations of scientific, science works and project and fun for everyone who paid a visit to one of the RN stands.

Researchers Night in Mostar was implemented in cooperation with City of Mostar, Center for technical culture Mostar, University Džemal Bijedić Mostar, Mepas Mall and Cinestar Mostar, Gimnazija Mostar, Youth cultural center Abrašević. Media sponsors: Bljesak.info, Običan radio, Pogled.ba, Novasloboda.ba Would you like to know more? If you are interested to find out about "Researchers Night" celebrations throughout Europe, please visit European Commission web site: http://ec.europa.eu/research/researchersnight/events_en.htm. If you missed the opportunity to participate in the "Researchers Night" in Bosnia and Herzegovina this year, you can check out how it was on the following web site www.nocistrazivaca.ba or facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NocistrazivacaBiH>

"Education in conflict and post conflict contexts"

Wokshop "Education in conflict and post conflict contexts" took place on 21st and 22nd November 2015.

The lecturers leading the workshop were Valentina Mindoljević, UWC Mostar Headmistress, Andrew Watson, UWC Mostar Governing Board member, Andrew Mahlstedt, UWC Mostar Deputy Head, English A Lit and History teacher, Dženan Hakalović, UWC Mostar History and Peace and Conflict studies teacher. The workshop provided a challenging, transformational experience to a diverse cross section of decision makers from education, politics and non-governmental organisations from around the world. It also reflected on how we live out the UWC Mission in our Colleges and how to create a better, more



peaceful and more sustainable world, learning from conflict and post-conflict contexts in which we live and work, with a view to designing and implementing

strategies for education that can respond to humanity's most urgent issue. The workshop has been designed to be intensive and

participatory, with the maximum opportunity for dialogue, debate, experiential learning, listening and analysis designed to provide delegates with concrete ideas to take back into policy planning and organisations. There were three sessions on each day consisting of:

1. Theory (An exploration of the relationship between education and conflict)
2. Immersion (Experiential learning)
3. Spotlight (Testimony from a guest speaker)

The workshop itself was built around three themes:

1. Coming to terms with the past
2. Engaging with the present
3. Preparing for the future



Week of promoting high schools in Mostar

Our team participated in the annual high school fair together with 22 high schools from the City of Mostar, presenting the IB programme and UWC mission and values to potential applicants and future students. UWC Mostar stand, just like every year, offered all necessary information, material and all one needs to know to become a part of the movement. Over 20 elementary schools and over 2000 students visited the fair searching for information on their future education and careers. The

Fair was attended by high officials from the City of Mostar, Ministers of Education in BiH as well as the heads and representatives of international organizations in Mostar OSCE and UNDP. As a part of the high school fair week, the annual quiz competition "Education Without Discrimination" took place at UWC Mostar premises, following the fair day. 9 high school teams participated in the event and here are the top three:

1. Internacionalna privatna gimnazija - Karadobegova medresa

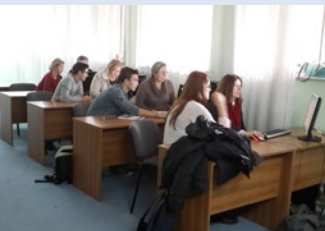
- Srednja škola Čapljina, Glazbena škola Mostar
2. Srednja škola Stolac - Druga Gimnazija
3. Gimnazija Mostar - Koledž Ujedinjenog Svijeta u Mostaru (UWC Mostar) - Srednja turističko-ugostiteljska škola UWC Mostar students Ela Pencl and Bruno Stojčić were participants of this competition and UWC Mostar History and Peace & Conflict Studies teacher Dženan Hakalović was a member of the organization committee. Congratulations to all!



New CAS Cooperation - City Library

The city library of Mostar is, as any library in a world, a magical place for kids. Of course the magic has faded over years, as other sources of information are becoming more available, but the importance of reading can never alter. Therefore when

the wonderful employees of the city library started an initiative of increasing awareness of the importance of reading we very happily joined in. The project should be a long term one and is developing slowly, there are language barriers to cross and time issues to be worked out, but whoever has had a favorite book as a child (or three, five....)



has to be charmed by the idea. So far our students have participated in a workshop about ancient letters and ways of writing - ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and Glagolitic alphabet and they have also held a workshop on computer literacy for older generation of people from Mostar. This one proved to be a great success, and we hope to make a permanent project out of it. There are more ways in which this cooperation can develop and we are happy to have another new partner in Mostar.

Ljubica Bajo,
UWC Mostar
CAS Coordinator

7th College Fair at UWC Mostar

The annual College Fair organized by UWC Mostar took place on October 7th 2015. A great number of interested students as well as visitors enjoyed wonderful presentations by 15 college and university representatives that participated in this year's Fair. Students had the opportunity to attend interesting workshops on writing application essays and financial applications and receive information on criteria, condition and possibilities of studying abroad. This year, UWC Mostar had the pleasure of welcoming: Bennington College, Colorado College, Earlham College, Gettysburg College, Methodist University, Quest University, Ringling College of Art & Design, St. John's College, St. Olaf College, University of Oklahoma, University of Rochester, University of Saskatchewan, Wartburg College, Whitman College i Westminster College.

9th Idea Fair Conference

Association for creative learning „Plus“ in cooperation with UWC Mostar presented the 9th Idea Fair Conference on Friday, October 30th, 2015.

Association for creative learning Plus is a non-profit organization founded in 2012. A group of high school teachers decided to actively contribute to the development of the local community and share knowledge and work methods with young people. The association creates bridges between young people and the



society. Their programmes support work with youth, institutions and individuals in the area of education, culture, science, human rights. All programmes are aimed to contribute to the development of the local community emphasizing support of education. Guest lecturers of the 9th conference organized in cooperation with UWC Mostar were: Božidar Mihajlović, Orhan Maslo and UWC Mostar's University counselor Marjana Tomaš. Workshops intended for youth from BiH also took place during the day led by: Nenad Veličković - How and where to find the truth? Zoran Čatić & Mirza Ajnadžić - Media & production Filip Andronik - Comic book as a medium.



96th Aleksa Šantić Poetry Evenings in UWC colors

UWC Mostar students participated in the 96th Aleksa Šantić Poetry Evenings second year in a row. The programme entitled „Šantić's poetry evenings“ conducted by Serbian language teacher Tanja Čvoro, included poetic, musical and theatrical elements officially closed the solemn manifestation. Audience had an opportunity to hear poetry in different languages from students coming from all over the world, including Greece, Austria, Russia, Spain and Poland, but also to enjoy traditional and modern dances from Africa, traditional songs from Pakistan and performance from Nepal. A number of students recited their own poetry, with UWC Mostar student Aleksandra Dykas' poetry about Mostar enthralling the audience. Poetry united

UWC with Mostar and Mostar with the world and in that way celebrated the great poet Aleksa Šantić.

„This is our second year at the Aleksa Šantić Poetry Evenings and I must admit that there is a lot of work with organization of this event but once you see the differences merged into one on stage making an artistic perfection you just feel overwhelmed with joy and happy to have the opportunity to show the wealth of differences and how special they all make us. That is UWC Mostar, that is Mostar, that is BiH.“

Tanja Čvoro,
Serbian language teacher,
UWC Mostar

BiH Cultural Week

From October 19th-25th, UWC Mostar local students hosted and presented the BiH cultural week. The BiH team prepared a great feast for everyone who wanted to join in and feel the „bosnian spirit“. The week included poetry nights, music night and some interesting new competitions such as the contest for the best new BiH flag. BiH week also presented the local delicious cuisine with special focus on desserts everyone enjoyed.

Celebrating UWC Day in Croatia

UWC Croatia organized two special events marking the UWC Day from September 19th - 21st in Zagreb. Four UWC Mostar students Daniel Jelčić, Azra Fifić, Ela Keegan, Tetyana Samiliv and Croatian language teacher Ivona Sušac attended these wonderful events in Croatia. They spent a day entitled „UWC Day hiking on the occasion of the UN International Day of Peace and United World Colleges Day“ hiking at Sljeme together with UWC Croatia alumni and their friends and family. UWC Mostar representatives also had the pleasure of attending an official reception on the occasion of the „UN International Day of Peace“ and „United World Colleges Day“ held under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, with support of the UWC International and in cooperation with the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Embassy of the Italian Republic and Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Republic of Croatia.



UWC Mostar student winner of the logo contest for “Mali Most” foundation

Daniel Jelčić, UWC Mostar second year student won the 1st prize award for the best logo design intended for the newly founded sports academy "Mali Most" in Mostar. Call for logo proposals was open for all students of elementary and secondary schools from the City of Mostar and a great number of applications was received by the foundation. By unanimous decision Daniel's logo was selected as the best. The first place also ensured a wonderful and very valuable prize for both Daniel and UWC Mostar. „Mali Most“ foundation has three main aims:

- To promote and encourage open and civil interaction between children of different ethnic,



- religious and cultural groups through sports activities and games.
- To nurture safe and playful environment where children have the opportunity to participate in sports activities, and actively participate in building their community.
- To ensure regular workshops related to life skills and group activities in order to help children in development of their



personal competencies and abilities. The foundation, which aims to join young people of all religions, cultures and nations together through sports will proudly carry Daniel's logo on all official representations of their visual identity.

UWC Mostar team at OISMUN in Cairo

Student Ioanna Katsara wins award for the best delegate

UWC Mostar students Ioanna Katsara, from Greece and Nikola Bošković, from B&H got a chance to represent our school at the 8th annual OISMUN conference in Cairo. Conference took place from 7th to 10th of November and covered 7 UN councils in English and 4 UN councils in French. Both of UWC Mostar delegates confirmed that they learned a



lot during the conference and enjoyed the opportunity given to them. Outside of the conference, they had some free time to experience Egyptian food, visit old Egypt and famous pyramids of Giza. Ioanna Katsara, who represented Albanian Republic at the conference, received a prestigious award for being the best delegate of Human Rights Council. This diploma was awarded to her by the UNICEF representative of Egypt- Mr. Philippe Duamelle. Both students received participation diplomas and their contribution to the conference was highly appreciated. We came back to college carrying plenty of souvenirs and life time memories.

Nikola Bošković,
UWC Mostar student, BiH

“Literary Mob” - a new poetic performance within the International Education Week

UWC Mostar students supported the initiative by Ms. Selma Raljević based on the idea of "Literary Mob" - a seven day poetic performance, where BiH and world poetry was read in different locations in order to raise awareness of the significance of poetry, literature, knowledge, reading and education. The event was supported by many BH poets, academics, students and local community members. One of the important aims of this volunteering project is to emphasize the significance of literature in general, but also the humane aspect

of the human beings whose voice needs to be heard especially in the present day when we seem to forget how to be human. Within the International Education Week every day from November 16th-22th, the literary group gathered in 7 different locations throughout the city of Mostar reciting poetry from all over the world. Everyone was welcome to join in and be a part of this event. This type of initiative has not been present in Mostar before and organizers hope that other cities in BiH will follow this bright example of poetry promotion and raising awareness of the significance of education.

“The Bridge” connecting Norway, Switzerland, BiH and the world

As a part of the previously existing collaboration between UWC Mostar and University of Agder, Norway, for the second year in a row students of the College together with the community of Mostar had a chance to enjoy the cheerful and epic performance of The Bridge Musical. With a revisited script and an almost brand new song catalogue, the musical brought to life a story about love and solidarity on two sides of a river even brighter than it did last year. The story involves Jasmine and Jack, protagonists of the story situated on opposite sides of a river-separated and poverty-torn city who try to save their town from a devastating highway project and who fall in love in the meanwhile, proving how the town doesn't need a real, stone

bridge to come together. 13 UWC Mostar students were involved, together with Vladimir Mićković, Visual Arts teacher, and they worked diligently for almost the whole length of the Project Week

to deliver the performance as well as possible. This year the project was also joined by pedagogics from Teacher Training College from Switzerland who helped the musicians and actors from Norway

on developing our roles, and the opening night was held on Friday evening, 16th of October to an almost full Puppet Theatre hall in Mostar and to a great success. All that aside, the project brought

numerous new acquaintances and friends, and a unique merging of different talents and techniques from different cultures for the same, great goal. "I am loving your attitude, we should've done a world tour together"

Arve Konnestad,
University of Agder, Norway
project executive head



UWC Mostar Project Week

The Project Week is one of many unique UWC experiences that enable the students to pursue the UWC Mission in a hands-on manner. Project week in our school takes place once in a school year, in October, and it offers great opportunities to plan, organize, and learn something new. It encourages self-reliance and initiative and it gives our students an opportunity to explore many parts of BiH and the region that they would not visit otherwise. Every year, the variety of projects is impressive, as well as is the effort and time that our students put in the organization of projects. The benefits of the project week are numerous and from year to year, it is great to see that students do not want to miss this unique opportunity to take leadership, to take up the challenge, and to get involved in an active community outreach project.

Project weeks in the words of our students and teachers...

UWC Mostar students helping the refugees



"Working with Refugees in Belgrade sounded like an amazing description of a project week and when I found out I would be part of the project I started to get excited about seeing the situation of the refugees which has been all over the media lately, about visiting a (what I consider to be) big city with all the different positive aspects such as the food, the culture, the possibilities and the discovery of new things. Arriving in Belgrade everything was different than imagined but I would consider that to be a good thing. Right on the first day we were directly working with people mainly from Afghanistan, camping in a park in Belgrade near the bus station, by handing out food, raincoats and socks and informing them about a useful App about asylum in Serbia developed by the organisation we were working with. Getting in contact with the people suddenly gave the numbers and data given by the media a very personal touch. A small group with

prior experience with volunteer work with refugees or schooling of refugee children also went to the first school in Serbia to receive children living in a refugee camp nearby in order to discuss difficulties encountered and possible solutions. Those experiences made me feel like I was actually contributing something and helping at least a little bit. The presentation of the organisation also made me realize how important it is to have people that take care of tiny things that can easily become a problem when not recognized. One example could be that in order to be polite, some people answer your questions with the answer they think you would like to hear. Apart from that we obviously also explored the city, the international foods and drinks, the opera and the castle. So summing up I can say that this Project Week is definitely within the top two project weeks I have attended."

Johanna Doppelbauer,
UWC Mostar student, Germany

"The students were just incredible. They put themselves into the challenge and they have experienced the real dimension of this problem. They had been working hard everyday. Some of them they get really in contact with them. They became friends, they were playing and laughing together. I am very proud of all of them..."

Alessandro Massi, UWC Mostar Math Teacher

Project Weeks 2015:

Here is the impressive list of the wonderful project weeks initiated by UWC Mostar students in 2015. Seven Summits of the Balkans, Being different, being special, Roma camp „Konik“, Helping the refugees-Croatia, Refugee Asyl-Serbia, Refugee Red Cross-Macedonia, Refugee aid, Refugee regis-Macedonia, Outdoor adventure, IB Banja Luka, Visual Arts, Zagreb Marathon, Arts with LGBT/ Sexual Minorities, Musical „The Bridge“, Breathe out the oxygen, Anti-trafficking day, Extended Archaeology, Physics in BiH, Cooking for Homeless, Picture This?

I met this amazing little boy, we helped him get clothes, food, tea and even though he almost had nothing he always had a smile on his face, he always kept thanking us and saying that he had enough and didn't want more, when I asked him where his parents were he said "Back home in Syria" which just broke my heart. I will never forget this little guy who kept a smile on his face even in the hardest of situations..."

Malak Jabareen,
UWC Mostar student
from Israel (Project week,
Belgrade, Serbia)



Visual Arts in Sarajevo

"I have been to Sarajevo many times before, but never like this. I didn't know that the city as such has such an art field of culture, although it was no surprise, as it was so deeply tied to the war. The city itself was a piece of art, filled with broken buildings and graffiti. We visited galleries of every genre from the heart breaking atrocities shown at the Srebrenica gallery to the contemporary Ars Aevi project gallery. You read messages through art like "If you are looking for hell, ask where the artist is, if you can't find him, then you are already there", and the brightly colored symbol that is the city's desire to rebuild and renovate, the beautiful Austro-Hungarian city hall. Our stay in Sarajevo was inspiring, the artworks gave me new perspectives on this country I have had the pleasure of staying in for almost 2 years and espe-



cially on the war-torn city, which now has becoming one of the most gorgeous cities I have ever visited."

Peter Clark,
UWC Mostar student, USA

Refugee aid - Skopje, Macedonia

"A group of 11 students spent a week in Skopje, Macedonia. The project was organized in cooperation with Red Cross Macedonia. First few days were spent in the storage house helping with the packing of food and hygienic supplies for the refugees. We spent

one day in Tobanovac (border between Macedonia and Serbia), where the refugee camp center in Macedonia is set up. In Tobanovac, our students assisted with cleaning of the camp and distribution of food and water. On that day, several thousands of refugees went



IB Cooperation in Banja Luka

"Official part of the Project Week began on Tuesday. We received a warm welcome from the coordinator of the IB in Banja Luka. She welcomed us in her office, informed us about the IB program and also answered all of our questions. It was nice to see others also knowing IB troubles and bliss. After that we attended their classes. We could all argue that they miss a few UWC values. They don't free their minds fully like we, here, tend to do. That's why we felt really happy to hang out with them. It's all about spreading the UWC spirit! The next day, we visited the Day Care Centre "Zajedno", which serves as support centre for people with mental health issues. First, attended a creative workshop, and then they made a performance for us after exercising their musical workshop. They sang and re-

cited famous poets but also their own poems. In the end, with cake in our hands that they made, we listened to their life stories. It is definitely an experience we wish to repeat! Friday, the last day, most of us spent volunteering at the soup kitchen, of course with students from IB and Gymnasium. We talked, we had fun and we sliced some vegetables. We felt really good afterwards. The coordinator of the kitchen told us that we helped them create a meal for 400 people. We volunteered and helped the local community a bit, but we also had a lot of fun. Overall, our PW was really fun and also emotional and helpful to some extent. I would recommend everyone who didn't go this year, to definitely visit Banja Luka next year! "

Andrej Perković, UWC Mostar student, BiH



through the Tobanovac camp. This was an amazing and positive experience for all of us. I would like to thank the Red Cross representatives for their kindness and help

with this project. We wish them a lot of success with their work in the future."

Ivona Sušac, UWC Mostar, Croatian language teacher, BiH



UWC Mostar Archaeology Week

Every year the students of United World College Mostar instead of excursion like in our schools are organizing several projects in BiH and surrounding countries. This year we have organized an Archaeology Project Week in cooperation with archaeological society Arheon. It consisted out of few lectures, two fieldtrips and a workshop on Photogrammetry. Archaeologist Drago Mejdandžić presented “Photogrammetry in Archaeol-

ogy” in Gallery Aluminij, Mostar. In the same venue professor Saša Šantić presented “Artistic treasure of Bosnia and Herzegovina”. National museum in Sarajevo fieldtrip On the second day of our project we visited the capital city Sarajevo where we had the opportunity to see many of the attractions that the city has to offer, as well as to see interesting archaeological exhibits from the National Museum

of Sarajevo. Firstly, we visited Latin bridge – as well as the place which was the starting point of a World War I. On the same route we had the opportunity to witness the amazing neo-Moorish architecture of the City Hall, resembling the one of our Gimnazija building in Mostar. Our next stop was Baščaršija which at that point was in the middle of renovation process, so it looked like a real archaeological excavation site. Going through those streets of Sarajevo, we saw

the famous Gazi Husrevbeg’s Mosque, Sarajevo Cathedral, Museum of Sarajevo, Bezistan Bazaar as well as the Eternal flame monument. Despite the old town and Austro-Hungarian architecture we also witnessed the modern architecture Sarajevo has to offer. We managed to see the example of everything we heard about in the presentation from the previous day – Medieval art, Islamic art, different types of architecture etc. We were kindly welcomed by museum’s curators for archaeology,

ethnology and natural sciences departments. The most interesting part of the museum was archaeology section in which we saw many old monuments and things preserved over hundreds of years. It was remarkable experience to see all the valuable findings from Bosnia and Herzegovina, even some of the antique and medieval artifacts from Mostar and Mogorjelo near Čapljina.

Archaeological trip to Stolac
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Archaeology Project Week 2015

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First of all, on Monday 12th of October Drago Mejdandžić, representative of Arheon.org presented “Photogrammetry in Archeology” in Gallery Aluminij, Mostar. In the same venue professor Saša Šantić presented “Artistic treasure of Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

National museum in Sarajevo fieldtrip

On Tuesday, 13th of October, we visited the capital city Sarajevo where we had the opportunity to see many of the attractions that the city has to offer, as well as to see interesting archaeological exhibits from the National Museum of Sarajevo. Firstly, we visited Latin bridge – as well as the place which was the starting point of a World War I. On the same route we had the opportunity to witness the amazing neo-Moorish architecture of the City Hall, resembling the one of our Gimnazija building in Mostar. Our next stop was Baščaršija which at that point was in the middle of renovation process, so it looked like a real archaeological excavation site. Going through those streets of Sarajevo, we saw the famous Gazi Husrevbeg’s Mosque, Sarajevo Cathedral, Museum of Sarajevo, Bezistan Bazaar as well as the Eternal flame monument. Despite the old town and Austro-Hungarian architecture we also witnessed the modern architecture Sarajevo has to offer. We managed to see the example of everything we heard about in the presentation from the previous day – Medieval art, Islamic art, different types of architecture etc. We were kindly welcomed by museum’s curators for archaeology, ethnology and natural sciences departments. The most interesting part of the museum was archaeology section in which we saw many old monuments and things preserved over hundreds of years. It was remarkable experience to see all the valuable findings from Bosnia and Herzegovina, even some of the antique and medieval artifacts from Mostar and Mogorjelo near Čapljina. To conclude, this trip was one extraordinary experience and something very useful for our knowledge in archaeology and our future explorations. (Mila)

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Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!



Upcoming calendar events

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