



# Newsletter

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## A word from the editor...

I am pleased to introduce the first 2018 edition of the UWC Mostar Newsletter. This edition continues the tradition of sharing UWC values and mission, presenting articles on topics of interest related to the academic and extracurricular activities and projects at UWC Mostar. You can enjoy stories related to student organized events, success of our alumni as well as the great impact UWC Mostar brings to the local community with organization of events intended for both local and international community of Mostar.

The first issue of the re-designed Newsletter will be directly linked to our official social media platforms, making it available to a wider audience at any time. With the new year UWC Mostar also introduced a new monthly segment - "UWC Mostar in the media", which presents the most important monthly media coverages and stories of UWC Mostar's work and impact. You can subscribe by visiting our official webpage [www.uwcmostar.ba](http://www.uwcmostar.ba).

You are always welcome to connect with us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or by email [adla.velagic@uwcim.uwc.org](mailto:adla.velagic@uwcim.uwc.org) and share the UWC spirit!

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## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE - A COOPERATION WITH OSCE MISSION TO BIH

OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina in cooperation with civil society coalitions and organizations marked the International Day of Tolerance in Mostar.

Coalition in Mostar "Super citizens" has very successfully worked on a number of projects, including the first half-marathon in Mostar, and many exchanges with other cities and organizations. The International Day of Tolerance is closely linked to the

promotion of tolerance, multiculturalism and respect.

UWC Mostar students participated in the event with traditional dances from Brazil, Nepal and Scotland as well as a performance of a song of the Nordic people Saami and a beautiful recital from the 11<sup>th</sup> Century about tolerance and peace.

"This is also a way that UWC Mostar students help the process of integration and development of tolerance in the City

of Mostar" said Valentina Mindoljević, UWC Mostar Headmistress. Head Adviser of the City of Mostar Radmila Komadina stated that our city can be a great example of promoting tolerance and respect of diversity.

"City of Mostar greatly supports the initiatives of young people and NGOs and is open for cooperation and projects that contribute to the promotion of tolerance", concluded Ms Komadina.





# Šantić Residence

As a part of the long term plan of owning student residences in Mostar, funds were raised in order for the College to secure a building with close proximity to the Gimnazija building/UWC Mostar. The building will be transformed into a student residence, which will accommodate 55 students. We are very excited to be able to secure our second student residence and a campaign has been launched and shared with parents, cooperants and friends in order to raise

funds for the construction of the student residence, now known as "Šantić residence" (due to be completed in 2019).

It is through support of our donors that we can make the dream of growing the UWC community in Mostar possible!

For all inquiries on donations please contact: [development@uwcim.uwc.org](mailto:development@uwcim.uwc.org) or visit [uwcmostar.ba/giving](http://uwcmostar.ba/giving)



## Cooperation with Booking.com - going on holiday and supporting UWC Mostar

We are very excited to announce that UWC Mostar has recently signed a cooperation contract with **Booking.com**! If you use **this link** to reserve accommodation on **Booking.com**, they will automatically donate a percentage of their service fee to UWC Mostar. This fund will support the travel costs for our scholarship students! Every successful accommodation booking made through our UWC Mostar micropage on **Booking.com** will result in a small donation for our school. More specifically, the funds will go into the 'travel fund' for students with demonstrated financial need from conflict and post-conflict areas.

If you want to support UWC Mostar by bringing together students from over 60 countries worldwide, and travel the world - please book the accommodation for your next journey using the **this link**.



## €1 Alumni Giving Campaign

The campaign aimed at UWC Mostar alumni donations of €1 per month with the purpose of building an alumni endowment for the 'Bridge to the Future' Endowment Fund.

With help of donors, the Endowment has been able to increase the number of scholarships from 11 to 16 in the current year and there are now in total 27 students at UWC Mostar with a scholarship from the 'Bridge to the Future' Endowment. The plan is to raise funds

to provide scholarships for 75% of the students in the long term.

Up to the end of August (the financial year-end for the endowment) we had:

- 68 individual donors donating
- 53 recurring donations ranging from €1 to €10 (or other currencies) per month
- In total €1,608 in donations through the campaign in 3 months
- For the recurring donations, it would approximate to €3,216 a year

We are incredibly grateful for the contribution of those who have signed up, but as we have only about 8% of our alumni signed up, we clearly have more work to do! We really hope that you will join in and that you will encourage your student cohort in joining the campaign:

<http://www.mostarendowment.com/alumni.html>

# PROJECT WEEKS IN 2017

Students organize and participate in weeklong projects — Project Weeks — around BiH and the region to extend UWC learning into the real world. The possibilities of Project Weeks range from direct action, such as building houses, to exploring street art in Sarajevo, to adventure-hiking. Be open to opportunities!

Every UWC has its own version of project weeks and these valuable experiences are part of what makes us different from many IB schools, allowing you to discover the area that surrounds you, bond with your fellow

students, and experience traveling.

Projects weeks are enjoyable and rewarding, but can also be challenging. There is not much that unifies project weeks: each one has its own unique character and strengths, and is right for a different student.

Project weeks 2017 included some amazing activities and events: *Youthful vision of Bosnia, Photography workshop with SOS Kindergarten in Tuzla, Traditional woodworking in Croatia, Unity makes us stronger - IB collaboration, Poetical Herzegovina Landscapes, Hiking in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Vukovar,*

*Let's talk about Babushkas, Volunteering with Refugee Aid Serbia, Collaboration and volunteering for the United Nations Development Programme, Robo star, Be a green kid, Dig that man, Explore Tuzla with us, Permaculture at Nesto Vise, Biking, Make Me a Sandwich, Stecak project - mapping medieval necropolis of Herzegovina, Challenge your limits mindfully, Sport, Fun and Nature at Elaphiti island; Lopud, Bosnian-Swedish exchange, Expanding UWC reach - Macedonia, Heaven on Balkan - Montenegro, Marine biology, The beholding eye.*





# PRAISE FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE EUROPEAN RESEARCHERS' NIGHT IN MOSTAR

Six BH cities -Mostar, Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Bijeljina, Goražde and Travnik joined over one million people who celebrate science in over 300 cities of Europe.

European Researchers Night in Mostar was once again successfully organized by UWC and provided an opportunity for promotion of science, scientists, fun games, experiments and competitions. The programme included workshops, presentations, interactive activities, lectures and science fun. The event was officially opened by the Minister of education and science Ms Elvira Dilberović and UWC Mostar headmistress Valentina Mindoljević. Guests and visitors had an opportunity to meet scientists, explore different innovations, scientific researches and projects, but also attend interesting lectures and experiments. Spanish square hosted a number of promotional booths and competition for high school and elementary school students. Along with water rockets, treasure hunts and artistic exhibitions with the topic of science, this year's programme included a robot and formula 1 presentation. The best scientific projects were awarded at an official ceremony which took place at the Federal Government building in Mostar. The successful realization of the event was supported by project partners: Federal Ministry of Education and Science, City of Mostar, University Džemal Bijedić Mostar, Faculty of Engineering and IT – University of Mostar, Faculty of Information Technologies, INTERA Technology Park, Center for technical culture Mostar, Sports Academy "Little Bridge", Mostar Rock School, Fortuna Tours, Bingo, TDK Šahinpašić, Print Center Green.



- Media partners: Dnevni List, City TV BiH, Bljesak.info, Običan Radio, Novasloboda.ba.
- European Researchers Night encourages citizens to think about science, research and innovations, and this event has multiple benefits:
- Contributes to awareness raising in different sectors of society, including business community, on the importance of science and how to get involved in science projects and use funds supporting science development
  - Presents the opportunity for meetings of scientists and people working in science and research, as well as establishing 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 the demystification of science
  - Encourages young people to think of science as a 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 meetings in one place
  - Influences the development of volunteering spirit amongst young people



UWC Mostar students and staff deeply concerned about the current situation of thousands of refugees from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan stuck in Belgrade railway station, decided to take action by raising money for the purchase of clothing, warm meals, hygiene items and other essential goods to the refugees. In coordination with the NGO "Refugee Aid Serbia" and other organizations, first team of UWC Mostar volunteers continues to help in Belgrade and give aid to the NGO's working with volunteers.

*Report by Paolo Cassina*

## HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED - UWCIM REFUGEES IN SERBIA PROJECT

*The situation in Belgrade has changed a lot since the last time we had last been there. The barracks behind Belgrade's main railway station, which last year were the only shelter for the thousands of refugees in the city, have been destroyed, and all the migrants have been transferred to the camps around Belgrade...*

**T**he emergency, however, still lingers and the different associations and NGOs work as much as before to offer help to the refugees who keep coming in the city.

Some of these organisations, like Info park, receive the migrants who have first arrived in the city and ensure they receive legal and practical advice, but they also organise workshops and classes of European

languages.

Every mid-morning the headquarters of Info park get crowded with busy volunteers and smiling refugees of all ages. Our large and heterogeneous group of students held



workshops about European geography and organised games and activities with the younger ones.

It was not surprising to see our first-year students especially engaged and enthusiastic in this work.

Having a direct and genuine contact with refugees who are willing to share their stories is always eye-opening and profoundly impacting; and listening to our peers, or even younger boys and girls, telling about what made them leave their homes, their endless journeys, the abuses and neglect they had to face from the authorities, and when they will attempt, once again, to cross the border, is something that really changes the perception of the refugee crisis, by showing an often overlooked perspective, the one made of the individual stories and experiences.

By dividing ourselves in two groups, we also worked in the offices of BelgrAid, an organisation involved in the distribution of clothes and hot meals in the camps.

We spent hours every day sorting out, cataloguing, and putting into boxes hundreds of clothes that had been donated to BelgrAid and that would be distributed in

the camps with the lowering temperature in winter.

Then, we would help in cleaning the kitchen after the cooking of meals for the refugees, and getting it ready for the next day, an activity through which we discovered some great talents among us in peeling potatoes and cleaning pots.

The effort of BelgrAid, its hard-working and organised volunteers have been extremely inspiring to us, and we were very glad to find people from all around the world who dedicate their time, energies and resources to bring aid in critical conditions.

As this project continues, we also feel to thank all the people who have been supporting us by donating to our crowd-funding campaign and spreading our word: we are determined to continue our action and are very grateful to all those who helped us by believing in this initiative.

***If you wish to support the initiative and UWCiM x Refugees in Serbia project, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/uwcimxrefugeesserbia>***





# UWCX CAMPUS VOLUNTEERS IN MOSTAR! COMMUNITY CENTER MUSALA AND URBAN GARDEN

*Creating Musala Social Centre and an Urban Garden has been the biggest project the Campus Volunteers have attempted so far! Musala Social Centre – an unusual space – how on earth could it be changed into a place students would enjoy being in? The Urban Garden – well – a challenge if ever there was one! And only 5 days to complete both projects!*

**By Julie Jones, Chair UWCx Campus Volunteers**

### PREPARATION?

Jill and Julie came out to the College at the end of April to look in person at ideas and plans – see what skills would be needed and identify where supplies could be sourced. The €8k budget for the project was made by an anonymous donor and needed careful management.

Lots of pictures were taken at Musala House, and helped one of our volunteers - Jenny, an interior designer – a proposed plan was designed and shared with the College for comments. Lots of emails flew back and forward to finalise the plan for the week!

Meeting with the Student Environmental Group was the key to The Urban Garden project. They had been working hard on a plan for some while and this was the basis of the work during the week.

### THE WEEK

8 volunteers came over to Mostar – 3 alumni, and 5 friends, including three professional builders taking time out to volunteer! Not many people you think – quite right! The support of students and staff was the key to getting everything finished on time in what was a very hectic week.

The volunteers and students met up first thing on Monday morning to meet each other and work began straight away on Musala. Giz, Andy



and Jon set about the structural work and starting the painting – with support from Peter and Helen. Students came in to help when needed, with Jill and UWC Mostar staff Senija and Adis making sure supplies were in the right place at the right time!

The students of the Environmental Group were the key to getting The Urban Garden project delivered supported by Julie and Mary Beth. Led by Dorian (UWC Mostar 18) – his team set about the really hard work of clearing the land with gusto! Once the plot had been cleared, a membrane and gravel put in place, Jon came to lead the planter building, constructed using old pallet boards, which transformed the area! 'I have nothing but admiration for the team, who learned a lot about the 'design process' as well as pulling together to get the job done!' said Julie. 'They worked so hard throughout the week and can be really proud of the results!'

Student reaction to the Social Centre and Garden was great to watch, as they

arrived back from their Project Weeks!

*'UWCx Campus Volunteers are proud to be involved with UWC Mostar. It is fabulous that alumni and friends with time and skills to give, can work with today's students to deliver brilliant new facilities. The project really demonstrates UWC values in action!'* said Jill Longson.

Volunteers loved getting to know the students at break times, and getting to know the city in the evening!

### WHO ARE THE UWCx CAMPUS VOLUNTEERS?

*A group of alumni, parents and friends of UWC. Around 30 volunteers have taken part over 5 years. Usually around 5 – 10 volunteers take part each time.*

### WHEN WAS THE GROUP SET UP?

*Starting out as UWC Atlantic College Volunteers, back in 2012 a number of alumni from UWCAC saw the need to help staff teams to spruce up the gardens and*

*grounds at Atlantic College prior to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the movement.*

*A number of working parties were set up. Working hard the volunteers had a really great time! It was decided to carry on after the anniversary. Since 2012, 24 volunteer sessions have been held at UWC Atlantic College, with work carried out on 2 dayrooms, social centre, guest rooms as well as the gardens.*

*In December 2016 the Group became UWCx accredited after submitting an application to UWC International.*

### HOW DID THE CAMPUS VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE IN MOSTAR?

*Jill Longson also sat on the UWC International Board and saw the opportunity of spreading our example to more colleges in the Network. Back in 2016 we were in UWCAD to help prepare for the UWC Congress and as a result Valentina Mindoljević invited us to Mostar.*



# STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY – MAPPING THE MEDIEVAL MONUMENTS IN HERZEGOVINA



*Stećak (Cyrillic: Cmeħak, [stetɕak]; plural: Stećci, Cmeħu, [stetɕtsi]) is the name for monumental medieval tombstones that lie scattered across Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the border parts of Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia. An estimated 60,000 are found within the borders of modern Bosnia and Herzegovina and the rest of 10,000 are found in what are today Croatia (4,400), Montenegro (3,500), and Serbia (2,100), at more than 3,300 odd sites with over 90% in poor condition.*

UWC Mostar students with their teacher Dženan Hakalović initiated the project of mapping the locations for medieval necropolis in Herzegovina. Dženan Hakalović, UWC Mostar History teacher and initiator of the project emphasized that this is a school project with a tendency of collecting information about "stećci" in our vicinity.

*"The project started as an idea to do an archaeological survey of the terrain in order to confirm the number of the medieval necropoli, and in order to introduce students from BiH, region and the world to the history of BiH and the region" said Dženan.*

*'In addition to introducing students to their environment, history, artistic expression and culture unique for the area, we*

*are also collecting information that might lead to some further steps in renovation of these monuments because some of them are being extinct, because of neglect and age.' concluded Dženan.*

The ultimate goal is to create a map of medieval necropolis on the territory of Herzegovina in a wider geographical sense. The idea is to update data every year with new information and location, but also to create a web page and multidimensional presentation in English and BHS languages.

UWC Mostar students have been working on the project with great interest since 2015 and are planning to continue their great work. The project itself has gained a lot of media attention and interest in the medieval monuments in the Herzegovina region.



## UWC Mostar – the lighthouse of education

Ms Pilvi Torsti, Chair of the Foundation Education in Action, held a presentation and discussion on the history and present of the college - "UWC Mostar as the lighthouse of education" to UWC Mostar students and staff. The lecture was greatly appreciated by students and staff who expressed interested to hear about the beginnings and successes of UWC Mostar in the past 11 years by one of the founders.

Ms Torsti holds a PhD in Social Sciences and is Adjunct professor of Political History at the University of Helsinki, vice-MP of the National Parliament, City Councilor and Member of the City Government in Helsinki and Chairman of the Helsinki Social Democrats. Doctor Torsti was appointed as a State Secretary for the Minister of Education (2013-2015) and as a Special Advisor to the Minister at the Ministry of Employment and Economy (2011-2013). Before serving the government she worked as a Research Director and Programme Director in post-war educational project, being also one of the founders of the United World College in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Doctor Torsti has also worked as a journalist and is the author of several academic and general interest books and has been honored for her work towards peace. She is a UWC graduate (AD 1995).



## Promotion at the Education Fair and Diplomatic Winter Bazaar in Sarajevo

UWC Mostar participated in two great events in Sarajevo - Education Fair & Diplomatic Winter Bazaar. Participating with over 30 institutions and organizations from BiH, we presented UWC Mostar, our programme, students, scholarships and everything the visitors of the Education Fair in Sarajevo wanted to know about being a part of UWC Mostar family.

Diplomatic Winter Bazaar was a lot of fun for all of us with 40 embassies and over 60 organizations and institutions. Our promotional booth was visited by ambas-

sadors, officials and potential students and their parents alike and we enjoyed making new contacts and future cooperations.

In addition to promoting UWC Mostar, we had great pleasure and joy of presenting the wonderful handicrafts and artwork made by Elementary school for children with special needs, Center for children and youth with special needs „Los Rosales" and the ladies from the Refugee Camp "Tasovčići". UWC Mostar used the opportunity to say thank you for being our wonderful cooperants and friends for so many years!



Ambassador of Slovenia in BiH, H.E. Ms Zorica Bukinac



US Ambassador to BiH, H.E. Ms Maureen Cormack



# Successful international cooperation

Animal Care Center in cooperation with the German organization "Streunerglück" and UWC Mostar students constructed 15 dog houses for abandoned street dogs of Mostar.

The main goal of the activity was to provide shelter for street dogs during the cold winter days.

As stated by representatives of Animal Care Center, the number of street dogs in Mostar is increasing. UWC Mostar students helped with construction of temporary dog houses made of styrofoam, cardboard and nylon.

*"One of CASes at UWC Mostar is caring for abandoned animals and we have been cooperating with Animal Care Center and "Streunerglück" for a few years now. Since there is no real shelter for dogs, the idea was to make temporary dog houses in order to keep them arm during the winter season"* said Danijela Četković, UWC Mostar teacher and CAS leader.

Animal Care Center works on several projects for helping animals and our cooperation will continue in the future as well.



## History, Culture and Politics of Switzerland at UWC Mostar

UWC Mostar staff and students had the honor of a visit by the Ambassador of Switzerland in BiH, H.E. Ms Andrea Rauber Saxer. Ambassador Saxer held a presentation and discussion on Swiss history and politics and a Q&A session with our students. Our students learned interesting facts about Swiss history, culture, tradition and political system, but also quite a few interesting facts related to languages and the country itself.



## Workshops for Mostar Student Council

UWC Mostar students and representatives in Mostar Student Council Ivana Filipović and Tarik Raljević, hosted a workshop for students from all high schools in the City of Mostar.

The aim of the workshop was to bring the new council members closer together and improve internal communication in order to implement future projects more successfully. This was achieved through various team-building activities and communication exercises, and a presentation on the importance of body language in everyday interactions.

UWC Mostar students helped paint a clearer picture of UWC spirit, values and atmosphere to the council members.

# SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE – HELPING THE REFUGEE CAMP “TASOVČIĆI”



According to the official data, there are over 120 collective centers with over 2500 families in BiH and Refugee Camp "Tasovčići" near Čapljina is one of them. Refugee Camp "Tasovčići" has been a home to refugees from mostly central Bosnia and Konjic since 1992. For the people who live here it is now the only home they have.



They all live dreaming of a better tomorrow, hoping for better living conditions and life they had in their own homes. UWC Mostar students who volunteer at the camp help them in any way they can and have been a bright example of support for years. Our students organize different activities in order to raise funds for the people in the refugee camp, supermarket actions and collection of donations.

This semester the activities have brought joy to the people in the refugee camp once again, through successful supermarket actions with over 25 bags of donated food and donations in kind including wonderful holiday gifts for the children. They also contributed through the sale of handmade wool socks "pape" made by the women from the refugee camp. Students organized a sale of "pape" for our community, but these were also available for purchase at the Diplomatic Winter Bazar in Sarajevo and like every time,

all proceeds went to the Refugee Camp "Tasovčići". Over 100 pairs of the hand-made wool socks were sold with this great action and our students continue to work and plan different activities throughout the year in order to make the lives of the people who found their home in the Reugee Camp "Tasovčići" a little bit brighter and better.

"Refugee Camp CAS offers students an opportunity to engage in different types of volunteering. This year the most successful activities were the flea market, the supermarket actions and the pape project.

For a flea market clothes are collected in the community and later sold to our school body and beyond as second hand items, for very reasonable prices. That money is further transferred into dry/longer-lasting food and added to the food items gathered in supermarket actions - all of which is equally delivered to every family at the camp. It is worth mentioning that a lot of donations were gathered from both actions and that supermarket "Megamar-

ket" was of great help for our action.

On the other hand, the pape project is an activity in which students get to practice some level of empowerment for the people in need (specifically women), instead of only delivering items. It is crucial to mention that we received enormous support from Mrs. Kuban, the mother of our Slovak alumna. The women at the camp, all of an older age and most commonly unable to find work, tend to share with us the various purposes they end up using this money for: paying for their child's education, for their medicine or for electricity - all very basic needs. It is projects like these, on top of personal connections with inhabitants of the camp, that raise awareness in young volunteers about the necessity and importance of work and empowerment in individuals in need, instead of often de-individualizing humanitarian actions."

**Dorontine Berishaj,**  
student supervisor for refugee camp





## INTERVIEW

### EARN, LEARN AND RETURN

*Is it possible that a person who hasn't reached 30 had a chance to consult several political and business leaders around the world, – from US governor to CEOs of some top taxpayer companies, developed a unique business strategy and development methodology and authored a book which is used as a standard in an international data security company, taught at the university level, and has done a few more things on the side?*

*By Jelena Athanasiou, "We are the Balkans" ([balkanlifestylesite.wordpress.com](http://balkanlifestylesite.wordpress.com))*

**T**o be honest, we didn't believe that this is possible until we met Djordje Hinic. When we asked Djordje to share his story, we were honored he accepted it. The way he thinks about work and success should be cornerstone of thinking for every person that wants to fulfill their business and life dreams.

*The only way you could truly become successful is to find your passion. The very instance you find it, your job becomes your hobby and you lose the notion of work hours, weekends, etc. You know you found it when you continuously chose to rather work on your project than watch a football game, movie or series. If you did not find it, keep looking, because the last thing you want is spend your entire working life stressed about doing something without the purpose.*

After he shared his formula, we asked him if he could remember something which inspired him and changed or challenged his way of thinking.

*During my studies, I was invited to have lunch with an American billionaire who funded my education. He shared with me his motto: the first 30 years of your life you should learn. The second 30 years you shall earn, and last 30 years you shall return.*

Although fascinated by this statement, Djordje didn't accept it fully. He thought that one can learn and contribute to the society more if she/he does all those things at the same time.

Aside from business, Djordje always finds a way to inspire others and to share his experiences and lessons from around the world. At the moment, Djordje is lobbying for scholarships and is a part of an international organization that awards the smartest high school students from Serbia.

Few months ago, he was invited to join the Rotary society in Belgrade as the youngest member to ever join the society. Through this club, Djordje believes that he will be able to make an even greater contribution to the community. Djordje's work and accomplishments are remarkable and flawless and could be an inspiration to many. They are testimony that one's age must not restrain professional growth and development.





## UWC MOSTAR ALUMNA – RECEPIENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD



**T**he International Student Awards Ceremony was initiated to highlight the accomplishments of international students at the University of Florida. The awards are designed to recognize students who not only meet exemplary academic achievement, but also a wide range of accomplishments and contributions. Ana Jelačić, recipient of the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering UFIC Outstanding International Student Award for 2017, graduated from UWC Mostar in 2014 and successfully continued her education in USA.

*"In my opinion being an International Student has lots of challenges especially with the recent events, but it is all about pushing your*



*limits and venturing beyond your comfort zone to achieve a greater goal! International students are always a great addition to any community or college and I am so happy University of Florida supports and fosters diversity of all kinds and the good achieved with minds who think differently and come from all pockets of the world! I am honored to be the Undergraduate recipient of the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering UFIC Outstanding International Student Award for 2017! Hard work pays off and I am thankful to have an amazing Engineering and International community of friends and professors who value and award passion"*

**Ana Jelačić,  
UWC Mostar, Class of 2014**

### Alumni Holiday Event

In order to facilitate the interaction and networking among UWC Mostar alumni, UWC Mostar organized the first UWC Mostar Alumni Holiday Event in Sarajevo. It was wonderful to see familiar faces and

catch up but also to share knowledge and experiences among alumni, get to know B&H start-up scene, hear Ted talk style inspirational speeches by successful alumni, to learn about queer career pathways and hear all the latest news from UWC Mostar. UWC Mostar is also pleased to announce Alumni Reunion (Class of 2008 and 2009)

on June 29th 2018 in Mostar! We are delighted to be inviting our alumni back for the first and second generation reunion. We are certain that you will mark this day in your calendar to walk down the memory lanes and spend time with your teachers, mentors and not the least, your friends and colleagues.