

"Building bridges between people and cultures through inspiring, quality education"

Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,


As the Autumn colors take over and winter slowly makes itself felt, we feel grateful for the Mostar Sun. Ivo Andrić, the Nobel prize winning novelist famously said:
"When you spend a night in Mostar, it is not the sound that wakes you up in the morning, but - the light. I know this from my own experience. It was the light that welcomed me when I arrived, it followed me from the morning to the evening, and when I left, that light forever stayed in me as the main characteristic of my memories of Mostar."

The students are back from their Autumn break and energised for the last bit of the term. It is a time of assessments and submissions and thus the kind of unavoidable stress that is part of any educational journey. However, they have adults in the community to support them and remind them of the importance of managing time, especially with respect to the three Ss - Study, Socialize and Sleep. The CASs (extra curricular activities) that they do also help them find a balance between academics and other important aspects of the UWC experience. And we take special care to ensure that they remember to smell the roses and connect with the country they are living and studying in - once every term they get to see and experience some historically and culturally relevant sites. This time, as part of this Exploring BiH trip, they will visit a monastery and a bridge built in 1574 besides a museum in the town of Trebinje.

Along with being on this wonderful UWC and IB learning journey together, UWC Mostar staff and students continue to demonstrate what a good education in Bosnia and Herzegovina can look like. A recent event that had our students and teachers of Croatian, Bosnian and Serbian literature come together and interact with a poet, putting forward thoughtful and insightful comments and questions was a great example of our hope for the future.

This light of a world class, multiperspective, integrated education that should be the right of each child in the world, would bring even more brightness to the amazing Mostar Sun!

In Hope and in Peace,
 Sonia Rawat
 Head of UWC Mostar



COP27

UWC Mostar is participating in The 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference - COP27! Our students Farah Šertović, Olivia Kaluzna and Imman Kajtažović will have the opportunity to meet experts and leaders in different sectors and present the values of the UWC movement, UWC Mostar, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly referred to as Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC, or COP27, will be the 27th United Nations Climate Change conference, to be held from 6 to 18 November 2022 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

UWC Mostar is hereby contributing with examples of positive change in education in BiH and improving the quality of life within the community, through continuous engagement and active partnerships with local and international cooperants.

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Cooperations

Education in BiH

Panel

UWC Mostar is contributing with examples of positive changes to the educational system in BiH, in particular an example of non-segregated education that can serve as a model and inspiration for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

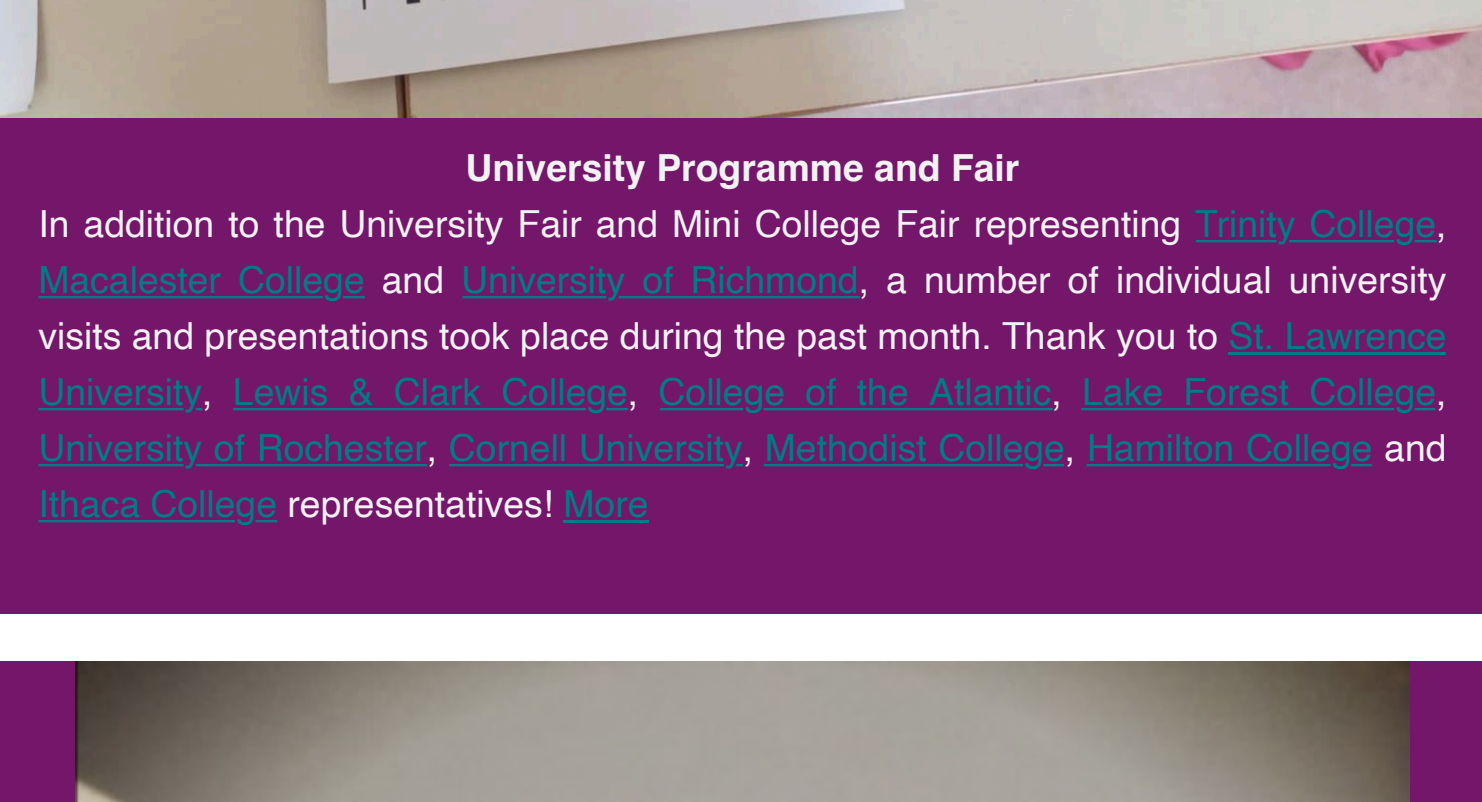
Chair of the College board Jasminka Bratić and our Director of Advancement and Outreach Haris Idriz participated and contributed in a panel discussion organized by OSCE office Mostar on the topic "Two schools under one roof" - the most visible example of discrimination in the field of education in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Poetry and Languages

A successful collaboration between teachers of Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian languages and literature took place this October with a wonderful literary event organized by UWC Mostar Language Department. [More](#)





University Programme and Fair

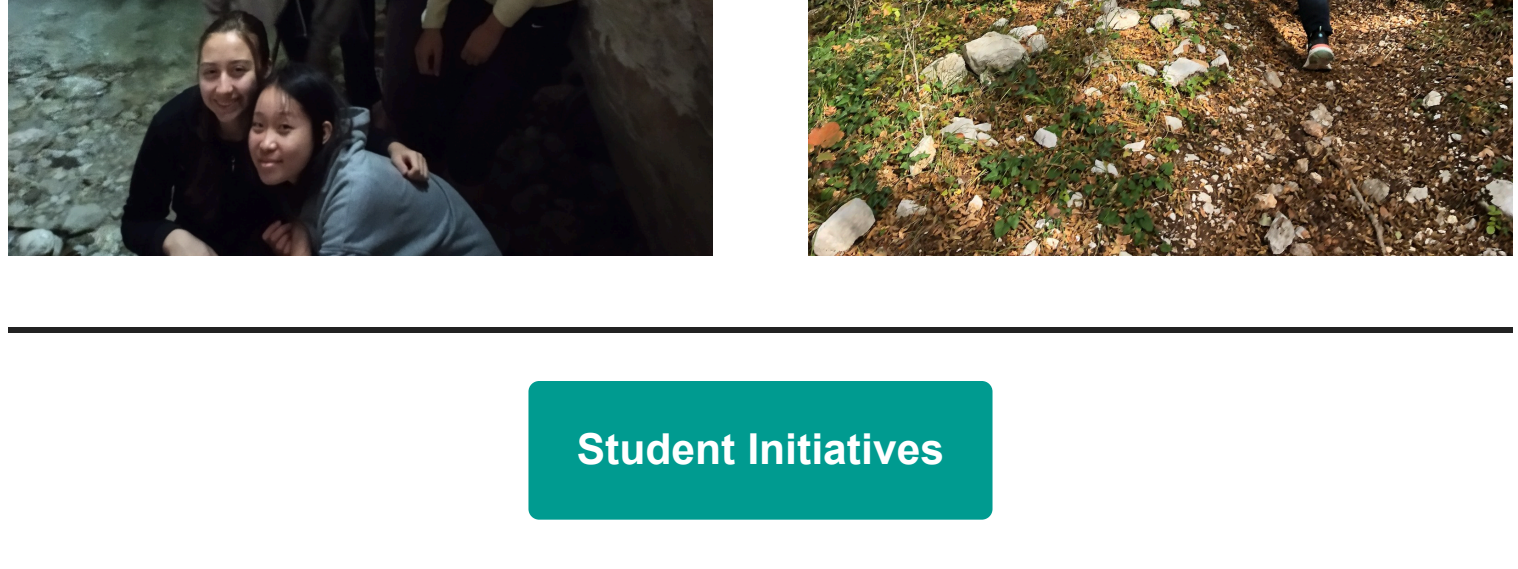
In addition to the University Fair and Mini College Fair representing [Yale College](#), [Harvard College](#) and [University of Toronto](#), a number of individual university visits and presentations took place during the past month. Thank you to [Lewis & Clark College](#), [Lewis & Clark College](#), [University of Oregon](#), [University of Oregon](#), [University of Oregon](#), [University of Oregon](#), [University of Oregon](#), [University of Oregon](#), [University of Oregon](#), [University of Oregon](#) and [Yale College](#) representatives! [More](#)



LAB Weekends

Collaboration with Youth for Peace brings two 'LAB Weekends' to UWC Mostar this winter! Intended for all high school students from Mostar and the surrounding area, each weekend will include a range of exciting hands-on and interactive lessons in biology, physics and chemistry with experiments, as well as great discussion-based workshops led by Youth for Peace. Find out [More](#)

Sport and Outdoor Weekends at UWC Mostar




Student Initiatives



Projects Weeks Gallery

Every year, all UWC students across all colleges attend a week-long project. It is one of the most educational parts of co-curricular learning at UWC Mostar. Projects are designed by students and staff and aim to challenge students to better themselves, explore their passion, and share their experiences with the rest of the community. It is also a great opportunity to meet new friends and discover oneself. Project weeks are also an important outreach activity of UWC Mostar. It offers us an opportunity to strengthen our connection to the local community, expand on our work with local partners, and live on our mission of building bridges between people and cultures. By participating in a project week, a student also becomes an ambassador of UWC Mostar which helps build connections across Bosnia and Herzegovina. Our project weeks are grouped into three different categories: Service Project Weeks - learning through service while partnering with local organizations; Expedition Project Weeks - learning through the discovery of nature or historical sites and Creativity Project Weeks - learning through creation.

If you would like to find out more about each of the Project Weeks in 2022, please feel free to contact us and in the meantime take a look at some of the projects in our [Gallery](#).



CLIMATE CHANGE STREET ART PROJECT

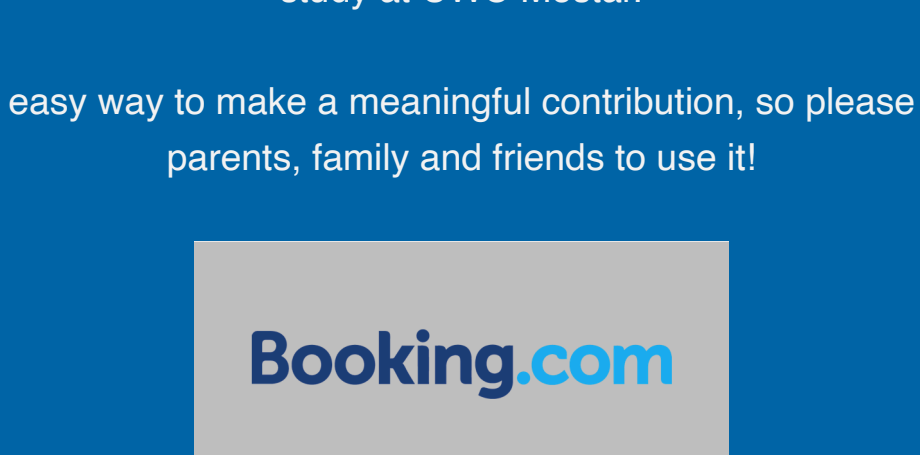

Painted by UWC Mostar and Gimnazija Mostar students for Project Week in October 2022 on the wall of Red Cross building in Mostar with white photocatalytic color which cleans the polluted air

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