

Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,

Young sparrows
on the telephone wire
waiting
for the right moment
to fly away

(by the Japanese poet Kobayashi Issa)

April has been a month filled with meaningful events and activities. We had the pleasure of hosting Jacob Mnookin, the Director of Partnerships and Innovations from the Davis United World College Scholars Program and witnessed some thrilling events both at the college and in the city. But it was the 2nd year student retreat that truly touched my heart. This annual event is a culmination of the two year UWC experience and provides a space for our graduating students to reflect on the relationships they have built, the knowledge they have gained, and the values they have embraced.

Conceived and facilitated by our student leaders, the reflection exercises were profound and thought-provoking. The one on giving back, in particular, left a lasting impression on me. The students reflected on why, when and how they want to give back (Time, Treasure and Talent) and signed the UWC Pledge which has now become a cherished tradition. It was inspiring to see how deeply our students care about the college and the city of Mostar, and how they have formed an unbreakable bond with both.

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is heartening to see how our students have grown and matured into compassionate and socially responsible individuals. They are not just part of the UWC Mostar community, but also an integral part of the larger UWC family as our precious alumni.

In closing, I would like to share a couplet by the American poet Langston Hughes that encapsulates the spirit of our students and alumni:

Youth, fiery to change the world,
Dreams that blaze, ideals unfurled.

In hope,
Sonia

Cooperations and activities



Association of Student Dormitories of Southeastern Europe appoints Haris Idriz, UWC Mostar, as the Chair of Commission for International Cooperation

Director of Outreach and Advancement at UWC Mostar, Haris Idriz, is appointed as the Chair of the Commission for International Cooperation of the Association of Student Dormitories of Southeastern Europe.

Haris attended a meeting of representatives of the Association of Student Dormitories of Southeastern Europe in Budapest this April, where representatives of student dormitories from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, North Macedonia, and Montenegro discussed the work of student dormitories, advantages of their existence and the specifics that these institutions face in their work. Conferences are an opportunity to exchange experiences and do more for students who regularly study outside their place of permanent residence, and therefore live in student dormitories/residences during their education. [More](#)

TedX UWC Mostar



Watch our TEDx UWCiM event - REIMAGINING TOMORROW:

Guest speakers: Orhan Oha Maslo, Mostar Rock School

"Community development through culture; music for reconciliation and peace building" and Dejan Durić, Anthropology, Linguistics "Whose tomorrow? Ethnography, the Self, and the Other"

Student speakers:

Tenzin Choenyi - "Refugees don't need your pity, they need your help"

Bina Chatterji - "There are no deadlines for life"

Liza Zablotska - "How to approach the topic of war?"

Yaran Zhang- "What Can a Helicopter Trip Teach You About Freedom of Expression? The Delicate Balance of Freedom of Expression and Hate Speech in a Polarized Society"

Jose Franco- "The unique rule is not to fail"

Pringgo Pranendita - "The human cost of child marriage"

Lois Leung - "To reimagine tomorrow, let's first accept and love the world we live in today"

BALMUN 2023

UWC Mostar students together with our Social and Cultural Anthropology teacher Darya Davidouskaya participated in BALMUN (Banja Luka Model United Nations) Conference.

BALMUN 2023 welcomed 350 participants from six countries of the world and UWC Mostar student Olivia Centeno was voted the Best Delegate of the Conference. [More](#)



Favourite cooperations this month:

- UWC Mostar Podcast - News and media portal Bljesak.info in cooperation with UWC Mostar's PR Adla Velagić is initiating a new project, an international podcast led by and featuring UWC Mostar students. Streaming all over the globe.
- German language and literature classes - cooperation of our German language Department and teacher Marija Grubešić Barać with Professor Magdalena Ramljak and the Faculty of Philosophical Studies (FFMO), Department of German Language.
- Projects, CAS-es, activities and cooperation with [Druga gimnazija Mostar](#) continued! This time our students successfully presented and held a workshop named "Who are you at the Druga Gimnazija Mostar premises?"

Events and Initiatives



12 Hour Race in Mostar

Organized by UWC Mostar students, the "12 hour race" took place as a part of the "24h Race" project, which aims to provide support in the fight against human trafficking.

The day included activities related to raising awareness about the topic and collecting funds to help organizations fighting human trafficking. All funds collected during the day were allocated to support the work of the "Dignitet" Association.

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The world in one city



"The World in One City", a project initiated by Iman Dilberović, Tourism Studies, University "Džemal Bijedić" in Mostar, in cooperation with Head of Studies Amela Pirić and PR and Communications Coordinator, UWC Mostar Adla Velagić, Director of Advancement and Outreach, UWC Mostar Haris Idriz, and wonderful UWC Mostar students from 30 countries of the world, took place at the Old Bridge in Mostar today!

The event was supported by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton.

[Photo gallery.](#)



UWC Mostar had the pleasure of hosting Mr. Jacob Mnookin, Director, Partnerships and Innovations from Davis United World College Scholars Program.

Mr Mnookin was introduced to the daily life of students and staff at UWC Mostar, visited academic premises and the canteen, but also met with our student representatives, visited the student residences and got to know more about Mostar through a Balkan studies route/walk given by our History teacher Dženan Hakalović!

Alumni



Ameen Amin (UWC Mostar Alum, Class of 2009, Iraq)

First Vice President at Morgan Stanley

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