



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

Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,

Each year, the month of May brings with it bittersweet goodbyes and we had our share this month bidding farewell to our second year graduates. A beautiful graduation ceremony with wonderful music and performances, extremely witty speeches by our guest of honour, Dr Augusta Campagne and the enthusiastic speakers from the graduating class; one even managing to do it coming to the stage on crutches after a recent accident! It was a perfect reflection of the very musical cohort that graduated and the relationship they built with the college, the UWC movement and the city of Mostar in their two year journey. Undoubtedly, we will see many of them back for next year's graduation and then sometimes over the years as they visit Mostar and the college in what our alumni very aptly term "nostalgia"! I am also sure that many of them will give back in time, treasure or talent to the college, the movement and also to their home countries; honouring the many scholarships that generous donors have contributed to in order for them to have this amazing learning opportunity with peers from over fifty different countries.

While graduation is all about the students, I'd like to take this opportunity to honour all the staff at the college who provide the support and do all the work required to run a fully residential two-year UWC quietly in the background - in administration, support, advancement and pastoral care. And of course especially the teachers and tutors who play the most critical role in ensuring learning and a holistic development helping each student become a little more independent, a tiny bit wiser and a whole lot more aware of the need to contribute to a more peaceful and sustainable world. I am grateful for these teachers for whom teaching is a vocation, a calling and a passion. Even in this age of generative AI like Chat GPT, we can't do without our earnest educators! There is a couplet in

Sanskrit (classical language in India):

Guru Brahma Gurur Vishnu, Guru Devo Maheshwaraha
Guru Saakshat Para BrahmaTasmai Shree Gurave Namaha

It means:

The Teacher is verily the representative of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva (the Hindu trinity - the 3 main Gods).

The Teacher creates, sustains knowledge and destroys the weeds of ignorance. I salute such a Teacher.

As we close another successful academic year, I salute all our fantastic teachers.

Sonia Rawat
Head of UWC Mostar



Congratulations Class of 2023!

[Graduation Ceremony Gallery](#)

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Cooperations and activities



Peace and Reconciliation

Panel Discussion

UWC Mostar with its unique mission contributes to the local community and the development of peace in a post-conflict and transitional society through various activities and events, but also through our own participation and contribution. Worth noting is that UWC Mostar organises around 100 activities during an academic year, with majority of them in cooperation with the local community!

Organized and supported by the British Embassy in BiH this month, our Outreach and Advancement Department participated in a panel discussion on the topic of 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Peace Agreement in Northern Ireland: "The role of youth and culture in reconciliation".

Panel discussion aimed to emphasize the extremely important role of young people in building peace in societies.

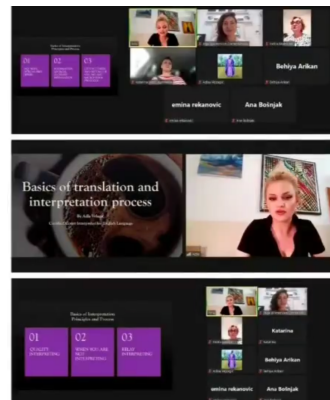
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Cantonal English Language Competition

Institute of Education Mostar organised Cantonal English language competition for 3rd grade high

school students on the topic "How to improve mental health of young people" with our English language teacher Ivana Knježević as a member of the selection committee. [More](#)



Favourite cooperations this month:

- Study Corner - American Corner Mostar in cooperation with UWC Mostar - a brand new cooperation between the American Corner Mostar and UWC Mostar's PR and Communications Coordinator Adla Velagić, who will be delivering workshops for local audience and sharing her expertise in topics related to public relations, public speaking and multilingual translation and communication.

- Music Cooperation with [Mostar Rock School](#), Music School Mostar [Muzička škola I i II stupnja Mostar](#), Music School [glazbena škola Ivana pl.Zajca](#) resulting in an amazing concert this May and strengthening our cooperation with the local schools.

Events and Initiatives



Board Meeting at UWC Mostar

The annual UWC Mostar Board Meeting welcomed our international Board members to Mostar and the opportunity was used for expression of appreciation to members who have supported, contributed and been an important part of the Board 2019-2023: Dara Bonomi, Darko Gligorovski, Augusta Campagne, Jasmina Hodžić, Sead Filipović and Robert Hillard, with special gratitude to the Chair of the College Board, Jasminka Bratić. [More](#)

Alumni

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