



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

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*Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,*

*October has been another busy month at UWC Mostar despite the very sad news with violence and conflict in one more part of the world. Since we have students and staff from all sides of this and other ongoing conflicts, almost all of the community is impacted.*

*However, they have resiliently continued engaging in all activities including the Project Week which is a very defining UWC experience with all our students learning how to plan and execute a project. Students and staff led and participated in week long projects centred around community service, challenging oneself and creative pursuits.*

*This learning experience is as important as the academic learning in the classroom that continued with Extended Essay submissions for the IB and formative and summative assessments. We also hosted around 10 university representatives this month (38 in total till now this academic year) who provide opportunities for the further education of our students.*

*We are especially grateful for the Davis partner schools who visit us and for the scholarships provided by the Davis UWC Scholars program. At the recent UWC Council Meetings and the UWC Heads retreat at New Mexico recently, I had the honour of meeting Phil Geier (President of UWC USA, 1993-2005) who is the co-founder of the Davis Scholar Program with the amazing philanthropist Shelby Davis.*

*I also visited one of the Davis schools, College of the Atlantic in Maine where I met quite a few UWC students; some from Mostar and some even from UWC Mahindra whom I had taught or been a House Parent to. Both these experiences give me a renewed appreciation for the opportunity the Davis Program represents for our students as well as the contribution our students make to these campuses in the United States bringing much needed diversity and cross-cultural skills that they carry with them from the UWCs they have attended.*

*Kofi Annan said 'Education is peace building by another name', Maria Montessori said, 'Education is the best weapon for peace', and Mahatma Gandhi said, 'If we are to teach real peace in the world, we shall have to begin with children'.*

*My sincere hope is that with the work that we do, we are contributing in small but sure ways to this.*

Sincerely,  
Sonia Rawat  
Head of UWC Mostar



### **Project Week 2023**

Every year, 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, students also become ambassadors 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

Creativity Project Weeks - learning through creation

All 25 project weeks are available on our [social media pages](#) and our official page

[www.uwcmostar.ba](http://www.uwcmostar.ba) and a few of our project videos are featured in this Enews!



PW 2023: The Story about Lost Heritage of Women from Sarajevo and Mostar



PW 2023: Renew and Renovate



PW 2023: Outdoors around Mostar



#### UWC Mostar College Board

UWC Mostar is governed by the College Board comprising of 13 members, representing the Founder (the Foundation Education in Action), college staff, parents, UWC International, alumni. The College Board's responsibilities include appointing the College Head and advising and monitoring the Head's work, adopting policy documents, approving the annual working plan and budget of the school, adopting annual financial reports by the college, and being directly responsible to UWC International for adherence to UWC criteria and standards. Our new College Board is in madate 2023-2027.

From left: Jasminka Bratić (Deputy Chair), Mirna Jančić Doyle, Elvira Dilberović (Chair), Sandra

Ann Thomas, Mia Glamuzina, Fleur Meijs (Permanent Proxy for the Chair), Marcin Stanek, Judy Peritz Wynne, Andrew Bennett, Damir Čobo, Anja Weiss, Ruijie (Jerry) Huang. Not featured in the photo: Ivan Lorenčić.

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## Cooperations and activities



### **Professional development of teachers and future cooperations**

Representatives of the Institute for Education, Pedagogical Institutes Mostar, [OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), [Agencija za predškolsko, osnovno i srednje obrazovanje - APOSO](#)-Agency for pre-school, elementary and secondary education, Ministry of Education of Western Herzegovina, and representatives of local secondary schools in Mostar, visited UWC premises this week and participated in a one-day program visit to UWC Mostar.

One of the main aims was focus on future cooperations, professional development of teachers and structured activities. [More](#)



### **New generation of peacebuilders**

#### **UWC Mostar one of the participants of the Peace Leadership Programme**

Peace Leadership Program took place last month in Sarajevo with a programme organised and facilitated jointly by the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA), Center for Peacebuilding (CIM) and Nansen Dialogue Center (NDC). Folke Bernadotte Academy will be conducting a 9-month programme of both face-to-face and online meetings and UWC Mostar is one of the selected participants. [More](#)

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**PRIJAVI SE!**

Mjesto:

**UWC MOSTAR  
ŠPANSKI TRG 1**

Termini:

- **21. | 22.10.**
- **11. | 12.11.**
- **16. | 17.12.**

**LAB  
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#### Cooperations of the month

- **LAB 2023** - LAB program taking place this November in cooperation with UWC Mostar will provide an opportunity for high school students to enjoy biology, chemistry and physics through practical and interactive teaching in laboratories. Any high school student from Mostar can apply and attend courses in equipped laboratories through experiments and various activities in Biology /Chemistry /Physics. For more information and applications , please visit: [www.mostarsyp.org/lab](http://www.mostarsyp.org/lab)

- **Cooperation with VI Elementary School Mostar** - UWC Mostar students marked Children's week in

cooperation with a set of fun activities in cooperation with our little friends and their teachers from the [JU "VI osnovna škola" Mostar](#). This is one out of many activities UWC Mostar is conducting in cooperation with the staff and students of this school throughout the academic year.

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## Events and Initiatives



### **UWC Mostar at the conference "Children as Peacemakers in Divided Societies"**

Organized by the International association for intercultural education and War childhood museum the conference brought together professionals in intercultural education from around the world and our delegation presented a paper entitled "Bridging cultures outside classrooms: students reflections on outreach initiatives at the United World College in Mostar" in strand "Intercultural and Human Rights Education in Divided Societies: Theory and Practice". [More](#)

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### UWC Mostar: October in the Media

Selected features

[BHRTV - UWC Mostar](#)

[Morning programme at BN TV BiH](#)





### "Into Which Narrative Was I Born"

Opening of the exhibition "Into Which Narrative Was I Born" at the Center for Culture in Mostar by the author Mirna Jančić Doyle welcomed UWC Mostar staff, students and Mostarians interested in great art and history .

[More](#)



### [UWC Mostar Basketball Team](#)

City of Mostar Basketball Champions

October 2023

## Alumni



### Alumni Stories

[UWC Mostar](#) Alumni Board member and alumni representative to the UWC Mostar College Board Jerry Huang ('18) sharing experience from his 2018 Silk road biking trip as well as his professional career.





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