



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

Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,

Another month has gone by and it is hard to believe that we are at the end of the term and the winter break is not far. Besides academics, lots of assessments, an exciting Ibero-american culture week, and of course CASs; a community event about how do we want to engage as a community, how do we talk about difficult topics like ongoing conflicts that impact our community members directly was also organised by our wonderful Student Council leaders helped by our Director of Student Well-being and an external Conflict Management expert. This has been an important and much needed start to a conversation that is required in all spheres and spaces. Polarisation of educational and other communities is in the news very much these days and I am glad that we are taking these first steps, especially as they are student-led in a positive direction. Many follow-up activities are planned and I am looking forward to them as well as the traditional Winter gala to close the term and welcome the holiday season. From all of us at UWC Mostar, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and pray for peace in the world.

*A cadence of peace might balance its weight
on that different fulcrum; peace, a presence,
an energy field more intense than war,
might pulse then,
stanza by stanza into the world,
each act of living
one of its words, each word
a vibration of light—facets
of the forming crystal.*

- Denise Levertov

Sincerely,
Sonia Rawat
Head of UWC Mostar



Immersion Week Cyprus

As a part of the EU Scholarship Programme for Cypriot Youth at UWC, 12 UWC Mostar students participated in Immersion week in Cyprus. Working in small teams of Cypriot and non-Cypriot students, students undertook self-designed and self-directed projects that subtly contributed to conflict transformation. The students were guided by college staff as well as the EU Scholarship Programme staff to support them in creating collaborative relations with Cypriot civil society and other actors in the bicomunal space. [More](#)

Cooperations and activities



"Model of IB teaching of History and Balkan Studies within the UWC program in Mostar"

UWC Mostar contributes to positive changes to the educational system in Bosnia and Herzegovina through a practical demonstration of multi-perspective teaching of History to students of all national groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We continued our partnership with the Association of History Teachers EUROCLIO HIP with a two-day History seminar for the future educators/teachers from Mostar, Sarajevo and Banja Luka. [More](#)



Cooperation Agreement with Mostar Airport

UWC Mostar students, teaching and non-teaching staff will be able to buy tickets for Mostar-Zagreb-Mostar flight with a 15% discount as of today, which is the result of the signing of the

[Details and info](#)



New generation of peacebuilders

UWC Mostar one of the participants of the Peace Leadership Programme

Module 1 of the Peace Leadership Program took place this November in Neum, organized by the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA), the Peace Building Center (CIM) and the Nansen Dialogue Center (NDC) from Mostar. [More](#)



UWC Mostar continues the successful cooperation with American Corner Mostar.

The third year of "Physics Lab Experiments" program has just begun with workshops and program intended for high school students from Mostar, hosted by the AC Mostar and led by UWC Mostar's Physics teacher Dr. Sc. Miljan Rupar. [More](#)



Cooperations of the month

Workshops with Gimnazija Mostar - students attended interactive workshops organized by UWC Mostar students last week. The workshops covered different topics, from philosophical issues, prejudices and stereotyping to global issues and the topic of environmental sustainability.

Cooperation with Eco Farm Blagaj - UWC Mostar student volunteers assisted the Eco Farm in Blagaj with their annual pomegranates picking and enjoyed their time at the farm.



UWC Mostar Outdoor Activities

[First overnight hike and first snow this year](#)

Events and Initiatives



Breast Cancer Awareness

UWC Mostar's "Fem X" CAS who organized a bake sale with the aim of fundraising on the occasion of the month of Breast Cancer Awareness and supporting those who have been diagnosed with, are battling, or are recovering from the disease.

All raised funds were donated to the Association Novi pogled Mostar [Udruga Novi Pogled](#)



Congratulations to Rise Global Winner

**GABRIELA SARAHI
MARTINEZ RODRIGUEZ**
(UWC MOSTAR, 2022–2024)

Mexico

Gabriela's Rise project, "Free from Stereotypes," is a social media initiative that aims to tackle the spread of stereotypes based on misinformation through education, awareness, and a safe space for expression.



UWC Mostar's Gabriela Rodriguez is one of the winners of the Global Rise project. Her project "Free from Stereotypes," is a social media initiative that aims to tackle the spread of stereotypes based on misinformation through education, awareness, and a safe space for expression.

Rise has an annual application to join the next cohort of young people dedicated to making change in the world and serving others.

The Rise Global Challenge is open until 17 Jan 2024. Get started at risefortheworld.org/uwc



UWC Mostar: November in the Media

Selected features

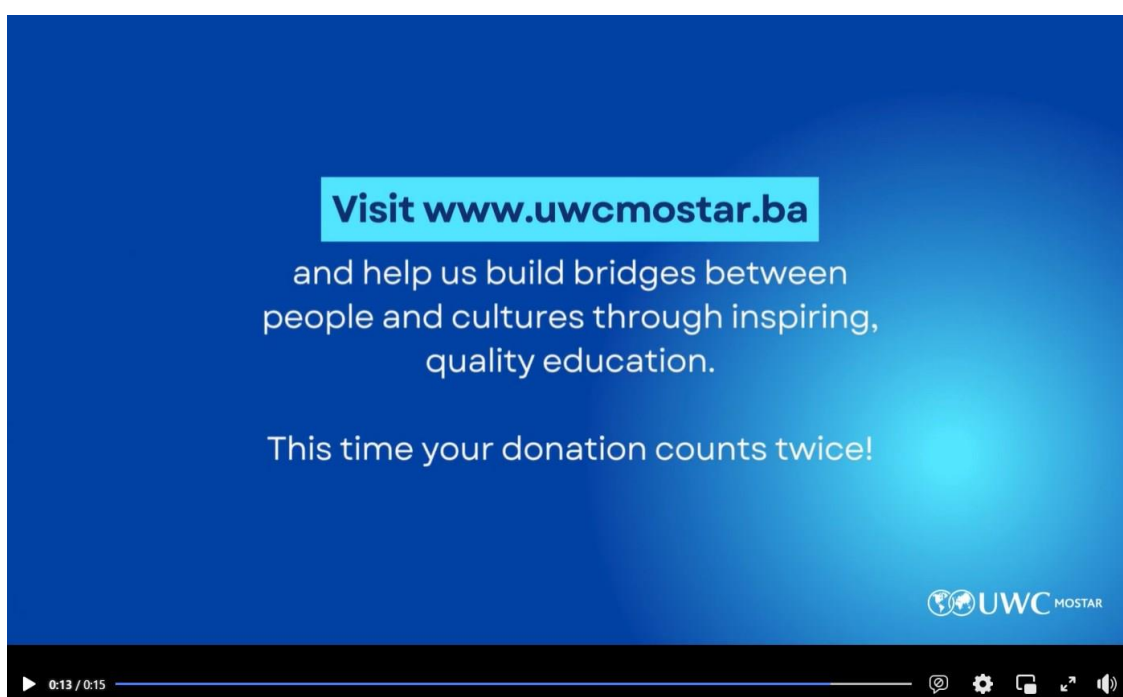
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Alumni



The Alumni Talk of this semester took place in November and welcomed Sandro Andrić. Sandro serves as a managerial consultant with a focus on fiscal policy, advising government entities on strategy and financial governance. He graduated from UWC Mostar in 2015 and holds a degree from New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD). [More](#)



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