

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

Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,

A wonderful tradition at UWC Mostar is that of celebrating diversity through Culture Weeks where students from a particular region share their language, food, music, dances and other aspects of their cultures with the rest of the community. In line with the ethos of independence and student agency, these are student organised events and while it gives them the experience and learning of planning, execution and teamwork, it truly makes them learn more about and appreciate the immense and wonderful diversity in the community with over 70 countries represented at any time. While I absolutely enjoyed the Eastern European Culture Week in February, with the traditional dances that had all of the audience getting up and shaking a leg; the month of March brought the Asian Culture Week that presented so many beautiful and colourful hues of diverse cultures like Chinese, Japanese, Taiwanese, Indonesian, Tibetan, Bangladeshi, Nepali, Indian and many more. One of the things that I really love is how the students participate in the presentation of other cultures; this can be seen when a student from another country participates in a feisty Japanese fisher folk dance and a student from another continent joins a peppy bollywood number that involves some great dancing skills! Watching the students celebrate their differences and find ways in which they can celebrate with those from completely different cultures keeps the flame of

hope alive in me in the midst of so many conflicts that are ongoing with no sign of ending. The poet Shae Jean raises the question that these young students seem to ask:

What if every one was forced to see, The world exactly, even just like me? A world where all, think as one, A world where peers choose who we become.

> Sonia Rawat Head of UWC Mostar



Model United Nations in Mostar 2024 MUN in Mostar welcomed more than 200 participants from all over the world for a two days event. The event was officially opened by Božena Kaltak, Regional Program Manager at UNDP in Mostar. <u>Read more</u>



TEDx in Mostar

Student led initiative - TEDxUWCMostar, took place last month in the National Theatre Mostar welcoming many guests and great speakers, and bringing people together to discuss relevant topics and spark the conversation.

The theme of the TEDxUWC Mostar 2024 was "Peace, Conflict, and Everything in Between". With many excellent student speakers and topics, this year we had the pleasure of welcoming two very special Guest Speakers: Nidžara Ahmetašević (BiH) and Chen-Yiu Cho (Taiwan), who discussed

the topics of: "Women's Struggle For a Decent Society" and "Two Crisis, One Hope: The Taiwan-Reyhanli Centre for World Citizens". <u>Watch TEDxUWCMostar</u>

Cooperations and activities



Bald for a Cause

This wonderful students initiative gathered many participants and more than 50 UWC Mostar students who donated their hair to <u>Srce za djecu oboljelu od raka</u> in Sarajevo, intended for making medical wigs for children fighting temporary or permanent hair loss due to cancer.

In addition to collecting aid to support cancer patients and their families during and after treatment, the aim of this initiative is also to raise awareness among the healthy population of all ages about the importance of health care.

All collected funds during the month of March will be donated to Udruga Novi Pogled

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UWC Mostar Team at Mostar Half Marathon The largest team at Half Marathon 2024 - <u>Mostar Half marathon - polumaraton</u> team (21km)- 77 strong and our Humanitarian Race team (4km) successfully completed the race!

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Visiting the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Representing UWC Mostar University Counseling Department, Amina Čolaković visited Hong Kong this March and had the opportunity to be a part of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and visit five faculties of HKUST alongside 30 counselors from 16 countries of the world at the "HKUST Counselors' Fly-In 2024". <u>More</u>







Cooperations of the month

We get to pick two favourites every month, here they are for the month of March: <u>"DSD1 program"</u> - this school year UWC Mostar became a candidate school for the "DSD1 program". The DSD1 exam provides proof of German language proficiency required for admission to Studienkolleg in Germany. The DSD1 exam tests competencies in reading, listening, writing, and speaking at the A2/B1

level.

<u>Cooperation with Elementary School Ivana Gundulića Mostar</u> - our team did a Carbon Footprint Workshop and presented the topic to students, followed by the topic of using energy in their daily lives - a great cooperation with one more local school to be continued.

Events and Initiatives





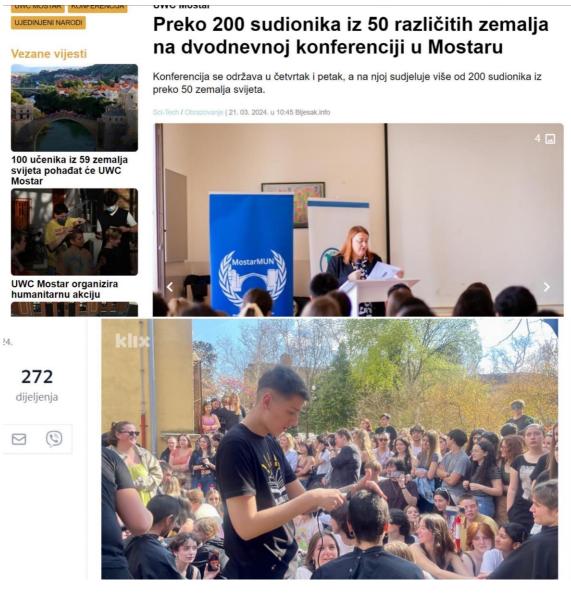
Take a look at some of our many <u>Outdoor Activities</u> in March.



Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards

Among 14 800 nominations from 141 countries of the world, our Alexandra Tulji, UWC Mostar, English Literature; English A Language and Literature Teacher, has been shortlisted for the <u>2024</u>

Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards!

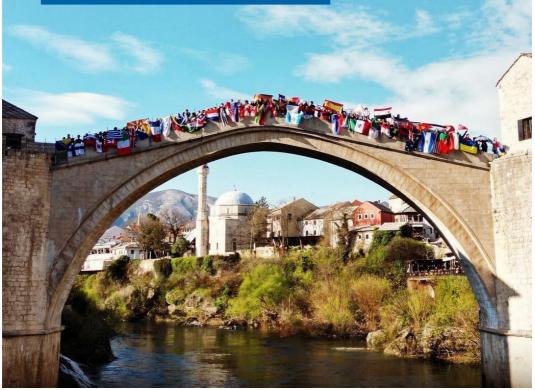


UWC Mostar: March in in the Media Selected features <u>Klix.ba - "Bald for a Cause"</u> <u>Bljesak.info - MUN in Mostar 2024</u>

Alumni

ALUMNI REUNION 2024

Mostar, June 28th - 30th



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