











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

#### Dear Friends of UWC Mostar.

Education as a force. This idea was renewed and reaffirmed for me as for the last week I connected and re-connected with fellow UWC Heads, Chairs of UWC school and college boards, the UWC International Board, the UWC Council members, dedicated CNC and NC members; alumni who I met for the first time, as well as those who I have walked the learning path with at different periods of time as a teacher, house parent or colleague; staff members and students from across the movement; friends of UWC (partners of staff & board members, donors, parents and many more) - some old friends and some new. All a part of the greater UWC family, that I am ever so grateful to be a part of. The UWC International Congress 2024 was an opportunity to re-engage with the mission as I felt inspired by the various sessions, conversations and interactions. There were so many moments of realising once again, why I continue to do the work I do, despite personal challenges and physical distance from family and friends. Also moments of new ideas and some old ones re-emerging. In particular, a reaffirmation of the importance of UWC Mostar and its specific mission within the UWC movement. Every member of the UWC Mostar delegation was very proud to present the work that we have been doing and also came back with the understanding of the need to continue the good work. For sure, there was an understanding that while "two roads diverged in a wood and I took the one less travelled", there are "miles to go before I sleep". These two and a half days have given us new energy and we look forward to a very purposeful, mission-aligned next six years till the next Congress!

In the spirit of UWC,

Sonia Rawat

Head of UWC Mostar







**UWC International Congress 2024** 

UWC Mostar Delegation attended the UWC International Congress 2024 in Thailand during the past

UWC Thailand welcomed 450 delegates, Heads of Schools, National Committee members, Asia-Pacific Region members, and the entire UWC worldwide community.

From the plenary sessions at the UWC International Congress to the vibrant celebrations of Intercultural Day 2024, the Congress events showcased the strength found in unity and diversity. It was a glimpse into the future of education while celebrating the diversity within our entire UWC worldwide community. More

# **Cooperations and activities**



### 12 Hour Race Mostar

For the second year in a row, UWC Mostar students organized a race to raise awareness and fight against human trafficking and modern slavery. 24 Hour Race/12 Hour Race has been taking place all over the world as one of the biggest youth-led projects.

Our student teams in Mostar made it!

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### Winter Arts Exhibition 2024

WAF 24 official opening took place this month at the Center for Culture in Mostar.

The gallery was completely full with visitors enjoying more than 100 art works by 36 talented young artists from all over the world - UWC Mostar students.

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### **Bridging Cultures Short Course 2024**

This summer in Mostar, students from BiH, Montenegro, Serbia, Croatia, North Macedonia, Albania, or Kosovo interested in topics of identity, non-violent communication, activism and peacebuilding will meet with peers from the region and discuss these topics through a series of interactive workshops at UWC Bridging Cultures Short Course.







## Cooperations of the month

We get to pick two favourites every month, here they are for the month of February:

Renewed cooperation with the <u>International Primary School Mostar.</u>

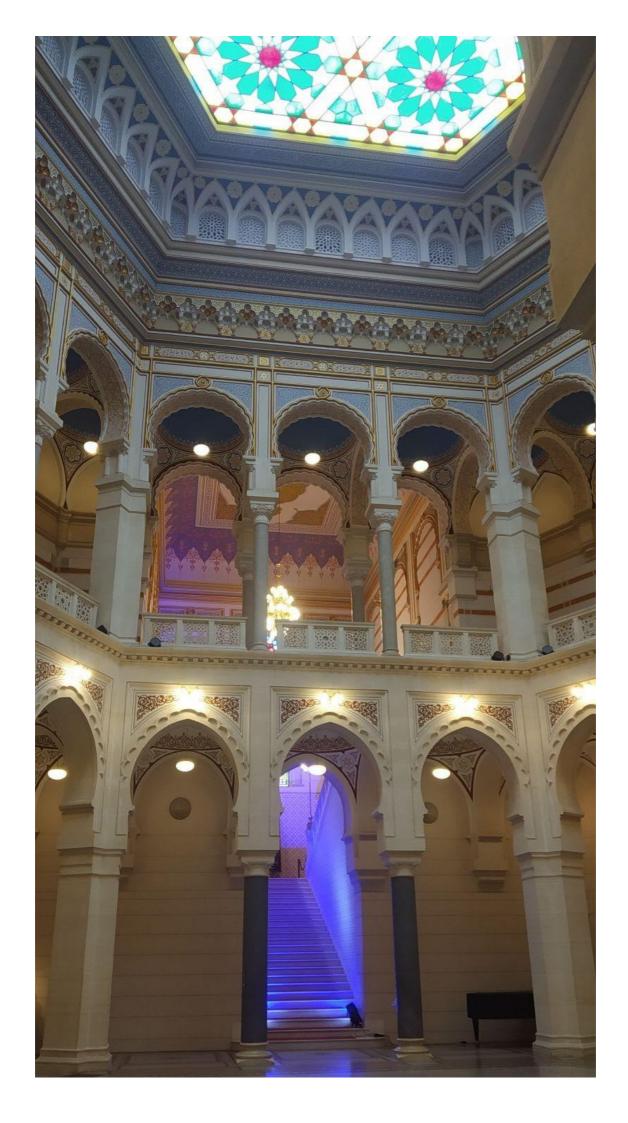
CAS Cooperation with IV Elementary School Mostar.



**Exploring BiH** 

This academic year, our second "Exploring Bosnia and Herzegovina" journey took our students to Stolac for a visit to the one of the historical landmarks in BiH "Radimlja Necropolis" and Počitelj fortified complex.

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## Sarajevo Art Gallery with our Visual Arts Department



UWC Mostar: February in the Media
Selected features

<u>TV Indonesia</u> - behind the scenes <u>Bljesak.info</u> -12 H Race



Institutional Investor Article: UWC Executive Director, Faith Abiodun and UWC Endowment Management CIO, Adriaan de Mol van Otterloo, CFA, were recently interviewed by the leading international finance publication, Institutional Investor. Read the full article



Mostar Half-Marathon and UWC Mostar

With 72 runners UWC Mostar is the largest team participating in Mostar Half marathon - polumaraton 2024!

Find out more!





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# Alumni



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