**UWC DILIJAN COLLEGE** is the 14th member of the United World Colleges movement with a mission to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. One of eighteen UWC colleges around the world, UWC Dilijan is the first international boarding school in Armenia for students ages 16 to 18. Offering the IB Diploma Program, in the academic year 2019-2020 UWC Dilijan has a student body of 229 from over 80 countries and an international faculty of 40 from 15 countries.
UWC – UNITED WORLD COLLEGES

UWC MISSION

The UWC movement aims to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future.

UWC VALUES

- International and intercultural understanding
- Celebration of difference
- Personal responsibility and integrity
- Mutual responsibility and respect
- Compassion and service
- Respect for the environment
- A sense of idealism
- Personal challenge
- Action and personal example

UWC QUICK FACTS

- Founded in 1962
- 18 schools and colleges
- More than 60,000 alumni
- More than 9,000 students educated each year
- More than 155 national committees run by 3,000 volunteers
UWC DILIJAN

MISSION
UWC Dilijan is a community working towards a more peaceful, equitable and sustainable world through a balanced, challenging and transformative education with people from diverse backgrounds. The college aims to be an integral part of Dilijan and to have a positive personal, local and global impact.

CORE VALUE
UWC Dilijan’s core value is sustainable excellence in all aspects of development, from intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual growth to environmental stewardship.
UWC DILIJAN IN BRIEF

UWC Dilijan is an independent not-for-profit international boarding school in Armenia overseen by a volunteer Board of Governors.

UWC Dilijan received numerous awards for the quality of the construction including FIABCI World Prix d’Excellence Awards 2016 and Build School 2017 Silver Award.

- **229** students from more than **80** countries
- **388** alumni from **105** countries
- **40** teachers from **15** countries with **3** from Armenia
- **80** staff from **45** from Armenia
- **55%** of students on partial scholarships
- **31%** of students on full scholarships
ADMISSIONS

UWC HAS A UNIQUE SELECTION PROCEDURE:

- The selection process to the United World Colleges is run by more than 155 National Committees around the world.

- Each National Committee tailors the application process and deadlines to their local education system and culture to ensure it is relevant and appropriate.

- After successfully completing the selection process of the National Committee in their country of origin, applicants are first accepted to the UWC movement and only then are nominated to a specific college.

- Places at UWC are awarded on the basis of merit and potential, and the initial selection is a ‘needs blind’ process.

- Successful candidates’ families are subject to means testing which will determine the level of scholarships offered within available funding.

- UWC Dilijan accepts direct applications from students who show that they cannot apply through a UWC National Committee in their country of residence/citizenship or if there is no National Committee in the country of their residency.

- Students who do not require scholarships can apply through the General Selection Process.
“WE BELIEVE IN EDUCATION AS A POWERFUL INSTRUMENT FOR CREATING THE FUTURE”

RUBEN VARDANYAN AND VERONIKA ZONABEND, FOUNDERS

- A mountainous country in the Caucasus region at the juncture of Asia and Europe lying in the highlands surrounding the biblical Mount Ararat

- The country has a population of less than 3 million people, a million of which live in the vibrant capital of Yerevan

- Dilijan is a 16th century town in north eastern Armenia on the outskirts of a large national park in north eastern Armenia situated between two capitals – 90 km from Yerevan and 200 km from Tbilisi

- It is a safe and hospitable country sustained by closely-knit family ties

- The population of the larger Dilijan community is about 23,000 residents

- The idea of creating the Dilijan International School of Armenia was conceived by impact investors and social entrepreneurs Ruben Vardanyan and Veronika Zonabend in 2006

- The Founding Patrons (Gagik Adibekyan, Noubar and Anna Afeyan, Vladimir and Anna Avetissian, Oleg Mkrtchan and four people who prefer to remain anonymous) and more than 330 donors from around the world supported the idea

- The idea came to life with the establishment of United World College Dilijan, which was officially opened on 11 October 2014

- UWC Dilijan became the 14th United World College out of the 18 existing colleges
In the five years of its existence UWC Dilijan has established itself as a pioneering social venture focused on developing the potential of each student while contributing, through the power of education, to a more peaceful, equitable and sustainable world in Armenia, and globally.

GABRIEL ERNESTO ABAD FERNÁNDEZ
Head of the College

Now I always think carefully about how my action – or inaction – may influence relations between people in the real world. Now, as a person, I’m more critical and curious about everything, and my integrity and zest for life have never been stronger.

HANNAH
Denmark, UWCD’17

This has been a great place where I could actually find myself. I became able to get all the ingredients which can motivate and influence in education. I am going to contribute to my country and to the globe as a whole.

WORKNEH
Ethiopia, UWCD’18

I remember the enthusiasm of the people who came from all over the world for the inauguration of UWC Dilijan, all infected with this wonderful idea to make a better world through education.

ELISABET ENGELLAU
Member of the board governors