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## Introduction

UWC Dilijan was established with the belief that education is the greatest equaliser. We envisioned an international school that, while focusing on each student's potential, could serve as an incubator for the kind of intercultural education crucial for the 21st century. Our hope was that such a school would inspire young people to understand each other with all their differences, becoming true global citizens as a result.

Significant thought and effort went into the planning of UWC Dilijan. Armenia is known for its hospitable people, who have warmly welcomed our diverse international community to a nation that understands the realities of suffering and the challenges of hope and sustainable development in a post-Soviet world. The country, with its complex history, rich culture, and religious heritage, offers our students a special opportunity for hands-on learning.

Located in Dilijan, a resort town in Armenia's "Little Switzerland" at the crossroads of Europe and the Middle East, UWC Dilijan benefits from a fascinating past and picturesque setting. With the school's undeniable impact, Dilijan is one of the fastest-growing urban settlements in Armenia.

Reflecting on our first decade, we believe we have succeeded in creating a truly unique place where youth from around the world can discuss the pressing questions facing humanity. In line with the UWC mission, our students, guided by highly qualified and committed staff, learn to listen to and understand each other, respecting all opinions and cultures.

When we opened the school, however, we did not expect difficulties beyond the usual startup pains. The pandemic and regional geopolitical complexities have taught UWC Dilijan to cope with adversity. Our students gained invaluable experience dealing with unforeseen circumstances, issues of peace and conflict resolution, leading to a more robust and resilient community. With solid foundations and relying on its staff, students, alumni, parents and friends, UWC Dilijan continues to perform strongly.

A key indicator of our success is our ability to attract talented young people from diverse backgrounds and geographies. Believing in the transformational power of education, we welcome students from 70-80 countries annually and have consistently maintained full enrollment. Over the past decade, 88% of our students have received full or partial scholarships, made possible by the generosity of people worldwide who trust in this pioneering venture and are determined to make the world a better place. We salute you!

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Ruben Vardanyan, and myself as founders, I extend heartfelt thanks to the immediate and wider UWC Dilijan community for your support, trust, and for sharing the values that have enabled the school's success. We invite you to stay with us on this journey. By investing in education, you invest in the future, in the Knowledge, Harmony, and Peace we all wish to prevail in this fragile world.

Our vision and resolve remain unwavering. UWC Dilijan aims to impact young people, allowing them to pursue their dreams and reach their potential while making a difference in their communities. Our ambition is for the school to be a force – through the power of education – in enhancing global efforts to achieve a more peaceful, equitable, and sustainable world to pass on to future generations.

Veronika Zonabend  
Co-Founder & Chair of the Board



with UWC Dilijan demonstrating resilience thanks to its vibrant community and trust the parents place in the school by permitting their children to travel and be in Dilijan



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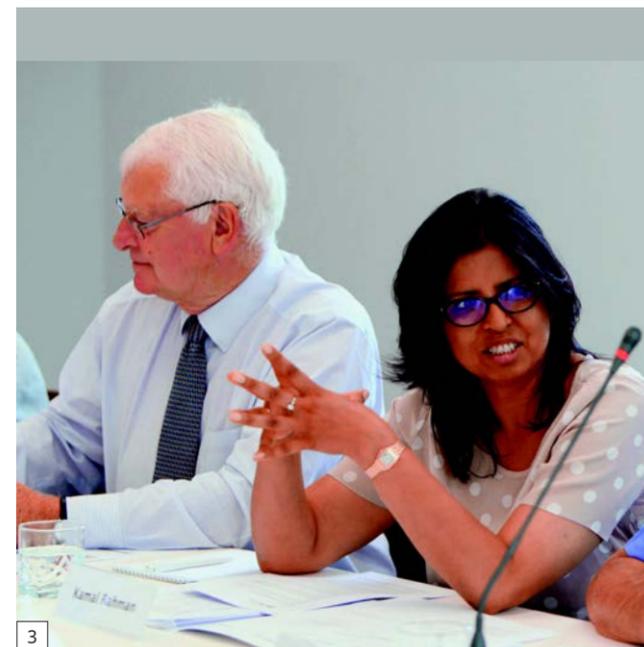
# 2014-2015



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1. Founders and Founding Donors  
Ruben Vardanyan & Veronika Zonabend with Founding Patron Vladimir Avetissian at the ribbon cutting on the first day of school in September
2. First cohort of students at the official opening on 11 October
3. Inaugural board members:  
Colin Jenkins (who was Interim Head up to the appointment of the Founding Head in 2013) and Kamal Rahman

**In** August 2014 when UWC Dilijan, the first international school in Armenia, welcomed its initial intake of 96 students from 48 countries, Founders Ruben Vardanyan and Veronika Zonabend could finally see the fruits of almost ten years' work. They were joined by a group of like-minded individuals who put energy and funds into the creation of a beautiful school with world-class facilities as a hub for international education and a force for good in the region.

UWC Dilijan Founding Patrons – Gagik Adibekyan, Noubar and Anna Afeyan, Vladimir and Anna Avetissian – and over 300 other donors provided generous financial support to see the dream come true. They found satisfaction in empowering the lives of the youth and in developing an institution expected to be a signpost to Armenia's future as a world nation.

One of those sending the school his best wishes on the day the school formally opened on 11 October was the then Prince of Wales, a former UWC President, King



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Charles. Many international donors were present at the opening, including Shelby Davis who established scholarships for UWC graduates to attend US universities and is funding Dare to Dream scholarships. The opening day was a memorable event that set the tone for the ethos of UWC Dilijan with John Puddefoot, Founding Head, at the helm.

Our beautiful school received a number of awards for its cutting-edge architecture designed by Tim Flynn.

Our students as well as the participants of the summer camp Just Dilijan It! (JDI), which opened in 2015, have been enjoying the campus and its facilities ever since.



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1. Ruben Vardanyan & Veronika Zonabend at the opening
2. John Puddefoot, Founding Head, on the first day of school in September
3. UWC Patron Shelby Davis with his wife Gale at the opening on 11 October
4. John Puddefoot with the inaugural Board Members Vartan Gregoryan, Kamal Rahman, Elisabet Engellau, Veronika Zonabend (Chair) and Tim Toyne Sewel



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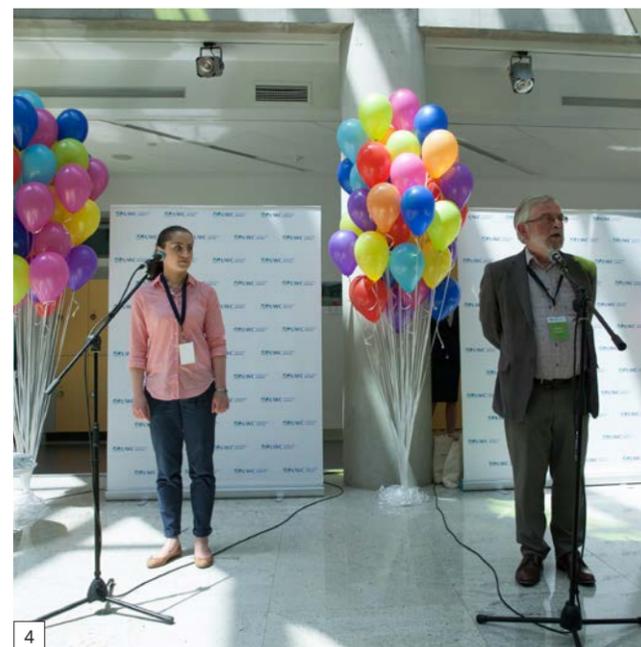


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# 2015-2016



1. Charles Aznavour with students and staff
2. With the gift of the piano by AGBU concerts become a regular feature
3. A group of women representing the international community in Armenia on a visit
4. Satenik Sargsyan, Executive Assistant to the Head, has been at the school since its inception; with John Puddefoot



**The** second academic year at UWC Dilijan was another milestone as we celebrated the graduation of the first class starting their journey as the school's ambassadors and citizens of the world educated in Dilijan. The graduates performed strongly academically and were admitted to top universities. A number of alumni took a gap year to volunteer with the Global Citizen Programme, projects in Israel and the UN and to participate in the Semester at Sea. Highlights included visits by special guests attending the inaugural ceremony of the Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity on 24 April, the 100th anniversary of the 1915-1916 Armenian Genocide. An inspiring project of the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative, established on behalf of Armenian Genocide survivors as an expression of gratitude to those who helped save Armenians 100 years ago, it gave our community an opportunity to get unique insights. Five Nobel Laureates – biologists Aaron Ciechanover (Israel) and Ada Yonath (Israel), chemist and physicist



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Dan Shechman (Israel), pathologist John Warren (Australia) and chemist Ei-ichi Negishi (Japan) - answered the question the students were most interested in "How does a scientist become a Nobel Prize winner"? The world famous singer Charles Aznavour reflected on his charitable work in Armenia in the aftermath of the 1988 earthquake. And the Co-Chair of the Aurora Prize Selection Committee and the Co-Founder of Not On Our Watch Project George Clooney and the international activist John Prendergast focused on the importance of using all available tools to make the world aware of violence and injustice.



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1. George Clooney touring the school
2. Vladimir Avetissian giving a concert during the events of the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative
3. In May 2016 the alumni garden was initiated with graduates planting trees to represent their countries; there are now 118 trees representing the home countries of our alumni
4. Presentations to the supporters and special guests during the graduation
5. Class of 2016 on the graduation day

# 2016-2017



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1. Denise Davidson, Head
2. Denise Davidson, Veronika Zonabend, Ruben Hayrapetyan (Football Federation of Armenia), Gagik Adibekyan and Ruben Vardanyan unveiling the pomegranate sculpture at the opening of the football field
3. Misha Zamskoy (Russia, UWCD'17) and Cedric Solms (Germany, UWCD'17), on the left, initiated Re-apaga



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**W**ith Denise Davidson becoming the Head of UWC Dilijan this academic year, the focus has shifted from establishing the first generation's traditions and ethos to the continued development of the school as a centre of international education in the region. Forging links with the local community and expanding contacts with organisations based in Dilijan, such as the Central Bank of Armenia, has helped reflect on the role the school has the potential to play. This included interactions with Teach for Armenia, discussions on the school campus, and the official opening of the football pitch with the participation of the Football Federation of Armenia.

Taking student initiatives beyond the school gates and bringing special activities to highlight the range of Armenian talent opened opportunities for the school and individual students. For example, as part of Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), Cedric Solms (Germany, UWCD'17) and Misha Zamskoy (Russia, UWCD'17) started a novel venture, Re-apaga Charity Foundation. Re-apaga, which means "recreating the



1. Atrium has become the favourite gathering place
2. At the graduation ceremony
3. UWC Day on 21 September coincides with the International Day of Peace
4. Writer Narine Abgaryan, a native of the Tavush region where the school is located, on a visit

future,” established the first recycling facility in Armenia and helped raise awareness among the population about the impact of e-waste. Their organisation grew into SmartApaga LLC and, while it further developed independently of the school, it was the first activity of its kind.

Another important characteristic of the school that began to take more prominence was creative arts. With highly qualified staff and amazing facilities like the Arts Studio, the workshop and the Black Box Theatre, special activities to nurture interest in the arts and to develop the talents of our youth, which led to initiating other exciting traditions such as the annual art exhibition.



DILIJAN  
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World Prix d'Excellence Awards

# 2017-2018



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1. The Aurora Dialogues brought together humanitarians from around the world, including Noubar Afeyan (far left) and Vartan Gregorian (centre), Co-Founders, together with Ruben Vardanyan, of the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative
2. The view from the top of the Library
3. Snow always brings happiness and means winter sports

**The** year started with the school receiving another award for the quality of the construction – 2017 Build School Silver Award – adding to the accolades:

- 2015 BREEAM certificate of an ecological construction standard
- 2015 GRA GREEN ROOF LEADERSHIP AWARD in the “Trend Setting Architecture” category
- 2015 EUROPEAN PROPERTY AWARD in the “Public Service Development” category
- 2016 FIABCI World Prix d’Excellence Award in the “Public Infrastructure” category

Since its inception, UWC Dilijan’s setting and building have attracted international attention. The school’s grounds extend over 8 hectares of sloping and wooded countryside within the Dilijan National Park. The architectural design by Tim Flynn Architects facilitates access to knowledge anywhere at any time through technology that fuels a continuous, relevant, and adaptive learning environment. School spaces are designed to encourage collaborative learning, which is crucial for developing well-rounded students. The construction employs the highest international standards, along with the most advanced, environmentally friendly and renewable technologies.

Activities such as art, ceramics, and science classes, as well as a cineclub for local kids, have garnered great interest from our students in working with Armenian children. The Aurora Dialogues, part of the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative, enriched the school community with meaningful discussions on urgent issues



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ranging from hunger and poverty to human rights. The participation of humanitarians who dedicate their lives to improving the lives of others continues to inspire our young people.

Vartan Gregorian (1934-2021), a UWCD board member, generous supporter of the school, and Co-Founder of the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative alongside Ruben Vardanyan and Noubar Afeyan, was honoured. In 2018, the Vartan Gregorian Learning Centre was inaugurated in the UWCD Library with an international symposium titled “Library in the 21st Century: Good Practices and International Trends”.



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1. Class of 2018
2. Graduation gift bags
3. Ruben Vardanyan speaking at the Aurora Dialogues
4. Just Dilijan It! (JDI) summer camp has attracted youngsters to the campus since 2015, with our alumni eager to come back to help



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# 2018-2019



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1. Our magnificent campus blends with the Dilijan National Park
2. Art with the community
3. Gabriel Abad Fernández, Head
4. Enjoying football

**We** started the academic year with another first: a new head with a UWC connection. Gabriel Abad Fernández, a committed UWCDer, joined UWCD after 16 years at UWC South East Asia. Gabriel focused his energies on strengthening the school's links with the other 17 UWC schools around the globe. The UWC mission and values took centre stage, and the corridors in the residences were named after UWC schools. That year, we hosted the UWC Middle East & North Africa (MENA) regional and UWC governance meetings with the participation of representatives from all schools.



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1-6. Students enjoying life on campus and beyond



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International and intercultural understanding, one of the core UWC values, was further enhanced through the launch of DiliMUN (Model United Nations). Now a regular feature on the school calendar, DiliMUN motivates our students to learn more about the principles of the UN and how it functions. It attracts local youth as well as representatives from other schools around the globe.

Another tradition – a winter bazaar – contributed excitement about the holiday season with funds raised to help the local community.

Establishing ongoing engagement with alumni, despite their small number, became a priority, and the inaugural Alumni Council was established to lead this effort. Our alumni are always welcome at the school, whether for a short visit, participation in graduation ceremonies, or providing advice on university and career paths in an online or other formats.

# 2019-2020



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1. The 5th anniversary celebrations
2. Ready to receive guests for the festivities
3. The Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity Laureates Marguerite Barankitse (2016) and Tom Catena (2017) decorating tiles for the 5th anniversary artwork
4. Ruben Vardanyan enjoying interactions with the students

**T**his was the year of the 5th anniversary celebrations. In October, the UWCD and wider community gathered to reflect on the school's achievements and to chart the future. We discussed how 1) to enhance a world-class quality education aimed at the development of each student's potential in harmony with an international student body rooted in Armenia; 2) to implement the second phase of the school's campus development; 3) to maintain and support diversity of the student body through scholarships; 4) to reach financial sustainability by expanding the school's support base globally.

Little did we know that early 2020 will bring uncertainties and challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. After the highs of the 5th anniversary, we had an impromptu graduation of the 2020 Class in March, with those who could travel back home to their families leaving expediently. Meanwhile there was a cohort of 50 or so students who stayed on campus due to a variety of circumstances. Under



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the leadership of Gabriel Abad Fernández, faculty and the residential team regrouped employing online mode and taking every precaution to keep our students and staff safe. Madhu Banerji, Head of Residential Life, and Dr Nara Okonyan, our Resident Doctor, put in place all preventative measures they could testing for COVID, ensuring the wellbeing of the community and allaying fears related to being away from home among students and parents. Those initial steps served the school well to enrol the new cohort, start the following academic year and in the next two years to handle COVID effectively and efficiently while keeping the school open all along.



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- 1. Smiles all around from our guests
- 2. Vazgen Sedrakyan, Tim Flynn and Udo Dagenbakh, the Tim Flynn Architects, from the firm that designed UWCD
- 3. Anna Afeyan decorating a tile for the 5th anniversary artwork
- 4-5. Students enjoying celebrations



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# 2020-2021



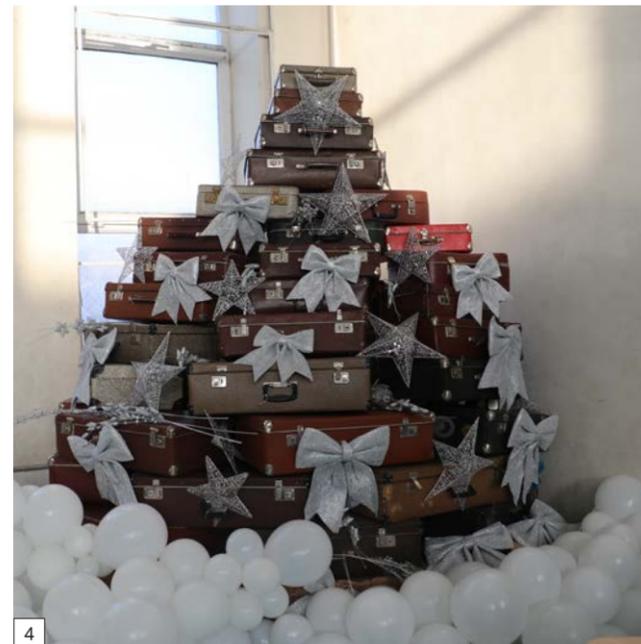
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1. UWCD operated fully over the pandemic, albeit with restrictions
2. Arman Badeyan, Director of Dilijan Local Lore Museum and Art Gallery, is a regular guest at the school
3. Performing for the local community
4. In preparation for the winter bazaar

**The** 2020-2021 academic year was, by all accounts, like no other. However, the challenges brought about by the pandemic, which started in early 2020, and sacrifices each of us had to make in the face of it, paled in comparison with the devastation caused by the war in Nagorno-Karabakh, affecting our host country and our Armenian colleagues, students and friends. Despite this, we had a lot to celebrate – UWC Dilijan demonstrated resilience thanks to its vibrant community of students, staff, parents, board, supporters, alumni and friends. Our spirit grew stronger as we focused on those in need and started helping refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh in Dilijan.

Several other positive developments arose from the challenges. We initiated multiple online events to keep our community in touch – the students, staff and parents. The school called for the establishment of the Parent Council. Chaired by Majella Skansebakken, it became



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a vital forum for engagement between the parents and the school. The Board of Governors was working proactively to foresee any scenarios that might affect the wellbeing of the students and staff and the school's financial stability.

The Alumni in Action Award was inaugurated. It was inspired by the actions of Sandro Chumashvili (Georgia, UWCD'20), who was already back home in Georgia in the summer of 2020 when he heard that Armenian hospitals struggled to keep up with the number of patients infected with COVID-19. He started a petition urging the Georgian government to help Armenia. As a result, Sandro showed that it is possible for any of us to make an impact.



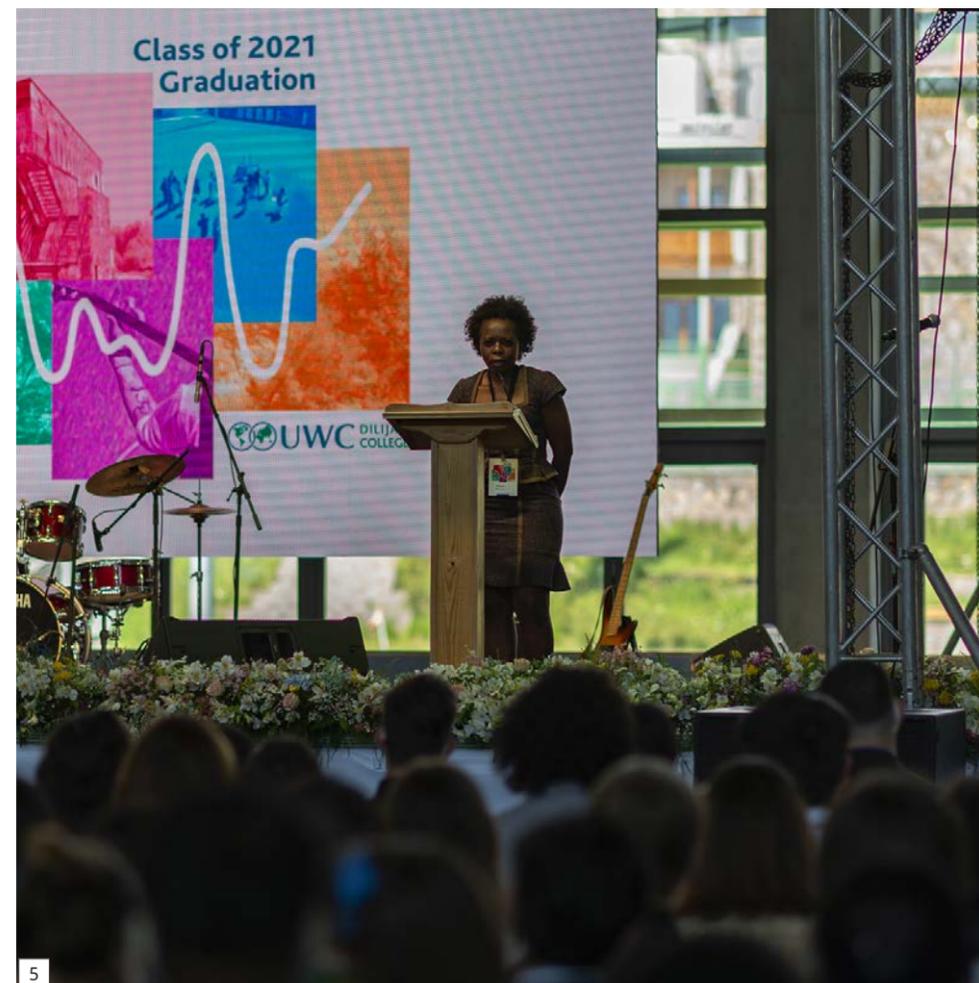
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1. Taking a fun picture during an outing
2. At the 2020 graduation, in masks inspired by Armenian motifs
3. The Alumni in Action Awardees: 2021 – Jeppe Strands (Denmark, UWCD'18), 2020 – Sandro Chumashvili (Georgia, UWCD'20)
4. A special gift made of tuff, the national stone of Armenia, presented to Gabriel Abad Fernández by the Parent Council in appreciation of his leadership through the highs and lows of the pandemic
5. Nozipo Maraire speaking at the graduation on behalf of the parent community

# 2021-2022



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1. DH Kim, Senior Advisor at Samsung Electronics CIS RHQ, raising the Samsung Campus Innovation flag to symbolise the launch of the partnership
2. A moment of fun
3. Masks on

**The** year proved challenging again due to the pandemic and geopolitical situation, both of which created opportunities for us to learn more about ourselves and the world outside. Having been isolated on campus for almost two years, COVID left its mark on us all. The war in Ukraine, like the war in Nagorno-Karabakh, gave our tightly-knit community another first-hand experience we never imagined we would have.

We saw how our students, staff and their families were directly affected by conflicts, and we did our best to put ourselves in their shoes and make sense of it. We expressed every emotion possible, and we also stood by those who needed our support.



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1. Ruben Vardanyan at the 2022 graduation
2. With Steph Jones, Head of DIS, conducting, younger grades students perform on UWC Day
3. Studying during COVID
4. Saying goodbyes
5. Open air student art show
6. The Armenian duduk is a popular instrument among our students interested in music, with Max Meller (Belgium, UWCD'23) being one of them



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Two important developments gave the school a boost. UWC Dilijan completed the Council of International Schools (CIS) accreditation process and received a formal status as a CIS internationally accredited school. In October 2021 Samsung Electronics, in partnership with UWC Dilijan, launched a Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC) in Armenia with the goal of equipping Armenian youth with digital skills. A rigorous, formally delivered programme has enabled our school to contribute to nurturing local talent in IT. After a thorough selection, around 100 Armenian youngsters study in the Samsung lab every weekend under the supervision of Samsung-trained instructors.



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# 2022-2023



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1. Opening of the Annual Art Exhibition "Hopefully, by Tonight"
2. DH Kim, Senior Advisor at Samsung Electronics CIS RHQ, presenting a certificate of the programme completion to Meri Vlasian
3. Satoe Tohi (Japan, UWCD'24) and Ram Almaghout (Syria, UWCD'24) giving a performance at TEDxYouth@UWC Dilijan
4. The UWC President HM Queen Noor presents Veronika Zonabend and Ruben Vardanyan with a special 60th Anniversary Award for Peace and Sustainability in Education at a celebration in New York, photo by Carlos Andres Varela

**T**his academic year, despite the complexities of the geopolitical situation, was another success. It was filled with a range of activities that lie at the heart of the UWC education with the peace and reconciliation agenda taking centre stage. Given its location, our students and international staff have a chance to learn about peace in action and to start understanding the politics of this part of the world. With Peace Talks on the UWC Day and special discussions as the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh heightened, each of us could reflect on our own contribution to understanding among nations.



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Other important topics were in the limelight as we launched the programme of events to mark the 10th anniversary – a series of talks on sustainability, technology and values. The highlight of the year was the launch of TEDxYouth@UWCDilijan. On the theme “Channelling Creativity through Chaos”, it sparked engaging discussions about the times we live in.

Faith Abiodun, Executive Director of UWC International, was a special guest at the graduation ceremony and motivated the community with his vision for UWC. Saying goodbye to the graduating class, we also saw off Gabriel Abad Fernández, who, having successfully led the school through a very challenging period, completed his five-year term at the head of UWC Dilijan.



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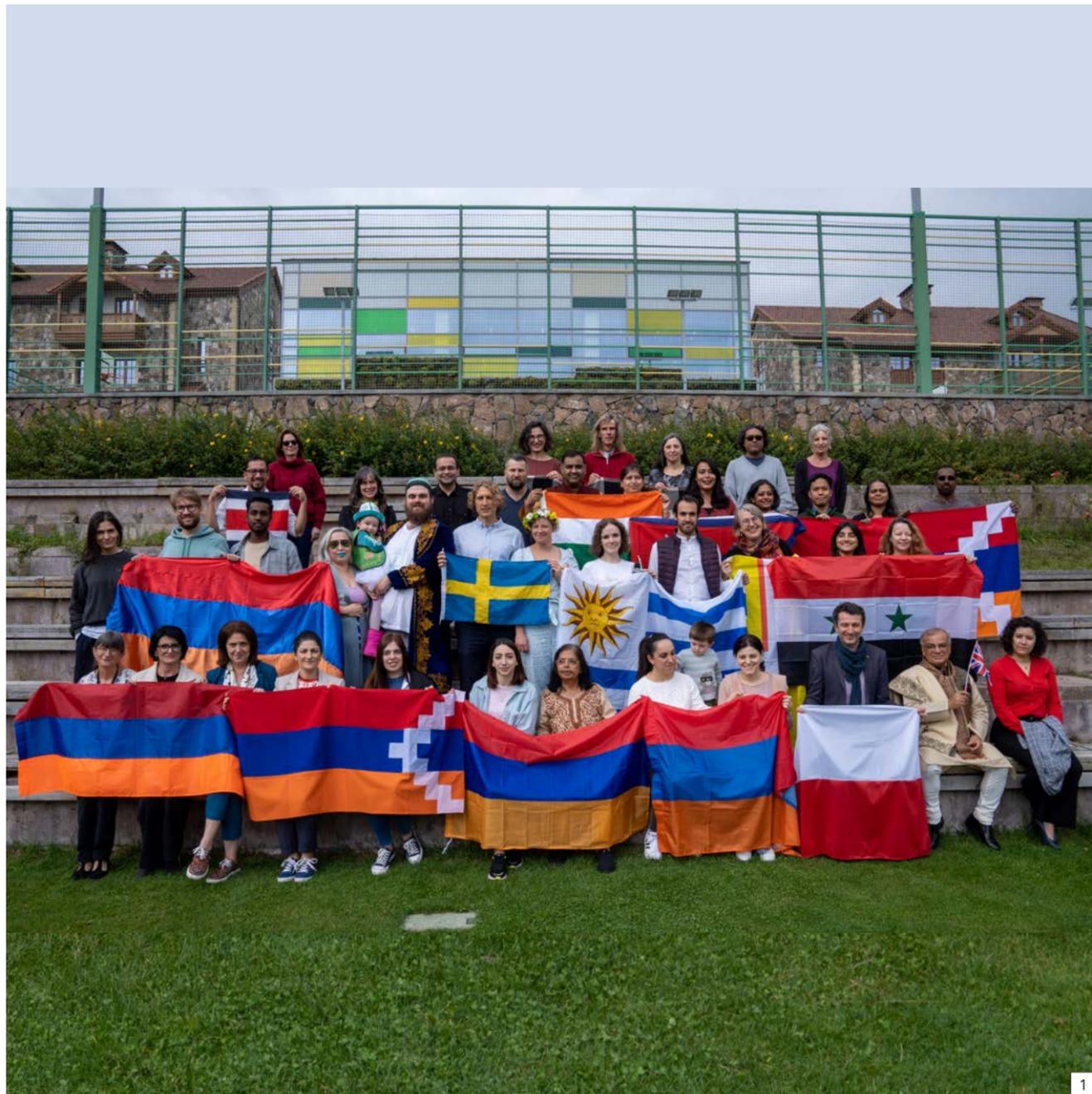
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1. Anna Afeyan speaking at the 2023 graduation ceremony on behalf of the Board, with Noubar Afeyan and Alice Petrossian
2. Zuhair Mahmud (Bangladesh, UWCD'23) with Faith Abiodun, Executive Director of UWC International
3. Gabriel Abad Fernández with a special Leadership in Action Award by the Board in recognition of his contribution
4. Alumni making every effort to attend graduations
5. Several members of the cast of “Into the Woods” at the graduation

# 2023-2024



1. Our staff on UWC Day
2. Adam Armanski, Head
3. Activities for children from Nagorno-Karabakh
4. The COMBILI team, winner of the IB Global Youth Action Fund award

**We** started the year by welcoming Adam Armanski, the new Head, with the community facing further geopolitical complexities, including the exodus from Nagorno-Karabakh in September 2023 and the illegal arrest of our Co-Founder Ruben Vardanyan by the Azerbaijani regime.

The school focused on making sense of the situation, supporting Ruben's family and our Armenian students and staff, especially those from Nagorno-Karabakh and with relatives there, and putting energies into helping the forcibly displaced who found themselves in Dilijan.

Our landmark events such as UWC Day, DiliMUN and TEDxYouth and regular sessions of the Global Issues Forum brought the community together for meaningful discussions heightened by the conflict in the Middle East.

Meanwhile we strengthened the role UWC Dilijan has inadvertently undertaken in representing Armenian youth globally in events such as the FIRST Global international robotics competition and the World Schools Debating Championships. The Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) of COP Climate Change and the BrainBee Armenia and Georgia international neuroscience competition were launched on behalf of Armenia involving local youth. And we continued to take pride in being a site of the Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC) programmes with the participants showing remarkable results compared to over 50 other SIC sites.



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As we finish our first decade we continue searching for the ways to make UWC Dilijan matter for each and every one of us – students, alumni, staff, volunteers, supporters, parents and a wider community, and for it to matter as an institution on a global scale.

Ruben and Veronika’s dream of establishing UWCD is perfectly illustrated by the quote by Nelson Mandela, the UWC President and Honorary President from 1995 until 2013, who said, “It always seems impossible until it’s done.”

Let us move with confidence into the next decade of building Knowledge, Harmony and Peace!



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1. Our football team participates in the Football Federation of Armenia Amateur League
2. DiliMUN discussing issues on the theme “Breaking the Cycle of Conflict: Cooperation for Lasting Peace”
3. Kerem Aydin (Turkey, UWCD’24) exploring the full moon on 29 October, with the telescope at the top of the admin building
4. Art Lunch, UWCD’s catering company spoils us with special treats
5. UWC Day remains one of the year’s highlights



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