MSGF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you once again to all who were here on Saturday to celebrate the 75th anniversary of UNIS. We had a wonderful time celebrating 75 years of excellence in international education with so many who are near and dear to this wonderful institution.

We were honored to host the Chef de Cabinet, Mr. Courtenay Rattray representing the Secretary-General, our Board Chair, Izumi Nakamitsu, SRSG Lisa Buttenheim, members of the Board, former Board Chair Catherine Pollard, former SRSG Joan McDonald, Mr. Edward Mermelstein from the Mayor’s office, UNIS leadership, alumni, parents, and friends for the evening, which included an exhibit of UNIS history throughout the decades for all to enjoy.

UNIS is the school of the UN, and as such, we honor our close relationship with the UN. Its tenets are embedded in who we are and how we operate as a school. It is a school built upon the cultural diversity and relationships of students, parents, and teachers, where you walk the halls and it seems like you are inside a mini United Nations. This is part of what makes our school so special and makes us look forward to what the next 75 years of UNIS will look like.

Once again I would like to thank the Sultanate of Oman, and our Guest of Honor for the evening, H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al-Hassan, for their generous donation that allowed us to open the magnificent Assembly Hall. This week has been wonderful to see the room in use (FINALLY), providing some much-needed space during recess and lunchtime. I cannot wait to continue to use the space for different purposes in the coming weeks.

This celebration marks a time for us to think about what the future holds for us. Generous support from UN member states and UNIS community will continue enriching the international environment students are immersed in as they adopt the values and principles of the UN and push UNIS forward into the next 75 years.

Please take a few minutes to watch this video that hopefully captures the next 75 years.

Best,
Dan

Future of UNIS
75TH CELEBRATION

Our community came together to celebrate 75 amazing years of UNIS, our history and our future. A live exhibit of our stories, photos and videos brought our history to life for the celebration. A performance from our TH camerata celebrated our present which is so rich in our students' growth as the product of an excellent education. Oman's generous donation is helping UNIS take a step toward its bright future with the inauguration of the new Assembly Hall.
75TH CELEBRATION
ALL ALUMNI REUNION

The all-alumni reunion was a great addition to our 75th celebration weekend. There were representatives from 31 different graduating classes from 1972 to 2022. Current and former faculty and staff also joined the festivities which included the dedication of "Barry's Booth" a tribute to the community's beloved Barrington Calvert.
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE AT THE UN

Our Tut house students headed to the United Nations to represent UNIS for Peace Day celebration. They listened to inspiring guest speakers and met with them after to share their stories. Our students made their presence known by actively listening, questioning, and participating in this momentous occasion.
WEEK WITHOUT WALLS

T1: SHARPE RESERVATION FUND
For their first Week Without Walls experience, T1 enjoyed many activities that included petting chickens, taking brave leaps, buckets of teamwork, and battling it out in a game of Trivia Mania! Their trip successfully created the first of many WWW memories that will last a lifetime.

T2: TRIP DOWN THE DELAWARE
T2 had a brave and unique WWW experience. In one day the group used their canoes to go thirteen miles down the Delaware. After the group was done setting up camp, they enjoyed a barbecue dinner and fun social time. Students braved the cold temperatures with a smile.

T3: TRIP TO CAMP GETAWAY
Bonding was the theme for the T3 trip to Camp Getaway. The group sang and danced together on their first evening, but day two was all about adventure. Students challenged each other to push their limits on ropes courses, hikes, sky bikes and ziplines. T3 left with the spirit of adventure and many new UNIS memories.

T4 TRIP TO CONEY ISLAND
T4s completed a series of IB workshops and hosted an "Ask Me Anything" with the T3s, where the T3s could get tips, clarity, guidance, suggestions, etc. regarding IB preparation. After they completed their IB group 4 project, On Friday afternoon, students enjoyed some free time at the historic Luna Park on Coney Island, a chance to de-stress in what is a most stressful year!
WEEK WITHOUT WALLS
Q: We heard you adapted the version yourself! Could you tell us a bit about that process?

A: The starting place was trying to create a theatrical version of the book as Mary Shelley intended it to affect an audience, rather than a simple retelling of the narrative. I also wanted to make something that was surprising and unexpected considering that Frankenstein and his Creature are so well known. Shelley was only 18 when she wrote it and she wasn’t trying to corner a market or to write a well-behaved novel of her time. She was actually trying to shake things up a bit. Both her and the people she hung out with were social revolutionaries so there’s a lot of anger in it and there’s also a desire to change the world in the way we rely on the young to bring that fire to things. There’s a lot of that in Frankenstein and I hope it comes over in the play. Also, she was kind of breaking the model because no-one had ever written a book quite like this before so I hope the originality of it also comes over. That was the thinking behind writing the adaptation. The literal process involved re-reading the novel MANY times to decide what was essential to the storytelling. I cut the framing device Shelley uses as I felt I was re-framing it through her as a character. I also re-watched the National Theatre's production of the play as it was so outstanding I wanted to be a magpie and steal certain ideas!
Q: How has working with this cast been?
A: Such a joy! This is a hugely talented group of young people and everything I throw at them they are running with full steam. This is in no way a conventional production and this wonderful cast have embraced that. Although there is a script, much of the action has been devised and the cast and I, along with my excellent assistants Miki and Anna, have all worked collaboratively to devise the staging. The collaborative nature of our rehearsals has been one of the highlights. We also have a brilliant crew who have been working hard behind the scenes and I hope everyone who comes to watch will see that hard work shine through. A thoroughly enjoyable, moving and thought-provoking evening awaits our audience!
UNIS PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

FRANKENSTEIN

NOVEMBER 17-19
7:00 P.M.
UNIS TEACHER FEATURE
MADELINE MCBROOM
J1-J4 Theatre

Q: What's a fun fact about you?
A: I know how to Highland Dance.

Q: What is your favorite show or project that you've worked on in the arts at UNIS?
A: This is difficult because I love them all, but I especially loved working on Singin' in the Rain back in 2018 because I was able to teach the J3 & J4 students how to tap for their performance. They tapped beautifully by opening night and walked away with a new skill too!

Q: What is your favorite way to take in the arts in NYC?
A: Going to see musicals and plays on Broadway every chance I get or heading to a spot that has live music in the city!

Q: What's an important lesson you've learned from your students?
A: Passion over Perfection. I love being able to see my students light up about something they are passionate about. I also love seeing the resilience they have to keep working hard to reach whatever goal is presented in front of them.
The seniors described the game as, "emotional, but exciting," as they stepped into their last home game at UNIS. The girls rocked the packed gym full of classmates, teachers, friends, and family and took one last home victory.
On September 16, UNIS TH students attended the Transforming Education Summit held at the UN. These students all shared an interest in the future of education and represent school organizations such as UNIS-UN. They spoke with a Big Education Conversation representative and learned the importance of youth voices. As said by the Secretary-General "One thing is to listen the other is to integrate them into the decision making."

Students who attended:

- Antonio Athias (T4)
- Sophie Chen (T4)
- Mikayla Pyke-Sharpe (T4)
- Chloe Skinner (T4)
- Millicent Honor (T3)
- Xuan Lan Tran (T3)
- Donato Castellucci (T2)
- Corinne Massey (T2)
CLUB FAIR

Club Fair is an important part of back to school for the Tut House. The tradition serves as an opportunity for students to see the different clubs in action all at once so that they make an informed decision of which ones they wish to join. Upperclassmen in leadership roles got to show T1's all that UNIS has to offer.

While joining clubs is the goal of the day, club fair also allows students to share their ideas with other students who they might not share the classroom with. We want to thank the student council and the office of student activities for putting this together!
UNIS was fortunate to host the Portuguese and the Spanish Ministries of Education during the UN General Assembly. Officials sat in on classes and talked with students about their life at UNIS, their international studies, and their language learning.
CARBOARD CHALLENGE

UNIS held our 8th Annual Cardboard Challenge on campus this fall! This fun event gets our students to think about the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Students got to flex their creative muscles and work with their friends and families to make functional art out of repurposed materials. They also shared laughs, smiles, and now memories that will last a lifetime!
MS CAMPS
The Junior school has been busy this fall! Students learned more about the International Day of Peace together, spent more time enjoying our new playground additions, and had a blast at the cardboard challenge!
A GLIMPSE INTO MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School hallways are more exciting than ever as students settle into their schedules and laugh along with new friends.
A Look Into The Tutorial House

Tut House is always booming with exciting projects, and this fall was no exception. This IB Film class got busy shooting some magic with a green screen.
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ON MONDAYS
WEAR WHITE

ON FRIDAYS
WEAR BLUE

VISIT THE STORE TO GET SOME SWAG
UN Day Observed:
Monday, October 24 (School Closed)

October Break:
Tuesday October 25 - Friday October 28
(No Classes)

Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences:
Wednesday November 9,
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Day Parent/Teacher Conferences:
Thursday and Friday November 10 & 11,
8:30 PM- 3:00 PM
(No Classes)

Frankenstein:
November 17-19, 7:00 PM

Thanksgiving Break:
Wednesday, November 23 to Friday,
November 25 (School Closed)

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The United Nations International School (UNIS) was established in 1948 by a group of United Nations parents to provide an international education for their children while preserving their diverse cultural heritages. Since its inception, the School has been guided by the spirit of the United Nations Charter and has benefited from a unique relationship with the Organization.

The initial dual purpose of UNIS was to provide educational facilities for the children of Secretariat and delegation members and to serve as a pilot project in international education. Today, the School has a student body of approximately 1,000 UN and non-UN affiliated international and local students from over 70 countries, making it one of the most diverse and international schools in the world. UNIS is committed to providing a curriculum that is both rigorous and relevant, preparing students for success in a global society.

UNIS is proud to be a part of the United Nations family, and we are committed to fostering a community of understanding, respect, and cooperation. We believe that education is not only about learning, but also about building a better world.

From its inception, the School relied heavily on support from the UN. The initial location of the School was in a temporary building in the vicinity of the United Nations. Over the years, UNIS has grown and expanded, becoming a world-class school that educate millions of students from around the globe. The School is renowned for its commitment to excellence in education and its dedication to preparing students for success in a global society.

Today we are proud that UNIS is "the school of the United Nations."