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THE SEASON OF GIVING

"Before giving, the mind of the giver is happy; while giving, the mind of the giver is made peaceful; and having given, the mind of the giver is uplifted."

Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha)

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ADVANCEMENT: Our journey unfolding

To formally and publicly acknowledge our donors, and keep the UWC Thailand community informed of our philanthropic goals and progress, we recently unveiled wall displays outside the Administrative Building. These displays will highlight features of UWC Thailand as it grows and evolves, as well as showcase the UWC global movement. Keep an eye out for exciting strategic and master plan updates!









I regard it as the foremost task of education to insure the survival of these qualities: an enterprising curiosity, an undefeatable spirit, tenacity in pursuit, readiness for sensible self denial, and above all, compassion.

Kurt Hahn, Founder of UWC

If you wish to discuss sponsorship opportunities here at UWC Thailand, please contact Nicki, our Chief Advancement Officer: nicki.robertson@uwcthailand.ac.th or go to the support us page on our website.



Get to know our staff at UWC THAILAND



Kru Dominique

Gymnastics and Dance Coach

I am originally from the United States of America, but I've spent the last couple of years working as a coach, choreographer, and educator in China, and I am a member of USA Gymnastics. Among others, I have worked as Lead Gymnastics Coach at Mark Spivak's Institute of Dance and Gymnastics, a Choreographer for the University of North Florida Elite Dance Team, and a choreographer for music recording artists.

As a gymnastics coach and dance instructor, I aspire to foster an environment where students feel safe to learn and challenge themselves while having fun. I teach my students not to seek perfection and fear mistakes or failures. Instead, I encourage them to learn from their mistakes; grow stronger, more intelligent and more fearless.

Kru Zane

Running Coach

I started my career as a junior development coach and, through the last 26 years, earned experience with National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Distance Running and Triathlon Coaching. I have played multiple roles in junior and developmental system positions domestically, in the United States of America, and internationally.

At UWC Thailand, I look forward to guiding young athletes by encouraging them to stay open to all opportunities of the 'game'. Running is an area where students can better learn about themselves and create an opportunity to explore and take risks without fear that failure will destroy them. In addition, I like simplifying the complicated process of training and performing to help each runner build greater confidence and resilience.



FESTIVAL OF Light 2022

Celebrating Peace

This year's Festival of Light: Peace! was a true demonstration of UWC's mission to unite people and foster positive change. Through dozens of student-led service partner stalls that sold home-baked pastries, tote bags, shirts, bath bombs and much more, students raised considerable funds for our community service partners and the Global Concerns Programme.

In addition to the student-led and numerous community-led stalls, our Manta Parent Teacher Association organised a whole afternoon filled with various entertaining performances, including Santa's visit, as well as a special culmination of the evening in the form of a fire show.

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Upper Primary

Marketplace

In the spirit of giving, our grade 4 and 5 students organised another successful charitable Marketplace. Through a rich offering of goods and services, ranging from pastries, candles, and toys to manicures and fun water games, students raised funds for our UWC Thailand Global Concerns Fund and in support of their year-long service partners.

Thank you to all those who came and supported our students.

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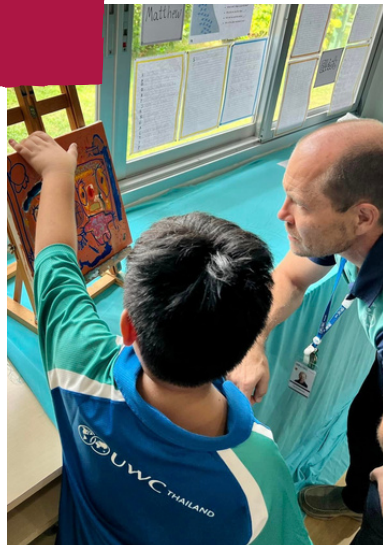
The end of the semester exhibition, 'How We Express Ourselves', was organised by our grade 2 and 3 students.

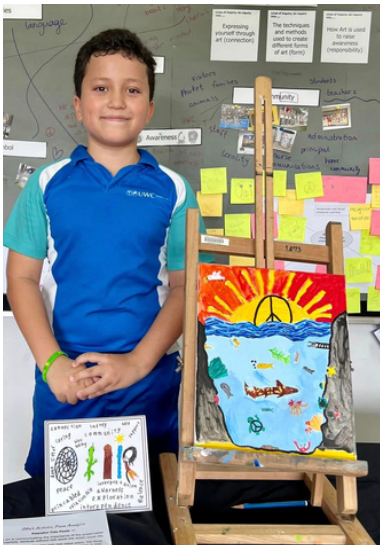
Through different media, students expressed their interpretations of what UWC is and what matters to our diverse community. They put much thought and intention into their works and didn't shy away from explaining them to curious visitors.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

This month in the Secondary school our student scientists have been busy!

Congratulations
to three of our secondary school science students, Sara *(Hong Kong)*, grade 10, Angela *(China)*, grade 10 and Poonpun *(Thailand)*, grade 11, who have recently been awarded the Silver CREST Award by the British Science Association.







Grade 10 students have been learning about titrations to determine the concentration of particular substances, such as Vitamin C. Food manufacturers will use titration to determine the number of specific vitamins in drinks such as orange juice.



Grade 9 students went to Nai Yang beach to collect data on population ecology. Students practised sampling techniques such as using quadrats and transects to discover populations of mangrove pods, seashells, and crabs on the beach.



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SPORTS ROUND-UP



We are the champions!

From the 2022 Brighton College Bangkok Festival of Swimming to the 2022 FINA World Swimming Championships, our swimmers dusted the competition. With a couple of new national and personal records, our swimmers ended the year with a splash.

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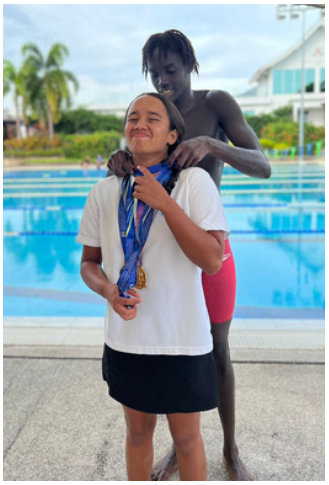
















U19 boys vs. Team Edison

It is always a pleasure to host a friendly basketball game on our campus. Just a few days before the end of the semester, our Under 19 boys played a heated match against Team Edison. Congratulations to both teams!





SINGIN' IN THE RAIN JR.

Two shows were not enough to capture all the talent and spectacle that this year's UWC Thailand Singin' in the Rain JR. production brought to our campus. Our student cast left us in awe and made us dance and sing along to countless memorable musical numbers.

Gene Kelly himself would have tipped his hat at this talented young cast and the whole production.











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Michelle Wilson's Wishing Tree

A big thank you to our entire UWC Thailand community for helping make many wishes come true!

Michelle Wilson's Wishing Tree is a project initiated by our Manta Parent Teacher Association, and in loving memory of former PTA chair Michelle Wilson, with an aim to collect gifts for children at the Good Shepherd School Phuket Town. This year, more than 50 gifts were collected, and no child was left without a smile.







Reverse Christmas Hamper

A thank you to everyone who contributed to the mini mountain of food and household products in support of the Ban Ya Literacy Centre families. Some families are still bouncing back from the financial impact and insecurities of Covid, and these items will go a long way to making the next few months easier.

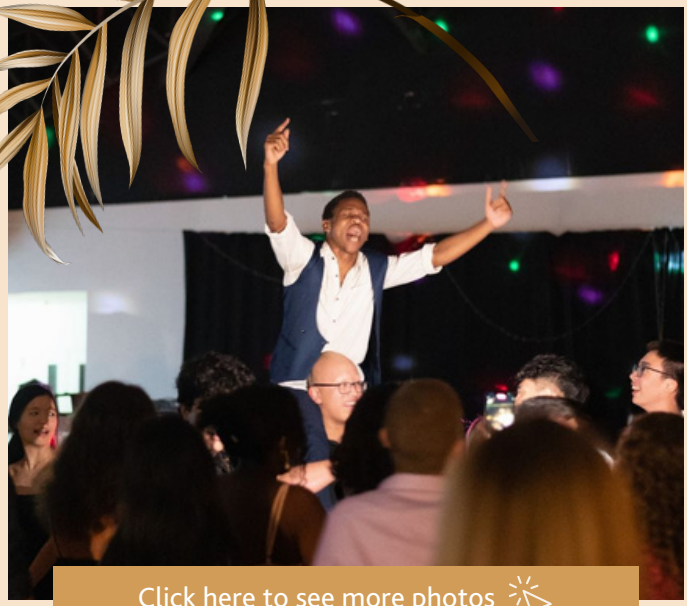


WINTER

GALA

Our Diploma Programme students dusted off their best dress outfits and had a blast at the student-led Winter Gala. In the company of their friends, students spent a fun evening chatting away and grooving to their talented peers' music and dance performances. A night to remember!







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