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The world needs extraordinary leadership to navigate today's complex challenges, tensions and conflicts, as well as to make the most of new opportunities. The UWC movement is ideally suited to provide such leaders and we are privileged to support it.

Shelby M.C. Davis, UWC Patron

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Songkran Celebration

Songkran, which is also known as the Thai New Year, is a traditional festival celebrated annually in Thailand and some other Southeast Asian countries.

This month, we honoured the occasion with a traditional palm watering ceremony, where we paid our respects to each other and wished for a healthy and prosperous new year ahead. After the ceremony, we kicked off the festivities with water fights, slip 'n' slides, and other fun water activities. The celebration was a wonderful, fun-filled experience which left us with many fond memories of coming together as a community.

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Community Weekend

The latest Community Weekend was an incredible experience that brought the entire community together and fostered a strong bond with our boarders. With a diverse range of activities, there was something for everyone to enjoy, from the delicious food at the Manta PTA potluck and BBQ to fun-filled activities such as face masks and nail art, Holi celebrations, and Prom night. It was heartening to see everyone come together and create lasting memories.

Thank you to the Manta Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for organising and supporting this event.

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> **I find community weekends to be an amazing opportunity to bond with boarding students. We enjoyed a wonderful BBQ and had the privilege of sharing the fast-breaking meal with our Muslim boarders. The festivities continued with the celebration of Holi, the festival of colors–a joyous occasion filled with lots of laughter and delight for all; students, staff, and parents.**

Preeti, parent and member of UWC Thailand's Manta PTA

Swimming Galas

UWC Thailand's swimming season came to an epic conclusion with a series of Swimming Galas. The oldest swimmers put on an impressive display of skill, determination, and teamwork in a fiercely competitive environment, with staff joining in for added fun. The Primary School swimmers showed incredible team spirit and camaraderie in the pool, while the Early Years Programme students had a blast competing in various water activities and games.

We are proud of all our swimmers and grateful for the support of the UWC Thailand community and parents who restlessly and enthusiastically cheered them on throughout the events.

Congratulations to all our young Mantas for a fantastic Swimming Gala!

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> **We are thrilled to see our young swimmers making great progress and achieving their goals in the pool. Our dedicated coaches have worked hard to create a fun and safe learning environment for all levels, from Early Years to Secondary students. It's amazing to see the skill development of our swimmers through these successful swimming classes.**

Kerstin Bender, UWC Thailand, Director of Sport, Activities and Camps

It was really great to see everyone having a good time together outside of the classroom. Despite being an individual sport, swimming creates a strong sense of community which makes it truly special. It was nice to see people who don't normally swim join in the fun!

Isabel, Grade 10 (USA)





















SPORTS ROUND-UP

ASAC Senior Football Tournament

The UWC Thailand girls' football team showed what it takes to succeed and earned a well-deserved 3rd-place finish with an incredible effort. With seven players in Grades 8-9 and no recognised goalkeeper for the first 6 games, they still managed to score 16 goals and use 9 different goalkeepers! Their team-based style of play earned them kudos from opposing coaches and the respect of their elder peers.

Congratulations on an outstanding performance, Mantas!





Touch Rugby

Our Touch Rugby team brought their A-game and claimed the local Phuket Touch Rugby Cup 2023.

Congratulations to our amazing team for their hard work and dedication!

Moose Games 2023 Wins

Our gymnastics team put on an impressive display of cartwheels, jumps, and beam balancing at the Moose Games. Athletes were excellent in all events and brought home many medals, including three students who had never competed in gymnastics before but still managed to bring home at least two silver and a couple of gold medals.







UWC Thailand Cup '23

From beginners to advanced sailors, participants from UWC Thailand's Sailing Squad and Phuket Yacht Club showed grit and determination in four categories using Optimist and O'pen Skiff sailing dinghies. The competition was tough, but the participants demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the event.

A big thanks to volunteers and our partners at The PlayYard for providing amazing facilities.

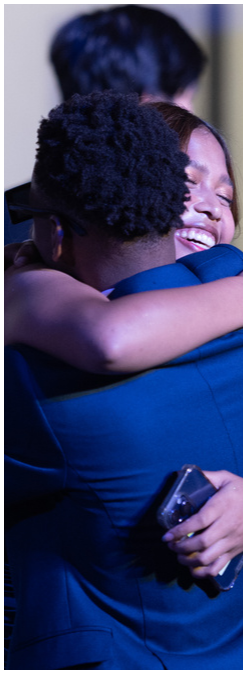


> **It was an outstanding day, both on and off the water. Congratulations to UWC Thailand for organising such a superb event. I am already looking forward to the next one!**
>
> Lee, Community member

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Prom 2023

Prom Night was an absolute blast!
Our students showed up in their finest outfits and danced the night away. From slow dances to upbeat music and numerous performances, the atmosphere was electric, and the memories created will last a lifetime.

Seniors Week

Our Grade 12 students marked the end of their high school journey in style during Senior Week! They came together to create unforgettable memories, from dressing up in hilarious costumes to bonding over bonfires and competing in the ultimate senior dodgeball game.

It was a week filled with laughter, fun, and friendship, as they celebrated the end of an era and the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.







University Offers

We are thrilled to announce that many of our students have received full scholarship offers from various universities around the globe! From Hong Kong to Seattle, our talented and dedicated students are preparing to embark on exciting new journeys in fields such as Arts, Business, Engineering, and many more.

We are also proud to have students who will be taking a Purpose Year to explore the world and gain valuable life experiences before diving into higher education.

+ Many more!



Unlocking Your Potential

Diploma Programme IB exams

By Katie Feather, Diploma Programme Coordinator

The final evaluation of the IB Diploma Programme is based on a variety of assessments, including exams and internally assessed coursework. These assessments are designed to test a student's understanding of the subjects... **Read more.**

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Good luck with your final exams! You've got this!



THE UWC JOURNEY FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE STUDENTS

We are very excited to be talking to and getting to know the students who have been selected to join UWC Thailand in the 2023/24 academic year through the National Committee selection process. It is wonderful to accompany National Committee students as they demonstrate through their applications their commitment to the UWC values of international understanding, mutual respect, and peace, and as they share with us how these values have earned them a place in our diverse and dynamic community of learners. As a final step in the admissions process, we have individual calls with every applicant as they get excited about this new chapter of their educational journey, and all that they can look forward to as students here at UWC Thailand.

The fact that our National Committee students come from such diverse backgrounds is a testament to the UWC mission of promoting intercultural exchange and understanding. From Chile to the Western Sahara Refugee Camp, from Bangladesh to Morocco and beyond, each student is now preparing to bring their unique experiences, perspectives, and cultures to our UWC Thailand community. This diversity is not just a point of pride for UWC Thailand but is also an invaluable asset that will further enrich our already diverse community and broaden the educational experiences of all our students.

Looking ahead to the new school year, with re-enrollment processes already complete and new enrollments every day, we extend a pause and reflective moment of preparatory farewell to our soon-to-be graduating seniors. As members of the UWC global alumni community, the Graduating Class of 2023 will join a network of over 60,000 UWC alumni from around the world. This network includes world leaders, entrepreneurs, activists, and changemakers who are making a difference in their communities and beyond. As UWC alumni, our students will continue to have life-long access to the UWC community and resources, including opportunities for further education, professional development, and networking. A UWC education is truly the gift of a lifetime!

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

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ADULT SAILING *Classes*

MAY 2023

Learn how to sail at UWC Thailand's Outdoor Education Centre

- Maximum of 4 participants per class
- Personalised training from our expert instructors
- Classes every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in May
- Classes run from 9 am to 11:30 am once per week
- Total of 5 classes to complete the course
- Participants will sail Laser class dinghies (single-person dinghies)
- Helmets, buoyancy aids, and sailing equipment will be provided.

Cost of the package is THB 10,000 for 5 classes

- Participants should bring their own water shoes, clothing suitable for sailing, sunscreen, and sunglasses.
- Adults only, creating a relaxed and comfortable environment to learn and enjoy sailing.

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