



The UWC mission: Making education a force to unite people, nations, and cultures for peace and sustainability.

SCHOOL AND HISTORY

1. **UWC-USA creates global leaders.** The school is a dynamic academic laboratory where students—who come from more than 75 countries and a mix of religious, socio-economic, and cultural backgrounds—spend two years living and learning together. Through a robust academic program combined with experiential learning, wilderness experience and residential life, UWC-USA creates a unique community where students develop a deep global understanding and nurture a passion for positive change.
2. **UWC-USA is one of 16 UWCs** on five continents. The first United World College was founded in Wales in 1962 by German educator Kurt Hahn, who also founded Outward Bound. Hahn, who lived through two world wars, believed that peace could only be made possible by bringing together young people from around the world to live and learn. Today the UWC movement has over 50,000 alumni around the world.
3. **UWC-USA was founded in 1982** by Dr. Armand Hammer and is the only UWC in the United States. Other countries that have UWCs include Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Swaziland, Thailand, and Wales.
4. **UWC-USA's fifth president is Dr. Victoria Mora.** Victoria is a native New Mexican and comes to UWC-USA from St. John's College. She is the parent of an alumna.
5. **Philanthropist Shelby Davis has created a \$40 million endowment** that provides 50 U.S. students with full scholarships to attend a UWC every year. Of those students, 25 attend the campus in New Mexico; the rest go to UWC's around the globe. UWC's total endowment exceeds \$110 million.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

1. **UWC-USA offers a two-year college preparatory program** that utilizes the International Baccalaureate Diploma curriculum. The IB Diploma is one of the most respected secondary degrees in the world, and is widely accepted at colleges and universities internationally.
2. **Students can choose from IB classes in 27 subjects**, starting with core subjects and extending to visual arts, theatre, dance, and music. Students are able to study for IB exams in four languages; UWC-USA also supports 55 languages through its self-taught program.

3. **The *Wall Street Journal* ranked UWC-USA 20th in its list of top high schools.** The ranking was based on the number of graduates attending eight top universities. Harvard, Stanford, Princeton, and Brown are just some of the schools our students attend.
4. **UWC-USA students perform more than 18,000 hours of service every year.** More than 2,500 people in Las Vegas, N.M. and the surrounding community have benefited from service projects led by UWC-USA students.
5. **Unique Wilderness Program.** Students refine skills in leadership, collaboration, and self-reliance as they backpack, snowshoe and cross-country ski in the surrounding mountains.
6. **The Bartos Institute for Constructive Engagement of Conflict** is UWC's flagship peer mediation and collaborative leadership program. The Institute regularly brings noteworthy speakers to campus and holds workshops on conflict management and social justice.

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

1. **Our 230+ students come from Armenia to Zimbabwe.** Eleven students come from countries identified as conflict regions.
2. **Students selected by "National Committees" in 130+ countries.** Students don't apply directly to the school; they are selected by committees in their home countries based on academic achievement, leadership, and curiosity about and involvement with global events and cultures.
3. **Eighty-seven percent of UWC-USA's students receive full or partial scholarships.** Fewer than 25 percent come from the United States, making our student population unlike any other secondary school in the U.S.
4. **3,000 alumni are entrepreneurs, doctors, artists, policy makers, scientists, and activists:** 40 percent of the alumni for whom we have information work in the fields of education, medicine, government, law, and non-profit organizations. More than 90 percent of our alumni say that UWC-USA had the greatest impact on them of all the educational institutions they attended.

CAMPUS

1. **The 200-acre campus is located outside Las Vegas, New Mexico.** The campus is surrounded by pine forests and is anchored by the historic Montezuma Castle, which was built in 1881.
2. **20-acre Agroecology Research Center.** UWC-USA has recently acquired a property adjacent to the campus which features a working farm utilizing sustainable agriculture techniques.

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