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# Up with People<sup>®</sup> CONNECTIONS

a UWP newsletter

## 2013: A NEW CAST, A NEW LOCATION

By Abby Hull ('11A), Advance Team Manager, Up with People

This semester, instead of being surrounded by mountains and Denver Bronco fans during Up with People's Staging and Orientation, Cast A 2013 is soaking up the sun in Florida. Because of our successful partnership with [Florida Southern College](#) (FSC) in Lakeland, Up with People's current cast left their homes for the



Members from Cast A 2013: Gabriel Cantellano (Mexico), Sarah Rini, (USA) and Raya Llopis (USA)

Sunshine State as they began their new adventure. This new setting is a great opportunity to introduce FSC to alumni, host families, supporters, and friends of Up with People.

Abby Hull ('11A) is Up with People's Advance Team Manager, and arrived in Lakeland in the Fall of 2012 to prepare the city for

Cast A 2013. This would be the first time since Up with People moved its headquarters to Denver that Staging and Orientation is taking place in a different location. Abby shares her thoughts on the city and the cast's arrival:

"I landed in beautiful Lakeland, Florida on October 11 to prepare for Cast A 2013. January 11—arrival day—seemed so far away. I was so excited to see those buses come from Orlando International Airport.

Setting up Lakeland was going to be a difficult task but the community greeted us with open arms and helped to make our preparation much easier than expected. To say that FSC is amazing is an understatement. The campus was named "Most Beautiful Campus" in 2012 by Princeton Review. Florida's weather allows FSC's students and Cast A 2013 to spend so much time outdoors, enjoying Lake Hollingsworth and admiring the Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. Aside from Florida Southern College, Lakeland is home to the MLB's Detroit Tiger's spring training stadium,

hundreds of swans, (originally sent to Lakeland by Queen Elizabeth), and most importantly, a caring and supportive community. Lakeland is a special place to call home.

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Now, the students have officially arrived and Cast A 2013's semester has begun. What's the buzz in Lakeland now? It's all about the 100 international students from 21 different countries who have arrived and are living in over seventy host families!

After three months of preparation, the advance team is thrilled to see happy and excited faces all over Lakeland: students and community members alike.



Isaiah McGregory (USA), Adel Mahmoudi (Belgium), and Thomas Merisse (Belgium) pose for a picture during Staging and Orientation.

My heart is filled with thankfulness and pride as I see Cast A 2013 walk through the doors each day. My favorite part of these first few days was our opening session. Up with People staff members held a small acoustic performance to give the students—specifically the first semester students—a small taste of the current show, "Voices." It was so special to see Cast A 2013 and all of the Lakeland host families in one room, at one time. It took hundreds of people to make Staging and Orientation in Lakeland possible. I know that all who worked to make staging happen are thrilled to see how successful it is."

## UP WITH PEOPLE'S TREE OF NATIONS AT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

By Laura J. Bender, Senior Director of Development, University Libraries, University of Arizona

Housed in Special Collections at the University of Arizona Libraries is the Up with People Tree of Nations, dedicated to the founders, participants, and archives of Up with People. The tree represents the many nations whose citizens have played a part in Up with People, and that Up with People has visited throughout

the past 50 years. The tree is part of the Up with People living archive. It will continue to grow and showcase the contributions and

“ [The tree] will continue to grow and showcase the contributions and global impact of Up with People for many years to come. ”

global impact of Up with People for many years to come. The archive houses memorabilia and artifacts from the creation of Up with People to the present. We encourage you to take this opportunity to honor and support an organization that has touched lives around the world through the purchase of an ornament (leaf, acorn, stone, quail, or mini-tree). Create a memento through an inscription honoring your cast, a family member, or valued colleague. See all of the possibilities by clicking [here](#). All proceeds support the processing of the Up with People Archive at the University of Arizona Libraries, Special Collections.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!

By Megan Luebke ('09B), Development and Communications Manager, Up with People

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Because of your gifts and the match by Angel Cortes ('81D), Up with People has raised over \$200,000 during our year-end campaign for our Global Scholarship Fund. This fund assists students wishing to participate in our program but cannot due to limited financial means. Your gift will help impact lives around the world through our students.



Miss the deadline for the match? Unable to give now but hoping to in the future? You can donate to Up with People at any time by visiting our [online donation form](#). Additionally, there are many other ways to give to our program and ensure that we will continue to build bridges of understanding as a foundation for world peace, one city as a time. For more information, please visit our [Financial Giving Options page](#) on our website, or contact Megan Luebke, Up with People's Development and Communications Manager by calling 720.215.3219 or sending an email to [mlobke@upwithpeople.org](mailto:mlobke@upwithpeople.org). Thank you again!

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## CAMP UP WITH PEOPLE PARTICIPANT JOINS CAST A 2013

By Tim Lane ('75A), Director, Camp Up with People; and Jacey McDaniel ('12A), Marketing Coordinator and Assistant Manager of Enrollment, Up with People



One of the many new faces in Up with People's Cast A 2013 is Molly Clark, a former Camp Up with People participant. Clark is the first camper turned student in Up with People's program.

### How has Camp Up with People prepared you for your Up with People adventure?

*Camp UWP was kind of a mini-experience of what I was going to experience at Up with People, and I feel that I received a sense of what it is all about because there were a lot of people from different countries at my camp. Even though Camp UWP was only for three weeks, we really became a family.*

**Molly Clark (USA), Camp Up with People's first participant to be accepted into Up with People.**

*We performed a mini show—about half the length of an actual Up with People show— so I understood what it took to put on such a show. We practiced a lot and worked really hard.*

*I was also able to get used to being with people from different cultures. There was a girl at Camp UWP who would wake up at 5:00 in the morning to pray because it was part of her religion. There were also campers who did not speak any English so I was able to learn how to communicate with people who did not speak my language.*

*How did Camp Up with People affect your decision to travel?*

*It was my inspiration. If I had not gone to camp, I probably would not have traveled. It was a big commitment for me to put off college. I was very driven in school and felt as if I needed to go to college right away. However once I was at camp, met with my counselors, and heard about their travels, I decided I absolutely had to do it. I interviewed with a counselor at camp and found out from my college that I could defer my scholarships. I was to-*

*tally set. I had a goal and definitely had to do it.*

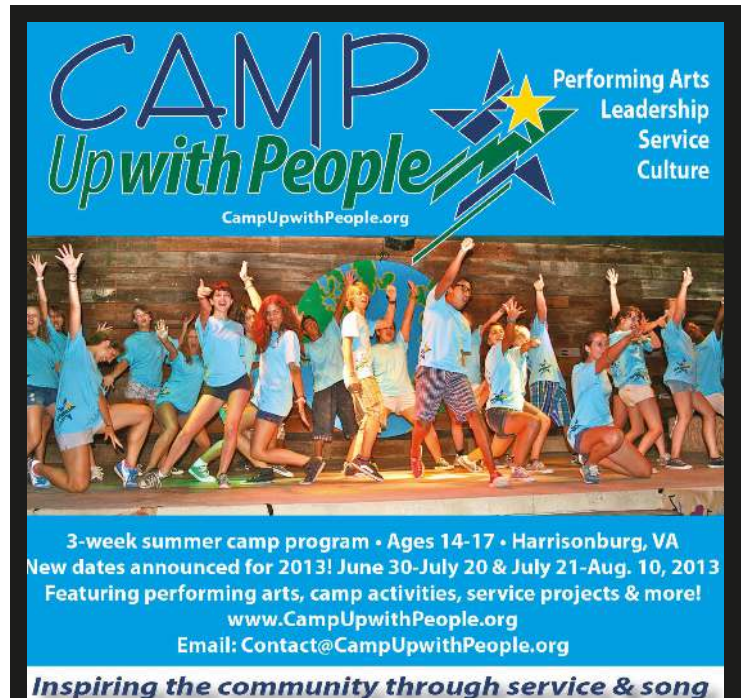
**Tell us about the relationships you gained from Camp UWP.**

*I was 17 when I participated in Camp UWP. Some of the campers were younger—14 years old—but it did not matter. We all became so close. Things connected us in different ways no matter our age. I am so glad I did it!*



**Molly (left) and another camper from Camp Up with People take a break during a community service activity.**

Do you know someone who is interested in Up with People but is too young to join the program? Camp Up with People is the perfect opportunity to get a taste of what it takes to be an Up with People student. For more information, visit Camp Up with People's website or click on the ad below.



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Name:** Collin Shepherd  
**Country:** United States  
**Cast:** B 2012 & A 2013  
**Age:** 23



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**How did you first hear about Up with People and what first appealed to you about the program?**

Both of my parents, Stuart ('78A) and Rajean (Luebs) Shepherd ('78E), traveled in Up with People. I grew up learning the ideals and values that the program teaches. Traveling with the program is something I knew I wanted to do one day. It wasn't until I graduate from college that I felt like it was the right time to challenge myself with something new. Just like my parents and brother, Breton Shepherd ('09B), I grew to love Up with People during my first semester and all that it stands for. My passion is Up with People and it's an organization which I hope to be a part of for years to come.

**How will this tour be different than your previous tour?**

As a second semester student, I want to continue challenging myself. While I am very thankful for the knowledge I gained during my first semester, I know I still have more to give of myself as well as learn from the program.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

I am most looking forward to spending a second semester learning from the people I will meet throughout my adventure. My Up with People experience has been so memorable because of the people I have met along the way. I am excited to see where this semester will lead me.

**What are you going to focus on most during this tour?**

Last semester I learned the value of traveling with second semester students. They play such a vital role in our cast. This semester I would like to focus on making it the best Up with People experience I can for the first semester students as well as for myself by encouraging the cast to take risks and embrace challenges.



Everybody knows someone who's perfect for Up with People

**UWP alumni can award unlimited Golden Passports each year to students they actively recruit to travel with UWP. However, each future student can only receive one Golden Passport scholarship toward his/her program fee. All students can apply for additional scholarships through the General Scholarship Fund.**

\*Click on the Golden Passport to the left to be linked to a printable PDF version

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**UP WITH PEOPLE PERFORMS “MOON RIDER” FOR CAPTAIN EUGENE CERNAN AND OTHER ASTRONAUTS**  
 BY Eric Lentz ('86E), Senior Vice President and Executive Producer, Up with People

On December 14 and 15, 2012, an all-star group of Up with People alumni performed at an event honoring the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Apollo XVII. The alumni cast and crew included: Walter Belcher ('89C), Jeramy Boik ('12A), Michael Bowerman ('81C), Andrew Giordano ('87C), Aude Goudreault ('09B), Sydnee Gould ('10B), Lynn Hart ('71B), Erica Koehler ('95C), Ken Leist ('93C), Eric Lentz ('86E), Hans Nelson ('08A), Jess Rojas ('07B), Sarah Rychlik ('10B), and Lamar Smith ('93D).

At the invitation of Captain Eugene Cernan, a longtime friend of Up with People and the commander of Apollo XVII, the group performed a few hits from the UWP archives, and closed the evening with the UWP classic song, *Moon Rider*, which was inspired by Captain Cernan's recollections as he viewed the earth from the moon.

The group of UWP alumni were honored to represent the program and the over 22,000 alumni at this spectacular event, which featured astronauts, engineers, and technicians from all of the Apollo and Gemini missions. Among those in attendance included Senator John Glenn, the first American to orbit Earth and oldest man to fly in space; James Lovell, Apollo XIII Commander; and Eugene Kranz, Gemini and Apollo Flight Director.

**CAST A 2013 TOUR SCHEDULE**

- LAKELAND, FLORIDA, USA**  
January 11-February 11, 2013
- FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, USA**  
February 11-18, 2013
- ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA**  
February 18-25, 2013
- VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, USA**  
February 25-March 4, 2013
- STATESBORO, GEORGIA, USA**  
March 4-11, 2013
- ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA**  
March 11-18, 2013
- GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**  
March 18-25, 2013
- WEINFELDEN, FRAUNFELD, SWITZERLAND**  
March 25-April 1, 2013
- NEUCHATEL/LA CHAUX DE FONDS, SWITZERLAND**  
April 1-8, 2013
- VADUZ, LIECHTENSTEIN**  
April 8-15, 2013
- APELDOORN/EERBEEK, HOLLAND, NETHERLANDS**  
April 15-22, 2013
- MOL/ODU-TURNHOUT, BELGIUM**  
April 22-29, 2013
- TBD, EUROPE**  
April 29-May 13, 2013
- NAUCALPAN, MEXICO**  
May 13-May 20, 2013
- TOLUCA, MEXICO**  
May 20-May 27, 2013
- TBD, MEXICO**  
May 27-June 3, 2013
- AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO**  
June 3-11, 2013
- END OF TOUR/CAST DEPARTURE**  
June 11, 2013




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