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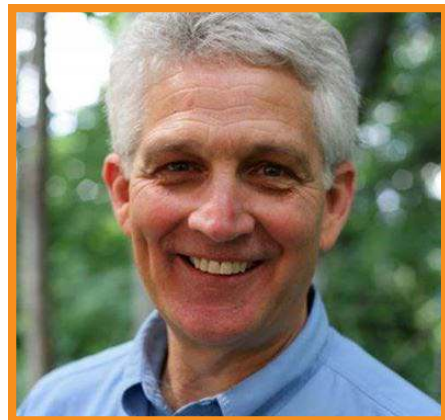
Up with People CONNECTIONS A UWP UPDATE

A NOTE FROM DALE PENNY ('71A)

Three weeks into his tenure, Up with People's new president is inspired by today's youth.

It is truly an exciting time to be involved with Up with People (UWP). I just returned from a trip to Cuba where our current cast, Cast B 2014, will be in a few weeks. Cuba has, for the most part, been isolated from much of the world for the last 60 years. Now is the perfect time for UWP to go to Cuba, learn about its culture, extend a hand of friendship, and establish relationships with its people. Our students will have the great opportunity to take what they learn about Cuba and share that knowledge with the world. Hopefully we will have many more Cuban students traveling with UWP casts in the future.

Right now, over 60% of our world's population is under 30 years old. It is really important for organizations like UWP—those that care about young people and believe in young people—to step forward in this moment and challenge young people to do something positive, to make a difference, and to change the world. That is what UWP's mission is.



"The youth of today is igniting a global movement to change the world."

That is why UWP is here. UWP is not just about the students in our casts. While they are certainly the core of the program, the group we must focus on are the young people our casts impact around the globe. The youth of today is igniting a global movement to change the world. I believe in this generation of young people and their power to change the world.

I look forward to seeing what the youth of today can accomplish tomorrow, along with all of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale M Penny". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dale Penny ('71A)
President, Up with People

UWP AWARDED \$1 MILLION GRANT

The grant will help us accomplish many important initiatives in the coming years.

A one million dollar gift has been granted to us by a nationally-known foundation that wishes to remain anonymous. We have already received the first \$500,000. In order to obtain the remaining \$500,000, the foundation issued a challenge. "If we can raise \$250,000 by June 30, 2015, the foundation will grant UWP \$500,000 for the 2016 fiscal year," said Dale Penny ('71A), UWP's President. "This grant is a strong endorsement of the relevance and value of Up with People's mission. We hope that this will encourage our alumni and friends to join this foundation in support of Up with People."

How can you help us with the foundation's challenge? Make a gift to UWP today! The easiest way to make a gift is through the IMPACT Club, UWP's monthly giving club. Monthly giving is easy, stress-free, and makes a huge difference. When you combine...

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IT ONLY TAKES ONE DECISION TO CHANGE A LIFE

Joram De Maeseneer ('14B, Belgium) writes about his first eight weeks with UWP.

Recently, I received mail from a friend containing the following quote: ***“We don’t meet people by accident. They are meant to cross our path for a reason.”*** This is indeed what UWP is all about.

In January 2014, Jerko Bozиковic ('87A, Belgium) crossed my path. At that time, I was looking for a place to live and was looking for a new challenge in my career. Jerko asked me to think about my life. He asked me a few questions about what I value in life, what I would like to give and receive from the people I meet and the experiences I have, and if I like music. “Do you like music? Do you enjoy singing and dancing? Would you like to discover the world and have a life-changing experience?” asked Jerko. Then he told me about UWP and how enriching the program had been for him.

I was at a point in my life in which I wanted to start over. So, here I am. I am one of 85 students in Cast B 2014.

“We don’t meet people by accident. They are meant to cross our path for a reason.”

While visiting Cumberland, Rhode Island, our cast visited a senior citizen home where I met a 93-year-old lady. She told me about her life and how difficult it was to be alone. All of her family lived in Florida and never visited her. While we were talking I saw sparkles in her eyes. She was so grateful to have someone to talk to and help make her forget her loneliness for a little while.

One evening, one of my host mothers told me how difficult it was to raise a 12-year-old son by herself. She started to cry; not because she was sad but because she was happy. She hosted three UWP students and felt like her son now had three brothers from all over the world.

People often come up after our UWP shows to say thank you for such an inspirational message. Others will go up to a cast member wearing an international costume and start talking about the adventures they had in that particular country. UWP alumni introduce cast members to their children who will one day travel in our program. There are so many impressions and feelings. Some are very overwhelming and always grateful.

I am so appreciative to be picked up by a new host family every week. Driving home with my last host family, I asked them why they chose to host a UWP student. They mentioned that they normally do not host but while packing boxes to move into their new home, they found a thank you card from a UWP student who had stayed with them many years ago. They said reading about his gratitude brought back so many memories for them. They absolutely wanted to host again.

It feels so good to know that, wherever we go, there is a place we can call home. It is amazing how many people have already touched my life in so many ways, and how we, as a cast and as individuals, are able to impact so many people in so many different communities. There is no other place I would rather be at this moment than with UWP. I find myself asking the young people I meet the same questions Jerko asked me. Often their response is “yes!” Then I tell them more about our program, knowing that one day, some of them will be having similar experiences as me.

GIVE A STUDENT THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

UWP alumni have unlimited [Golden Passports](#) to give to future cast members.

UWP alumni! YOU are our best recruiters. Print out this [Golden Passport](#) and present it to a young person in your community who you think would be a great future UWP participant. This certificate is worth \$1,000 USD against the UWP program fee as long as it is received by the UWP office either prior to or concurrent with acceptance into the program. UWP alumni can give away an unlimited number of [Golden Passports](#), though each prospective participant can receive only one. Remember that UWP participants must be between the ages of 17-29 with a high school diploma or the equivalent to participate in the UWP program.

Print out this page and start recruiting!

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UWP CAST + UWP SHOW = POSITIVE IMPACT

Bob Clay's students were skeptical when UWP came to town. Then they saw the show.

During UWP's visit to Laconia, New Hampshire in September 2014, members of Cast B 2014 visited Laconia Middle School to engage its students in educational workshops. They visited Bob Clay's 8th grade math classroom. Bob's daughter, Beth, traveled in Cast A 2008. "Four students—two United States students and two international students—visited my classroom," said Bob. "The first activity my class did was called 'Take A Stand.'"

'Take a Stand' is one of UWP's educational platforms geared towards encouraging in-depth discussions on timely, global topics. "The topics include diversity, cross-cultural communication, values and beliefs, bullying, ethics, and other thought-provoking topics," said Daniel Muradas ('13A, Mexico), UWP's Education Coordinator. "Ideally, we want to create a safe space for students to share their opinions and realize that even within a classroom, there are diverse ideas." During 'Take A Stand,' students are asked a question and given two choices. The choices may not be preferable but students must choose one or the other. The questions start out simple such as 'Do you prefer chocolate or vanilla ice cream?' or 'Do you like basketball or soccer?' The topics gradually get more in-depth ranging from one's environmental responsibility to global citizenship. 'Take A Stand' teaches students the importance of diversity within a community. The class also did an activity called Personal Flags. The goal of this activity is for students to learn about the symbolism of their own flag, what flags mean to other countries, and how a flag can represent how an individual feels about himself or herself, and the community.

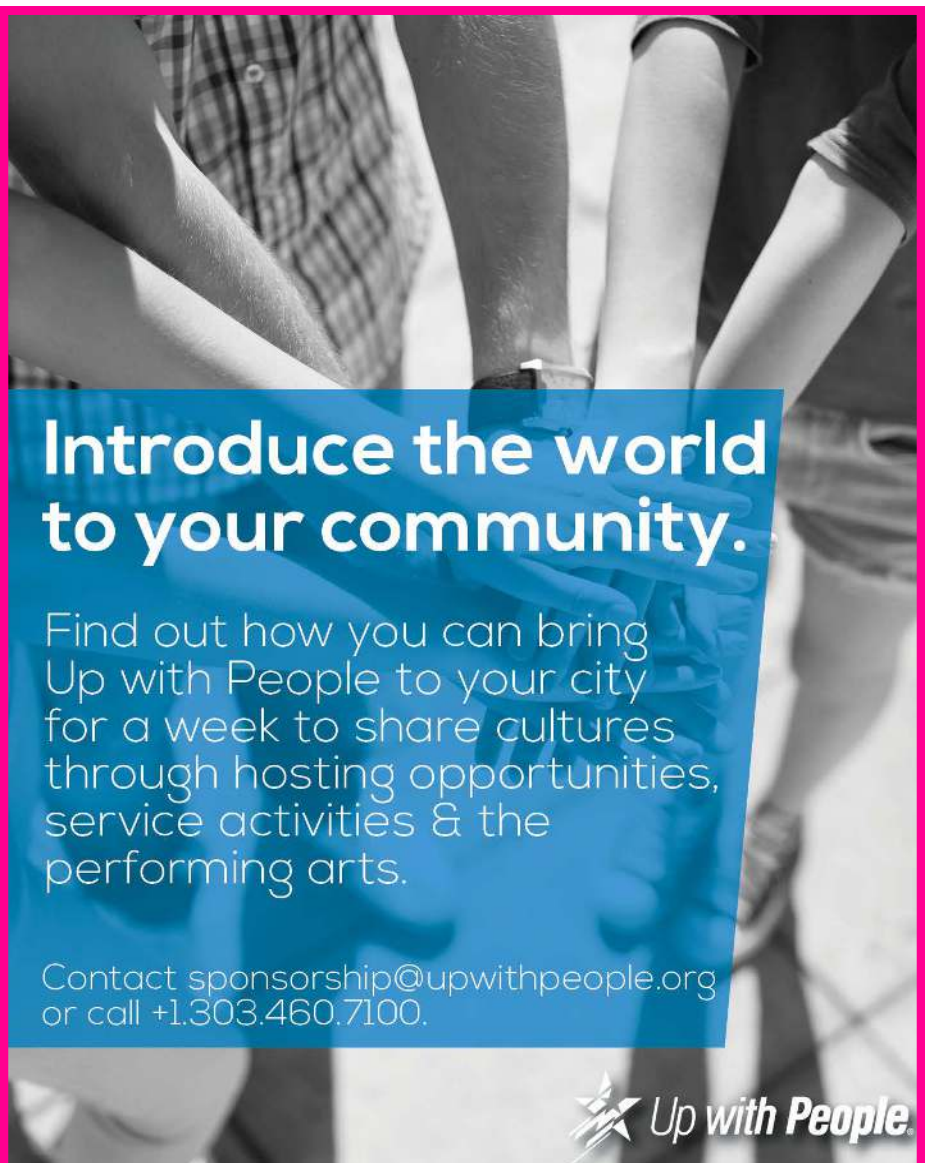
"At first, especially during the 'Take a Stand' activity, my students were not very vocal," said Clay. "They did not actively participate and when they did, they were not sure how to justify their answers."

Then, Bob Clay's 8th grade math students saw the Up with People show *Voices*.

"It was like the show opened Pandora's box," said Clay. "My students felt empowered to express themselves. They saw things in a different light. The Up with People show gave them confidence to openly discuss the very same topics they had been silent about the day before; especially topics about bullying."

Needless to say, Bob Clay's students did not work on any algebra equations that day.


The UWP show continues to be the main vehicle by which our organization delivers our message of hope and peace. Bob Clay's students offer great examples of how the UWP show can truly impact a community, specifically its youth. By instilling confidence in students and empowering them to make a positive difference in their classrooms, homes, and neighborhoods, the UWP impact will continue long after the tour bus leaves.



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moments of inspiration

As a parent of high school students, a PTO chair, and someone who loves being involved in the community, I can say that Up with People impacted our community in a very positive way. The message of the Up with People show touched many hearts in our community: from our youngest students to our amazing elders. The hours cast members spent volunteering their time and getting to know people within our community was very empowering. It was beautiful to watch smiles surface, even if a language barrier exists. Our town is probably reminiscent of many small towns in America. It is a place with a lot of heart but has experienced significant loss of life due to substance abuse. It has a beautiful landscape with beautiful people. At times, however, the beauty has given way to fatigue and frustration. Your wonderful promotional team and cast arrived to our town and ushered in vibrancy, hope, energy, and enthusiasm. It was contagious and allowed our little city to shine. Most importantly, Up with People's uplifting message to our city did not dissolve as the tour bus drove away. The friendships forged and the enthusiasm shared continues, partially thanks to technology that allows host families, students, and cast members to easily keep in touch. One of the grassroots coalitions that benefited from the profits of the Up with People show—Stand Up Laconia—is gaining momentum. A gift was given to us the week Up with People came to town. Now others are picking up the torch of hope and inspiration, and moving forward. Those gifts—hope, understanding, peace, love, and self-respect—transcend time and are as important as ever. Continue to do great work. The world needs it!

With thanks and gratitude,
Clare Persson

Chair—Stand Up Laconia
Laconia, New Hampshire

\$1 MILLION GRANT continued...

...your monthly gifts with those of other donors, you are advancing our mission and meeting the foundation's challenge.

Signing up to join the IMPACT Club is easy: call +1 720.215.3219 or [click here](#) to sign up online.

What will your monthly gift mean to UWP? Because of the foundation's challenge, your impact will have **triple** the impact. Your gift of \$20 a month from October 2014 to June 2015 will mean \$200 during the 2015 fiscal year. The foundation will double that \$200 for the 2016 fiscal year. Your total impact is \$600 in support of UWP.

Need an additional incentive to give? Donors who give \$100 a month for the next ten months will be welcomed into the Global Leaders Circle, UWP's leadership giving society. Your support will mean \$3,000 overall to UWP and you will be part of this leadership group that demonstrates a steadfast commitment to our mission. You can learn more about the Global Leaders Circle by [clicking here](#).

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**SWIKRITI BASHYAL, 21
NEPAL**

UWP offers scholarship support to students every semester. Thanks to your gifts during this past fiscal year, we were able to award scholarships to deserving students in Cast B 2013 and Cast A 2014.

UWP's scholarship program is made possible through the generous support of individuals and foundations. Every gift has an impact on the life of a student from \$10 to \$1,000. We depend on your support to run our program. Please help impact more students with your gift!

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Swikriti (far right) poses with members of Cast B 2014 as they explore tour cities along the Northeastern United States coastline.

How did you hear about UWP?

During my undergraduate studies, I worked for an organization that helped children living with HIV and AIDS. The founders of the organization were UWP alumni.

What aspects of your culture are you currently sharing with Cast B 2014?

I am sharing about Nepal's politics, foods, norms, beliefs, and traditions.

You are almost done with your United States tour. Do you have a favorite memory? What have you learned about the United States?

I have loved being near the ocean. Nepal is a land-locked country. Being near the ocean makes me extremely happy. Living in the United States has helped to clear many stereotypes I have had of this country. The people are so kind-hearted and warm. Although the country is huge, each state is so different and each host family has different traditions.

Cast B 2014 is the last cast to perform the UWP show *Voices*. What do you think of the show?

It is an absolutely amazing show. I feel so fortunate to be a part of it. It is a show that pinches your heart with hope, joy, and pride.

Cast B 2014 is the first UWP cast to travel to Cuba. What does this mean to you?

This has been the most exciting news so far. It will be such a challenge and adventure because I had never imagined going to Cuba. Now, I research about the country every day. I am excited to experience the culture, lifestyle, and music.

Is there anything you wish you would have packed or left at home?

I wish I had packed more exercise clothes. I wish I had a pocket camera instead of an advanced camera. And I wish I had a backpack instead of a trolley bag.

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“ETAL IS ISRAEL TO US NOW.”

Camp UWP gives hope to an Israeli girl and her family.

When a UWP cast visited Israel in June 2014, their show made a significant impression on Fabi Shtein Naor, a mother living in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv in Israel. Through the UWP show, Fabi learned about [Camp UWP](#), a nonprofit performing arts, leadership, community service, and culturally diverse summer camp that brings together international students for three weeks of outdoor activities, service projects, and the performing arts. The camp provides a taste of the UWP experience to 13–17 year old students. Fabi’s daughter, Etal, was also curious about camp. “Etal really wanted to go to camp and experience the American dream,” said Fabi, “When I heard about camp, I felt that it was the right place for her.”

The day after the show, Etal and her mother were on the phone with Tim Lane (‘75C), Camp UWP’s Director. “I wanted to be in Camp Up with People because I like to perform. I enjoy singing and dancing. I also love to volunteer and be active in my neighborhood,” said Etal.

“At the beginning, Etal was quiet and sweet, which is very normal for many of the campers,” said Lane. “As camp progressed, Etal became more self-assured and was fully engaged in every activity. Now she has a confident swagger.”

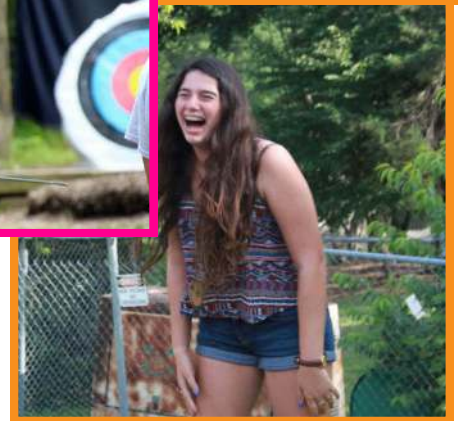
While at Camp UWP, the participants learn some of the songs and dances of past and present UWP shows. One of the Etal’s roles in the show was a speaking part prior to the song “Can We Sing A Song of Peace,” a song about how people everywhere yearn for peace in their daily lives. “Through her speech, Etal was able to shed light on the idea that, while a song itself may not bring us peace, it gives us hope that it might be possible,” said Lane.

With the current conflict in the Middle East, that song and the idea of peace and hope are needed now more than ever. Having attended Camp UWP, Etal and her family believe that peace can truly be achieved. “Up with People’s message is more relevant than ever,” said Fabi. “It made me believe that we can live in a better world,” added Etal.

Etal’s family was also able to experience that possibility in person when they visited Camp UWP. Lane encouraged Etal’s family to consider coming to Camp UWP while she was there as a participant. “We knew it was a long shot but we wanted [Etal’s family] to know how much we valued their friendship,” said Lane. When it became possible and safe to travel, Etal’s mother, father, and younger brother purchased tickets to the United States to see Etal perform in the Camp UWP show. “It was a wonderful experience,” said Fabi. “It was exciting to see her with confidence and truly radiant with happiness.” Fabi also stated that, because of the opportunities offered through Camp UWP, Etal was able to avoid some of the strife in the Middle East. She was able to experience a somewhat normal summer like many other teenagers her age. “I learned to believe in myself,” said Etal. “I learned that, though the world is a global place, the people are the same. We all have the same needs. We want to live happily, safely, and in peace.”

Camp UWP learned from Etal, too. “She taught us that even when living in a challenging environment, you can still have a love for life,” said Lane. “She taught us about keeping hope alive. Etal is Israel to us now.”

Want to learn more about Camp UWP? Call +1 540.742.4093 or email tim.lane@campupwithpeople.org.



Top: Etal (far right) smiles with other Camp UWP participants. Middle: One of the activities in which Etal participated at Camp UWP was archery. Bottom: During her time at Camp UWP, Etal blossomed into a more confident person.

ALUMNI RECEPTIONS A SUCCESS IN NEW ENGLAND

Want to reconnect with your cast and meet other UWP alumni? Check your email!

If you are a UWP alumnus living in the New England area of the United States, you probably received an email inviting you to attend a reception in your area. After select Cast B 2014 shows in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Virginia, alumni gathered together to swap travel stories, compare community impact tales, and take the ever-popular UWP group picture. They also got a chance to reconnect with fellow cast mates, meet other alumni, and hear the latest UWP news. "It is always nice for alumni to get to know one another," said Beth Clay ('08A, United States), member of the UWP International Alumni Association (UWPPIAA) Board of Governors. Current Cast B 2014 students also attended the reception to receive travel advice and well wishes from those who had been through the program. "The current students who are helping at the receptions were great. They mingled well and definitely added to the atmosphere," said Clay.

"We are working to unify receptions across all markets in a collaborative effort between UWP and the UWPPIAA," said Megan Luebke ('09B, United States), UWP's Development and Communications Manager. "We are excited with the turnout of the United States alumni receptions and look forward to implementing them on a global scale."



Alumni in Cumberland, Rhode Island (left) and Laconia, New Hampshire (right) attend alumni receptions after Cast B 2014 shows.

CAST B 2014: BY THE NUMBERS

Check out Cast B 2014's impact through their United States tour!

44 community impact sites visited

6,981 youth reached

244 host families

10,302 audience members

6,025 hours of volunteer work

6 cities visited



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UNITED STATES TOUR:

Denver, Colorado
July 18—August 18, 2014

Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts
August 18—August 25, 2014

Cumberland, Rhode Island
August 25—September 1, 2014

Laconia, New Hampshire
September 1—September 8, 2014

Plymouth, Massachusetts
September 8—September 15, 2014

Harrisonburg, Virginia
September 15—September 22, 2014

MEXICO TOUR:

Mexico City D.F., Mexico
September 22—September 29, 2014

Toluca, Mexico
September 29—October 6, 2014

Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
October 6—October 13, 2014

Mexico City D.F., Mexico
October 13—October 15, 2014
preparation for Cuba and Europe

Santa Clara, Cuba
October 15—October 20, 2014

Havana, Cuba
October 20—October 27, 2014

EUROPE TOUR:

Naestved, Denmark
October 27—November 3, 2014

Eupen, Belgium
November 3—November 10, 2014

Maastricht, The Netherlands
November 10—November 17, 2014

Aachen, Germany
November 17—November 24, 2014

Oberürsel, Germany
November 24—December 1, 2014

Biberist/Solothurn, Switzerland
December 1—December 8, 2014

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