Dear friends,

What a year (okay, eighteen months) of celebrations it has been! As we culminate the series of events marking Up with People’s (UWP) first half century, it is worth highlighting a few of the major events.

**THE JOURNEY** | The 50th Anniversary show was launched in January 2015. Written not only to honor the past fifty years but to also be relevant to contemporary times, the show has continued to evolve as global events have occurred and has been well received in the United States, Mexico, Bermuda, and throughout Europe.

**THE 90/50 EVENT** | In March 2015, UWP luminaries from around the world gathered in Tucson to celebrate our founder, J. Blanton Belk’s, 90th birthday and his life’s work of building and sustaining UWP. What a party it was!

**CELEBRATE 50** | It is hard to find anyone who was not overwhelmed by the spirit, pride, and emotion of the great reunion in Orlando last August. More than 3,000 UWP alumni, family, and friends gathered to mark this milestone exactly fifty years to the day of our first public show in 1965.

**CELEBRATE 50—MEXICO** | An extraordinary week of programs in Mexico City culminated with more than 1,500 UWP supporters attending the Saturday performance featuring an appearance by the Colwell Brothers—UWP’s musical founders—on stage with Cast 2016 A. What an emotional moment it was as we reflected on the unique role they played in UWP’s history.

**CELEBRATE 50—EUROPE** | The final 50th Anniversary event took place in Brussels, the home of UWP in Europe. Although events in Paris and Brussels forced the postponement of the event—and it sometimes seemed that it might never happen—it was appropriate that we culminated our celebrations there. Continued on next page.

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**CAST B 2016’S TOUR SCHEDULE**

- **Denver, CO, USA**
  - July 22-August 22
- **Grand Junction, CO, USA**
  - August 22-29
- **Pueblo, CO, USA**
  - August 29-September 5
- **Billings, MT, USA**
  - September 5-12
- **Jackson, WY, USA**
  - September 12-19
- **Salt Lake City, UT, USA**
  - September 19-26
- **Sacramento, CA, USA**
  - September 26-October 3
- **Mexico**
  - October 3-10
- **Mexico**
  - October 10-17
- **Mexico**
  - October 17-24
- **Eskilstuna, Sweden**
  - October 24-31
- **Sigtuna, Sweden**
  - October 31-November 7
- **Kouvola, Finland**
  - November 7-14
- **Espoo, Finland**
  - November 14-21
- **Jyväskylä, Finland**
  - November 21-28
- **Tallinn, Estonia**
  - November 28-December 5

*Tour schedule is subject to change.*
What do all of these celebrations mean? First, I think it is critical to remember that UWP has lasted for more than fifty years. Few nonprofits reach such a milestone, and that doesn’t happen unless the mission is important and the message continually evolves to be relevant to the times.

Second, our 22,000+ alumni who have shared this experience have made a mark on the world. Along with our host families, sponsors, and supporters, we have forged a global community of fellow change-makers committed to building a more compassionate and trusting world. We can all be proud of our individual and collective contribution.

Finally, our work is not over. The UWP story is just beginning. The mission is needed more today than at any time in our history. As new generations of young adults join to take their place in future casts, we need to support them just as we were supported during our years. All of us who work with UWP to keep the mission alive today know we stand on your shoulders and we would not be here without you. Please join us to ensure that the cast members traveling today will gather in another fifty years to celebrate a century of tearing down walls, building bridges of understanding and forging a more helpful and peaceful world.

So with gratitude to the UWP International Alumni Association leadership and volunteers, the staff and board of UWP, and the many, many alumni who helped in all the planning and managing of various celebration events: we all say thank you! Here’s to the next fifty!
Questions?
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Inaugural Up with People Open 2016

Saturday, August 20, 2016
9-Hole Tournament | 7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
Park Hill Golf Course

$75.00 per person

Up with People is a global education organization which aims to bring the world together through service and music. The unique combination of international travel, service learning, leadership development and performing arts offers students an unparalleled experience and a pathway to make a difference in the world, one community at a time.

Proceeds to benefit the Up with People Global Scholarship Fund

Register at www.upwithpeople.org/Golf
Through the generosity of an alumni donor, UWP announced the availability of ten grants of $10,000 USD each available for young African American men and women for the July 2016 program.

There has been a lot of interest and excitement with this announcement and dozens of inquiries have been made. Many referrals were the result of alumni connections through posting the information on UWP’s website as well as the following Facebook pages: UWP International Alumni Association, Does It Really Matter?, and Up with People. As of this date, UWP’s Admissions Department is working with several potential candidates for these grants but there are still grants available.

“This next cast—Cast B 2016—has the potential to be amongst the most diverse casts that UWP has ever put on the road. If that is going to happen, we need your help and we need it soon. As our President and CEO, Dale Penny, said in Orlando last summer: ‘The time is now!’” said Eric Anderson (‘89E), Vice President of Admissions.

Please take a moment to think of who you know who could get here this summer. Then think of who you know who might know someone else. Do you have a contact at your local high school or college? Do you know anyone who works with youth? Perhaps there is someone in your church or office?

You can direct anyone interested to email travel@upwithpeople.org and we will take care of the rest.

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UWP EMBRACED BY BERMUDA COMMUNITY

Bermuda residents had great things to say about Cast A 2016’s visit to their island.

UWP’s 50th Anniversary tour in Bermuda was extraordinary! The Leadership, Diversity, and World Dance workshops with the D.R.E.A.M. Girls Club was enjoyed by thirty young people. The Potluck Party at Tobacco Bay was incredible. The show took us on a wonderful journey down memory lane and the back-stage tour was inspirational. As host parents, welcoming our cast member into our home was the crème de la crème! Raymond bounced into our lives with his charismatic smile and high energy, and captured our hearts. It was an absolute joy to take him under our wings and we felt so sad waving goodbye at the airport. It was an honor to meet with every UWP staff and cast member, and to experience leadership and professionalism. Come back soon and may God continue to bless you as you travel the world sharing your message of hope, love, and peace.

Margaret Giloth
President | Phenomenal People

It’s all good! Regard for UWP in Bermuda has never been greater and this could be seen island-wide through the enthusiastic response during the April 17-May 1 cast visit. As a UWP alumnus, I can’t find words to express how overwhelmed and pleased I am with UWP’s progress. Efforts by UWP’s leadership to shape the direction of the program are quite evident today: from the caliber of student participants to the professionalism of the management staff and advance teams to the stunning onstage show which is now fantastically matched by offstage classroom curricula and community initatives. Making the world a better place is clearly underway. UWP’s potential are much more than I asked to take home to Bermuda in 1969! I continue to be grateful for its many contributions to my life.

delMonte Davis ('69A)
Bermuda resident

Bermudian hospitality, everlasting friendships, being a host family, and partnering with UWP made us one happy family. The professional organizational skills of the public relations team, knowledge of who to network with within Bermuda, and communication was essential in finding host families. Of interest were Cornerstone Bible Fellowship and the Sherri J. Radio Show who were very instrumental. Above all, it was the excellent presentations and interviews conducted by UWP’s public relations team that won over the public’s interest for sold-out performances. The community spirit shown for the community projects was of a high standard and I enjoyed working with one of my host daughters on Keep Bermuda Beautiful clean-up day. The highlights were the Taste of Bermuda Luncheon hosted by Kiwanis, the presented UWP memoirs, and the sponsorship of a student for UWP’s Cast B 2016.

Leleath G. Bailey
Liaison to UWP Cast A 2016
Kiwanis Clubs of Bermuda

This past April, my parents and I were fortunate enough to be a host family for Cast A 2016 during their stay in Bermuda. It was so beneficial to see first hand what it would be like for me to be in a host family when I travel with Cast B 2016 starting in July. I had two host sisters, one of whom will be traveling with me next semester. Both of them had such a good outlook on their experience and were such a blessing to have in our home. Through them, I was able to meet some of the other cast members, including a few who will also be traveling with me next semester! I even learned some songs and a bit of choreography. It was amazing to see so many multicultural young adults come together as one to serve a community not of their own and perform a show to promote peace and love. Ultimately, their visit has made me even more eager to serve, perform, and officially become an Uppie!

Johnae Tucker
Bermuda resident
STUDENT PROFILE: Yves Jageneau

Get to know Yves, a member of Cast A 2016 and now UWP alumnus

How did you hear about Up with People?
I was searching for something I could do as a gap year program but wanted to also leave an impact. I was talking about this with my parents during dinner and suddenly my grandmother interrupted us and said, “There used to be an organization called Up with People, and they travel the world and do community action.” We immediately started searching the internet and found Up with People. We saw that they had a show in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands, so we decided to buy tickets. I was not really convinced if performing a show was for me but I was blown away at the show’s message and the fact that there were so many young people from different countries who could spread the same message together. I applied after the show.

What was your favorite travel experience?
My favorite moment while traveling was to stop what I was doing and realize that I was in a certain place with so many people from 20 different countries, trying to achieve the same goal and make the world a better place for everyone. On those moments, I always told myself that I was lucky. I don’t think there is a more beautiful way to travel the world than with an international group like UWP.

What advice would you give to students of future UWP casts?
I would tell them to enjoy every moment of their tour. Make the best of it and try to see everything as a positive. Even if volunteering isn’t your passion, think about the people you’re helping.

What is the number one thing you will take away from your UWP experience?
One of our cast staff members told us to never underestimate the power of how much we can give to the world. We all can give so much more than we think. Whenever you have an off-day or a difficult moment, just ask yourself “How much more can I give?” There is only one answer: make a fist and tell yourself “I can give so much more!”

Thank you, Yves! Do you have anything to add?
UWP impacted my life so much. It made me see everything differently and in a more beautiful way. It made me thankful for things I have, things I can do, and things I experience. The past six months helped me grow so much as a person and I feel so ready for life. I am going to share my experience with everyone who is interested and I will show everyone how beautiful the world is.