

CAST B 2016'S
[TOUR SCHEDULE](#)

Denver, CO, USA

July 22-August 21

Grand Junction, CO, USA

August 22-28

Pueblo, CO, USA

August 29-September 4

Billings, MT, USA

September 5-11

Aurora, CO, USA

September 12-18

Salt Lake City, UT, USA

September 19-25

Sacramento, CA, USA

September 26-October 2

Naucalpan, Mexico

October 3-9

Cuautitlan, Mexico

October 10-16

Toluca, Mexico

October 17-23

Eskilstuna, Sweden

October 24-30

Sigtuna, Sweden

October 31-November 6

Kouvola, Finland

November 7-13

Espoo, Finland

November 14-20

Jyväskylä, Finland

November 21-27

Tallinn, Estonia

November 28-December 5

*Tour schedule is
subject to change.*

CAST B 2016 IS READY TO LEAVE ITS MARK

Participants don't just influence each other; they change your life, too.

Walk into Manual High School, located in the Park Hill neighborhood in Denver, Colorado, and you'll be greeted by various groups of students. "Sure," you think to yourself. "It's a high school so there will be lots of students around." Except these students don't attend Manual High School. Most of the students aren't even from the state of Colorado. These young people are members of the current Up with People (UWP) cast.

You run into Paulina, a bubbly girl from Mexico who recently competed on Mexico's "The Voice." As you open the doors to the auditorium, you are greeted quietly by Devante. He is a recent graduate of Manual High School who was encouraged to travel by a recent UWP alumnus. As you walk in between the rows of chairs, you hear two people having a conversation about global diversity and world ethics. It's Honey from Somalia and Alfred "Affe" from Sweden. They demonstrate that young people from two completely different walks of life can engage in a meaningful and respectful discussion about world issues; each adding their own perspectives without trying to influence the other. Finally, you stand at the foot of the stage and as watch Andrew from the United States teaches Yuka from Japan how to rig lights. Not only do UWP cast members perform a two-hour, professional production, they are also equipped with behind-the-scenes knowledge and instruction.

Different scenes are unfolding and relationships are forming all around you. For six months, more than 100 participants from countries such as the United States, Bermuda, China, Sweden, Liechtenstein, and Germany will travel around the world, spreading their message of hope and peace; a message needed now more than ever. Their ultimate goal is bigger than themselves. Yes, they hope to become more cultured young adults. However—more than that—they hope to have a lasting impact on those they meet along the way. Their purpose is to leave a legacy and influence community members to give back in a meaningful way.

Is UWP coming to your area? If so, get involved! Host a student, help on the planning committee, or see the show. Who knows? A future UWP participant may end up impacting your life, just as they do to each other.

MEET CHAMELI BELK-GUPTA

Get to know a member of Cast B 2016!

In 1965—a turbulent time in the United States—a group of young people decided to give their country something to believe in. In the midst of racial tension and negative attitudes, this group, led by J. Blanton Belk, exercised their voices using the international language of music. Up with People became a world-wide phenomenon, spreading their message of hope and peace through song and dance.

Today, UWP is sending its 200th cast into the world. Chameli Belk-Gupta is a participant with Cast B 2016... the granddaughter of J. Blanton Belk.

How did you hear about UWP?

My mom and aunt both traveled with UWP so I was really lucky to have the chance to grow up with the program. I don't remember a time when UWP wasn't a part of my life. I always loved hosting UWP students, seeing the shows, and I have been looking forward to traveling since I was little.

What aspects of your culture are you sharing with Cast B 2016?

One of my favorite aspects of American culture is its incredible diversity, and I think that this diversity is reflected in every family. My father grew up in India but my mother grew up in America, so my family has developed its own unique culture that I feel so lucky to have been raised in. I am very proud of America's diversity and look forward to sharing that with my cast mates.

Tells us about Staging and Orientation. What has been your favorite activity? Is there anything that you're nervous about?

I love performing so I have had a lot of fun learning all of the songs and dances. One of my favorite things, though, has been getting to know all of my fellow cast mates. Everyone comes from such different backgrounds yet shares similar ideals which I think is so special.

How has your host family experience been so far?

Do you have a favorite host family experience?

My host family experience has been great so far! On one of our first host family days, they took us to the Renaissance Festival. We had a lot of fun. It was very different from anything I had ever done before.

Do you have any goals you're hoping to accomplish?

I'm hoping to come out of this experience with a more opened mind and more developed perspective of the world. I also want to do as many things as possible that I have never done before.

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

I am—almost to a fault—a very careful planner, so I actually feel like I packed pretty well. When I was packing, I had a hard time deciding to not bring some things. Now that I'm here, I'm realizing that I don't really need as much as I thought.

Do you know someone like Chameli who would be a great participant in a future UWP cast? If so, check out our [student information page](#) or contact a UWP Admissions Counselor at +1 303.215.3208.



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UWP SUPPORTERS LEAVE THEIR LEGACY

Alumni and friends from all different walks of life are committing lasting gifts .

Generosity comes in many forms. When you give to UWP, you provide young people around the world with a unique international and educational experience, and the opportunity to impact the lives of others. UWP recently introduced a platform by which to leave a lasting legacy. Through www.upwithpeople.planmygift.org, donors can chart their own charitable path and find a way that not only lets them continue to provide for their families, but also support UWP at the same time.

After receiving his law degree and working as an associate in a New Hampshire law firm, Richard Johnson ('65A) is now a charitable fundraiser in Florida with more than 35 years of experience. "I feel that I owe much of my experience to Up with People and want to give back so that others may have a similar opportunity. I have earmarked a part of my estate to establish an endowment at a local

community foundation which will then provide grants to Up with People's Global Scholarship Fund," said Richard.

Jim Berry ('85E) did the same.

Jim and his partner, Gavin, met with their attorney and simply revised the bequest language so that their gift to UWP was now a percentage of their estate. "No other year of life experience or organization has so influenced my life as my year in Up with People," said Jim. "The program took a small town boy and made me a world citizen. While we are giving modestly and regularly, it is also important to help build the legacy of Up with People with our estate gift. We do so firmly rooted in the inspiration of Up with People and encourage others to do the same."

To learn more about how you can leave your legacy with UWP, visit our [planned giving portal](#) or call +1 720.215.3209. You can also read more about Richard, Jim, and others who have pledged their support to UWP by [clicking here](#).

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Up with People alumni can award an unlimited amount of Golden Passports each year to students they actively recruit to travel in our program. However, each future student can only receive one Golden Passport scholarship toward his or her program fee.

All students can apply for additional scholarship through Up with People's General Fund and Global Scholarship Fund.

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KIWANIS CLUB TO HOST UWP IN INDIANA

The partnership between Kiwanis International and UWP continues to benefit both organizations.

Zionsville, Indiana is a quaint mid-American town just outside of Indianapolis which recently gained a new asset: a Kiwanis club. This brand new club was seeking a way to make a splash in their suburban community while demonstrating what Kiwanis stands for: serving the children of the world. They found the way to do just that through UWP.

Pau ('91E) and Mike ('91E) Nelson are the impetus behind this enormous undertaking. Having experienced this program firsthand, Pau knows the wide-range of benefits that UWP can bring to a community. Service, fellowship, cultural exchange, and powerful positive messages through music are just some of the many benefits that these club leaders are sure they will see in their community.

“When you bring 100 students to town from 20 different countries, they impact everyone they come in contact with: from the school children who will participate in culture fairs to the organizations who will benefit from their service to the host families who will welcome them into their families for one week. We believe this will be a great opportunity to bring the world into Zionsville and make a splash as a new Kiwanis Club,” said Pau.



Pau and Mike wore matching show costumes during their UWP tour.



UWP is grateful to Pau, Mike, and their family for working to bring UWP to their community.

The cast will visit the Zionsville area in 2017.

The Zionsville club plans to have cast members do a great deal of work in the Zionsville-area schools, catering the offerings to the needs of each individual school. They also plan to host a culture fair for elementary and middle school students. This event will bring the world of diversity to the youth in schools and create a life-long bond between the UWP participants and their host families.

No matter how you look at it, this collaborative project is going to make a splash and a positive impact in this community. And who knows? It might just change a life of a child, too.

Do you want to bring a future UWP cast to your community? Learn how by [clicking here](#) or contact a regional manager:

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