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SEE YOU SOON!

- **SEPTEMBER 25—OCTOBER 2, 2017**

Cast B 2017 tour stop to Harrisonburg, VA, USA

To purchase show tickets, host a student, or find out more information, visit www.upwithpeople.org/harrisonburg.

- **OCTOBER 2—9, 2017**

Cast B 2017 tour stop to Washington, DC, USA

To purchase show tickets, host a student, or find out more information, visit www.upwithpeople.org/washingtondc.

- **OCTOBER 4—8, 2017**

German Assembly with Sing Out Germany in Bad Uberkingen, Germany

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- **OCTOBER 9—16, 2017**

Cast B 2017 tour stop to Cholula, México

To purchase show tickets, host a student, or find out more information, visit www.upwithpeople.org/cholula.

SAVE THE DATE

- **DECEMBER 3—10, 2017**

eXperience Rome

[Click here for details](#).

- **JUNE 8—10, 2018**

European Alumni Meeting in Engleberg, Switzerland

[Click here for details](#).

- **JULY 25—29, 2018**

Up with People International Alumni Association Reunion



eXperience Rome

December 3 - 10, 2017 | Price \$2,195

Join Up with People in Rome for an unforgettable week of shows, special access tours of Rome's greatest historical sites, a memorable day trip to Florence, and an exclusive invitation to watch the Journey Alumni Cast when they perform for Pope Francis on the steps of St. Pieter's Square.

upwithpeople.org/experienceRome



STUDY ABROAD ALUMNA CREDITS UP WITH PEOPLE FOR HER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Cast B 2016 alumna, Emma Hayward, write about a scholarship she received to Loyola University Chicago.

I am so excited and proud to announce that I will be attending Loyola University Chicago this Fall as a transfer student! I didn't think it was a possibility to get in with my grades in high school due to an average GPA because of health reasons. After applying myself to Up with People's study abroad program, I have a 3.75 GPA and was awarded a \$16,000 scholarship applied to each year I attend Loyola because of my academic

achievements and my unique experience with Up with People. I am housed in a dormitory called the "International House" because of my experience with different cultures and international understanding. I am so happy and truly believe this never would have been possible without Up with People.

Learn more about Up with People's study abroad opportunity

In addition to our strong experiential learning and workshop-based curriculum, Up with People's academic credit program offers a great opportunity for students on tour. Courses are taught in a blended format: a combination of face-to-face class time with the professors and online course methods like discussion boards and Skype calls.

Coursework assignments directly align with what is happening on tour and is spread over the full UWP semester, rather than the standard 15-week semester of a typical university program. This makes the week-by-week academic workload slightly lighter, which is necessary because the UWP program includes an intense tour with a very full schedule.

To learn more about UWP's academic credit option, associated costs, and student requirements, visit www.upwithpeople.org/travel.





UP WITH PEOPLE LAUNCHES A \$2 MILLION CAMPAIGN IN HONOR OF THE COLWELL BROTHERS AND HERB ALLEN

Photo credit: Wendy Whittemore, used with permission

Alumni help raise more than \$75,000 at the campaign launch in Tucson, AZ, USA.

“There’s gonna be another day and it’s not too far away.” These lyrics—familiar to many alumni around the world—are from the UWP song, *There’s Gonna Be Another Day*, written by musical founders Paul Colwell, Ralph Colwell, and Herb Allen. And they, along with Steve Colwell, were honored at the UWP International Alumni Association 2017 Reunion in July. More than 900 UWP alumni and supporters from around the world came together to reconnect poolside, meet for cocktails at the Westin La Paloma bar, and reminisce about their time on the road as UWP cast members. The weekend-long list of festivities included a special reception where musical prodigies, the Colwell Brothers and Allen, were recognized for their many UWP songwriting successes and accomplishments.

In honor of their lifelong dedication to the organization, UWP officially launched its “Another Day” campaign, a year-long initiative to raise \$2 million towards scholarship, programming, production needs, and an endowment in their names.

“We are grateful to Paul, Ralph, and Steve Colwell,



and Herb Allen for their selfless dedication in promoting the message of global understanding across borders and oceans,” said Terry Adams (’81A), Vice President for Advancement. “The power of their words and music will continue to inspire generations and leave a lasting legacy.”

The night of the official launch—through mobile texting—UWP alumni and supporters in attendance and around the world raised more than \$75,000 to the “Another Day” campaign, which included a \$25,000 match from the UWP International Alumni Association.

To make a gift to the “Another Day” campaign in honor of the Colwell Brothers and Herb Allen, visit www.upwithpeople.org/anotherday.



CAMP UWP CONTINUES TO BE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH

Silver Hills Middle School student, Elizabeth Wilmer (left), describes her Camp Up with People experience.

Camp UWP is an experience that I will never forget. It is a place that helped me grow and change for the better. It has given me life lessons and ideas that I will take with me throughout the rest of my life. Camp is a place that taught me things I would've never learned elsewhere. It has helped me understand the rest of the world and realize that the issues that are happening, wherever they may be, affect me too. Camp has given me new ways to think about the world around me. It's a

place that has given me new friendships that will last a lifetime, but more than that, it has given me a family. Camp has given me a family that I know will always be there for me wherever and whenever I need them. Not only has camp given me adventure, life lessons, and a family, but it has given me another place to call home.

Learn more about Camp UWP and UWP Jr.

Camp UWP is a nonprofit, three-week performing arts summer camp that brings together young people from around the world to impact and inspire the community through service and song. It's a collaborative effort between the Horizons Learning Foundation and UWP in an effort to reach high school-aged youth (ages 13-17) interested in performing arts, leadership, and global citizenship. To find out more about Camp UWP, visit www.campupwithpeople.org.

UWP Jr. is a nonprofit performing arts and leadership development day camp. UWP Jr. will bring together a diverse group of local students

(ages 8-11) to educate and inspire them to impact their community through service and cultural understanding. Through a unique combination of components such as performing arts, team building activities, and intercultural education, youth will gain a sense of social responsibility, global awareness, and confidence. Learn how your child can get involved at www.upwithpeoplejr.org.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: IRIS BUTLER

I am dripping melanin with honey. I am black without apology. —Upile

December 18, 1998. Denver, Colorado. 6:27 a.m. A beautiful, bubbly girl was born. She is going to be something that is going to rock this whole world. Not a singer or an actress. But something great. Her name is Delaine Iris Butler (on my shiny social card), or Iris Delaine Butler (on my birth certificate).

Many years later, red clay dirt on my feet. My mom talking to my god-daddy with the sun shining down on my beautiful kinky hair. I remember growing up as a young child. I didn't have very many worries. I go to school. Come home. Play with friends and then go inside before the streetlights went out. It seems like the same old, same old. I didn't have anything to complain about. It was just my mom and me.

I had a very good childhood but as I have gotten older, I now know that the farm we stayed at for so many years was my god-dad's and he gave it to me when he passed away. I also recently found out that my mom and I were struggling then but she made everything seem okay. Like there's nothing to worry about. But of course, I would feel that way. She strongly believed that a child should stay a child and that a child should stay in its place. But she also believed that I should be able to do anything I wanted to do. I remember as a child growing up, we moved a lot. We lived in a couple of shelters for women and children. But we also had our own place. I remember this time, as a child growing up, we had the massive house with a beautiful wrap-around porch.

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CAST B 2017'S UPCOMING TOUR STOPS

Harrisonburg, VA, USA

September 25—October 2, 2017

Washington, D.C., USA

October 2—9, 2017

Cholula, México

October 9—16, 2017

Ciudad de México , México

October 16—23, 2017

Querétaro , México

October 23—30, 2017

Monterrey, México

October 30—November 6, 2017

Stuttgart, Germany

November 6—13, 2017

Wartenberg, Germany

November 13—20, 2017

Donaueschingen, Germany

November 20—27, 2017

Discover upcoming shows, tour stops, alumni receptions, and other events by visiting www.upwithpeople.org/tours-events/.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT continued...

We were doing great. I think at the time I was struggling in school. But I guess something happened. We had no lights and we were running out of food. My mom and I would sleep together. We would draw, color, or do a puzzle. Once we did a *That's So Raven* puzzle, glued it to the box, and hung it like a poster. It was so cool. What made it even cooler was that we did it together.

As I got older, I started to become more aware of myself and that things around me. Or at least, at the time, the world made sense but that changed when we moved to Grand Junction, Colorado. In middle school, I remember I had really bad depression. My depression messed up my mind, my body, and my spirit. I couldn't sleep and if I did sleep, I slept for really long periods of time. But guess what. Something in me changed. Like everything in me was like, "Girl, get it together." Okay, maybe not in one day. But it felt like it.

There's a quote that I love so much: "17 and 18 is too young to accomplish your dreams. But it's the right age to start." People seem to always tell me that they love to talk to me because I'm understanding and give good advice. This is cool because I love to talk and help anyone the best I can, no matter their situation or who they are. And that has made me the person I am today.

Written by current UWP student, Iris Butler



UWP ALUMNI AND FRIENDS EXPERIENCE ITALY AND ANDREA BOCELLI

UWP has made many trips to Italy in recent years, thanks in large part to alumnus Leonardo Guarnieri ('86E). Most recently, a large group of alumni and UWP supporters, staff members, and a special UWP alumni cast came together for eXperience Bocelli. From August 2–5, 2017, the group traveled to Italy to watch UWP perform during Andrea Bocelli's annual concert which took place just outside of Florence. The special alumni cast performed signature pieces such as the African dance, *Gumboot*, and *Gypsy*, the traditional and colorful

dance from Russia. The alumni cast then joined Andrea Bocelli for the finales of both the first and second acts of the concert.

If you're interested in participating in a UWP eXperience Program, more information can be found by [clicking here](#). Since 2012, UWP has taken its talents in global touring to develop unique travel opportunities for the general public. Our next program—eXperience Rome—will take place December 3–10, 2017. Information and registration for that program can be found [here](#).

FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, VICENTE FOX, VISITS DENVER

Vicente Fox, former President of Mexico, visited Denver the week of August 29, 2017, and was treated to special hospitality, including special UWP performances. First, a group of current UWP students performed the song, *El Puente*, for President Fox at a Governor's reception. *El Puente* was written by UWP for Mexico, is about building bridges—not walls—between the peoples of both nations. Then, during a forum at Metro State University in Denver, President Fox, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, and Canadian Consul Stephane Lessard, experienced a mini UWP show

full of dances, songs from our latest show, *The Journey*, and the Up with People theme song.

During a VIP reception that followed, UWP President and CEO, Dale Penny, as well as Armando Gonzalez, UWP Admissions and Sales Manager for Mexico, were able to speak with President Fox about the relationship between the two. President Fox was very impressed with the UWP's performance—UWP is known as Viva la Gente (VLG) in Mexico—and hopes that a cast can visit him in Mexico soon.



UWP TUITION GRANTS AVAILABLE

Check out the available grants below if you're interested in upcoming UWP programs.

Innate in our human spirit is a drive to inspire, grow, impact, and create positive change. Since 1965, UWP has been impacting the world by empowering young people to become leaders, excellent communicators, informed global citizens, confident performers and contributing community members. We are thrilled to announce scholarship and grant opportunities for students traveling in our upcoming programs.

As a proud supporter of UWP, we know you look for ways to get involved. Thank you! We invite you to share the mission of UWP, as well as these scholarship and grant opportunities to youth in your communities. How rewarding would it be to see someone you know travel the world and make a difference? Who do you know who would like to take part in this 52-year tradition of youth impacting the world, one community at a time? You were born with the ability to inspire and change someone's life and we believe your assistance will positively impact the next generation of youth, our future leaders. We are grateful for you.

For more information or to find out more about how you or someone you know can travel in a future UWP cast, call +1 303.460.7100 or visit www.upwithpeople.org/admissions.



Up with People tuition grants available for participants applying for the Jan. / July 2018 and Jan. / July 2019 programs. For more information email scholarships@upwithpeople.org



AFRICAN AMERICAN
African American Tuition Grant
\$10,000 USD: Only 5 awarded for this program; automatically available to African American participants.



MEXICAN CITIZEN
Mexican Citizen Tuition Grant
\$5,000 USD: Automatically available to all applicants with Mexican citizenship living in Mexico.



ESTONIAN CITIZEN
Estonian Citizen Tuition Grant
\$5,000 USD: Offered for the Jan. & July 2018 programs; Automatically available to all applicants with Estonian citizenship living in Estonia.



NATIVE AMERICAN
Native American Grant
up to \$10,000 USD:
Available to all Native Americans

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US AT WWW.UPWITHPEOPLE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS

DISCOVER OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS: EXPLORE MORE DISCOVERY MUSEUM

At Explore More Discovery Museum, children say they're playing and having fun! Grownups know that real learning is taking place. Play, often referred to as the "work of childhood," is vital to a child's healthy development and at Explore More, we strive to provide a rich environment that fosters children's natural curiosity.

Children ages 1-12 and their families and caregivers comprise Explore More's target audience of nearly 60,000 visitors annually. The Museum serves nearly 10,000 educators and students through SOL-based field trips for preschool through grade 5. People of all ethnicities, ability levels, and socioeconomic and religious backgrounds come to the Museum to play and learn together.

The rich learning environment promotes problem-solving, creativity and teamwork, essential skills for our children's future. Special classes and programs engage children in science, technology,

engineering, art, and math first-hand.

"Explore More is delighted to work with Up with People again to bring their high-energy performance and stellar service-oriented youth to our community," says Explore More Development Officer Trisha Blosser. "The support and direction from UWP staff makes a project of this scale fun and manageable. It brings the community together in a unique way and gives us the opportunity to forge new partnerships and connections. If you've been approached by UWP, don't miss this amazing opportunity!"

To learn more about the Explore More Discovery Museum, located in Harrisonburg, VA, USA, visit www.iexplore.com. A special thank you to Trisha Blosser from Explore More Discovery Museum for contributing this story.





DISCOVER OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS: ORANGE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

It started like any typical day. Phil was driving home from work when suddenly; his car was hit by a drunk driver. Phil had to have four major surgeries that included installing a bone plate to hold his neck together and replacing crushed vertebrae with a titanium cage. His wife Jen tried to keep it all together but the emotional, medical and financial toll was overwhelming. Fortunately, she was able to get assistance from the Orange Area Service Committee (OASC), a non-profit voluntary organization that acts as a safety net for all residents who live in a community within the Orange School District in Northeast Ohio. Any resident who is in an urgent situation may apply for an emergency grant to help cover the cost of items such as food, rent, utilities, medical bills, and academic needs.

OASC helps about 150 families a year and like any non-profit organization, fundraising is key to its success. In 2016, UWP was a huge help in that effort by bringing its show to the area. Wherever UWP performs, it spends time participating in

service projects and living with local host families. The tour also teams up with a local group like Orange Area Service Committee which then receives the proceeds raised from the shows. OASC was the beneficiary in 2016 and is looking forward to partnering again in 2017.

OASC President Julie Bonebrake says, "The Up with People Advance Team is so organized. They do most of the work and provide the framework for us to structure sponsorships and sell ticket for the shows. It provides a wonderful opportunity to not only bring attention to our organization but also the money we receive allows us to help more people in in our community who need assistance. People like Phil and Jen, a hard working couple whose world was turned upside down after a terrible accident. It is a fantastic program and we are very fortunate to be a part of it."

Learn more about this nonprofit by visiting www.orangeareaservice.org. Thank you to Valeri Furst of the OASC for her contribution.



ORANGE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE