



UWPIAA Updates

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Alumni Community–Kristina T’Seyen

Building a Strong Alumni Community

Creating value and pride in being an UWP alum

Listening to alumni

Qualifying the Connector group and identifying the key people:

Cast/Crew/Regional Reps and others with large alumni networks

Bimonthly connector meetings

Reaching out around the globe and working to increase attendance, the flow of information, and have dynamic meetings with special guests like Cast A23, Mr. Belk, and on 14 Jan: a trio of songwriters.

Shining the “spotlight” on alumni



Alumni Engagement—JD Douglas

Supporting Alumni in Finding Their Place and People

Getting to know alumni and support their networking

For example, connecting with members of Voices Cast A23 before their tour ended to share about the UWPIAA.

Helping alumni to find something within our programs that is of interest and relevant to them.

Making sure alumni are aware of the opportunities to engage, connect, inspire, learn and explore the world.



Communications—Marisa Connors

Engaging Alumni in Their Preferred Social Spaces

UWPIAA Facebook page: facebook.com/upwiaa and
group: facebook.com/groups/uwpiaa

We are on Instagram, LinkedIn and the UWP Alumni Hub. WhatsApp has helped to communicate about Annual Alumni Week, and we now have a bigger presence on YouTube.

UpBeat is our alumni newsletter, where we feature stories about alumni, our programs and our partners and affiliates, promoting and sharing about alumni events like EAM and UWP Day in Udea, Japan and cast/crew gatherings with the hope of inspiring more alumni to participate.

Global Impact–Karen Cvitkovich

Offering Alumni Volunteering and Learning Events with Positive Global Impact

Annual Alumni Week, August 2024

Belfast Peace Study Group: *To better understand the Northern Ireland peace process and lessons learned that can benefit today’s challenges. Includes pre-Annual Alumni Week Zoom, trip to Belfast and panel discussion during Annual Alumni Week.*

Teens Supporting Each Other: *Cast T and Local Teens will participate in team-building and develop a mutual understanding of challenges teens face today and how we can support each other. We’re collaborating with Jigsaw, a local Irish NGO.*

Kosovo/Albania Global Impact Trip, Fall 2024

Collaborating with Paul de Lange (‘86-‘92) and his foundation, New Day Impact and building on past UWP tours to the region (‘18 and ‘19) for 6 days with 16 – 20 alumni volunteering to improve the lives of children, elders and families in need with long-term, sustainable projects.



Moving past “The Troubles”





Events—Mary McCullough

Creating Events to Reconnect and Inspire

Annual Alumni Week, 5-11 August

Monday, August 5th

“Welcome to Limerick” day, city tours and an Irish evening!
Launch of Xperience K & T with “Family Day” and orientation.

Tuesday, August 6th to Friday, August 9th

Educational sessions and workshops
Daily Xperience K & T programmes
Optional Daily Tours

Saturday, August 10th

Medieval experience at Bunratty Castle
Dance party with the renowned and much requested Survival Band

Sunday, August 11th

Departure day and optional UWPIAA Travel Programme



Awards—Debbie Lagomarsino Woidke

Recognizing Outstanding Alumni

UWPIAA Annual Awards

J. Blanton Belk Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna Award

Sam Lanham Award for Extraordinary Service to the UWPIAA

James E. MacLennan Everyday Hero Award

Outstanding Cast/Crew Representative Award

Travel—Colleen Dowd

Creating Opportunities for Exploring the World with Other Alumni

Traveling with friends from an alum's cast/crew or meeting new ones and continuing the journey, adventure, exploration, and learning that connects us all.

Following Annual Alumni Week, from August 11th-16th, 2024, there is an opportunity to explore Scotland and England.

In Spring 2024, a weekend trip to Nashville.

Possibly partnering with UWP/Voices to join a cast on tour.





Professional Development—Lori Lucas Howe

Growing Professionally through Alumni Connections

Current Program

Mentorship – October 2023 through April 2024

Programs in Development

Hot topic discussions

Profession-connect series

Cultural or other training programs