

#### **UWP SIGNS NEW ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP**

#### Global Education Program Takes An Exciting Leap Forward

Up with People's alumni network understands and appreciates the immeasurable value of participating in UWP's global education program. We can all speak to the impact our tours have had on nearly every aspect of our lives.

On Thursday, September 25, 2011, the UWP program received formal



recognition for the unique educational experience we provide when Florida Southern College (FSC) joined us as our new academic partner. FSC has an immense appreciation for the UWP student experience and is as excited as we are about collaborating with us to bring traditional academic coursework as a

value-add to the already strong experiential and workshopbased education program we deliver today.

At the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two institutions, Dr. Anne Kerr,

President of Florida Southern College shared her feelings about the agreement; "FSC has won national recognition for engaged learning and commit-

ment to producing globally aware students. The connection with UWP as the not choose to enroll in the academic educational partner allows FSC to combine our experience in engaged learning benefits of the UWP global education with UWP's unparalleled international

program. We believe both organizations will be richer for the collaboration."

transcript from FSC. Students who do program will continue to reap all the program that students enjoy today.

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This new academic option will launch with our July 2012 student program. FSC faculty will teach three or four university courses during our international tour each semester. Delivery will be a "blended" format, combination of direct classroom instruction and online learning. Courses will be selected and content delivered in a way which complements and takes advantage of all program components: tour locations,

> service-learning projects, group workshops on leadership, cultural awareness, global issues and team development.

> The academic program will not be required for

all students. Those who opt-in and successfully complete all coursework as assessed by FSC will earn full-time equivalent credit and will receive a

Below are the two primary differences between this new structure and UWP's past university agreements:

- Transferable academic credit: credit earned through FSC will be transferable to other accredited institutions, upon approval by the receiving institution. Enrollment at FSC is not a requirement for credit to be gained.
  - Use of financial aid: participants enrolled for a degree program at any US college/university at the time of their UWP participation may be eligible to apply their federal financial aid monies toward the UWP program fee. In some cases, state and institutional/private aid may also be used. Financial aid eligibility will be dependent on the home college/university approving participation in UWP as a valid study abroad experience.



Dr. Anne Kerr, President of Florida Southern College

partnership MOU.

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As a result of this agreement, the UWP program will be more marketable as a study abroad option, especially for university students, and will offer increased academic opportunities for gap year and international students.

College and university contacts interested in learning more about this new program should call Eric Lentz, UWP Senior Vice President at 720-215-3203 or email to <a href="mailto:elentz@upwithpeople.org">elentz@upwithpeople.org</a>.

We are extremely excited about the future of our work with FSC and we will be heavily focused on program development and operational planning for the next 6-8 months. We look forward to sharing more details with you as the program is further refined. In the meantime, be sure to turn to page 3 to review our "Future UWP Academic Program Q & A" where we have addressed your most common questions.

If you still have questions, don't hesitate to contact us. Interested students should contact Brad Good, Manager of Admissions Counseling at 720-215-3212 or via email at bgood@upwithpeople.org.



Dr. Thompson, Dr. Fedler and Dr. Kerr from Florida Southern College with Alain Thiry, Angel Cortes and Eric Lentz from Up with People.

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#### WHY FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE?

Founded in 1883, Florida Southern College (<a href="www.flsouthern.edu">www.flsouthern.edu</a>) is an accredited liberal-arts institution located in Lakeland, Florida with a strong academic reputation and a university-wide commitment to engaged and experiential learning, volunteerism and global experiences. These characteristics and their commitment to a long-term partnership with UWP made them a clear choice among several university candidates.

FSC went to great efforts to understand the existing UWP education offering and saw great value in what we had established over our many years of providing global experiences. They are wholly committed to building on the strongest aspects of what we already do well, adding value through their expertise and unique academic strengths.

The fit is natural. Among dozens of academic, sports and architectural accolades earned by FSC in the past several years, the most noteworthy for this relationship occurred in 2010. FSC received the prestigious William M. Burke Presidential Award for Excellence in Experiential Education. This award is presented annually by the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE) in association with The Washington Center.

Commenting in 2010 on the College's strength among the other nominees, the NSEE president James Walters said the selection committee was impressed with FSC President Dr. Anne Kerr's leadership to transform the college

curriculum to provide



The organic design that graces the campus of Florida Southern College is the work of Frank Lloyd Wright.

students with numerous experiential education experiences. At Florida Southern, tenure decisions are in part based on faculty members' success in incorporating experiential learning pedagogies in the classroom.

For FSC, working with UWP will provide yet another way for their faculty to engage in the blending of classroom and experiential education. We will be all the better for it.



#### **Q & A FOR NEW ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP**

Are all UWP participants required to take part in the academic program? No. Those interested in participating in the academic program through FSC must opt-in and may be required to meet additional application criteria. Participation must be determined at the start of the semester and cannot be amended once the semester is underway.

# If I don't participate in the academic program, will my international experience with UWP be compromised in any way?

No. Even when this new academic program begins in July 2012, the core components of the UWP program – international travel, service-learning, leadership development, performing arts, host family living – will all remain the same. All students participating in the UWP program will share the same unique global experience.

# Who is eligible to participate in this new academic program and earn credit through FSC?

Most UWP participants who are currently enrolled in a US college/ university are eligible. Options are also being developed for gap year students (travelling after high school and prior to college) and international students not enrolled in a US college/university. Additional application criteria, which will be determined and communicated by December 2011, may be required for those who opt-in for the program.

#### Do I have to be a student at FSC to receive credit for this program?

No. You are not required to enroll at FSC in order to participate in and receive academic credit for this program. However, we encourage students who are seeking a college program to consider FSC. FSC students are invited to apply to travel abroad in the UWP global education program.

# I am interested in studying at Florida Southern College after my UWP program is complete. Is that possible?

Yes. FSC welcomes applications from any UWP students/alumni. Any student who enrolls for undergraduate study at FSC following their completion of the UWP program will receive an annual \$2000 scholarship toward their studies at FSC.

# What academic courses will be offered during the UWP global education program?

There will be a set menu of three or four courses offered each semester. All UWP students who participate in the academic program will take the same courses. Specific courses for July 2012 and January 2013 have not yet been confirmed but will be determined by December 2011. Students will not have the option to select alternative courses or select from a menu/course catalog.

#### I want to go abroad with UWP as my semester abroad during college. How do I arrange for the academic credit to transfer back to my home university?

Work directly with your study abroad office. If there is no study abroad office at your university, speak to your academic advisor or to someone in your registrar office to understand the specific policies and procedures related to study abroad at your school.

# I am a college/ university student studying in the US. Can I use any of my financial aid toward the UWP program?

Yes. Your federal financial aid can be applied toward any academic program in which you are enrolled full-time and for which your home university has approved credit transfer. Financial aid processing is handled by your home university. Please work directly with your study abroad office or financial aid office. Your ability to use state or institutional/private financial aid cannot be guaranteed and is at the discretion of your home university.

# I've seen other schools listed on your website. Does UWP have other university partners? How are they different from the new program with FSC?

Yes. UWP has established "affiliate" relationships with Hawaii Pacific University, Carroll University and Western New England University. These three universities offer academic credit for the UWP program to their own students who study abroad with UWP or for students who enroll at their university after completing the UWP program. Enrollment at each of these colleges is required to receive credit.

The essential difference between these affiliate relationships and our academic program partnership with Florida Southern College is that FSC will be the exclusive provider of academic programming for UWP and the credit earned is transferable to any accredited college/university.

# If I participated in the UWP program prior to July 2012, can I get the credit/transcript from FSC too?

No. The academic credit offered through the partnership with FSC is a new program only available to students in our July 2012 program and beyond. The credit will be earned for specific university courses taken during the semester. We encourage students who travelled in the UWP program prior to July 2012 to work with their home university to seek independent study credit or consider enrollment at one of our Affiliate Universities to take advantage of their unique credit offers for UWP alumni.

#### I don't need academic credit for my semester/year with UWP. Am I RE-QUIRED to take the academic courses?

No. The new academic program delivered in partnership with FSC is NOT required. Participants must meet the additional entry requirements for the academic program and opt-in prior to the start of the semester. Participants who choose not to participate in the academic program will continue to enjoy all the benefits of the UWP program as it is today.

# I have finished my college studies but I'd still like to take the courses and earn the academic credit. Am I eligible?

Yes, provided you meet the additional entry requirements for the academic program. These requirements will be clearly communicated to all program applicants by December 2011.

#### Who can I contact for more information?



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More enhancements will be added in the coming months so continue to visit us online! Also, send us your comments and/or update your contact information through our Contact Us form online.

For questions or comments about the new site or to request further information about applying to our Global Education Program or sponsoring UWP in your community, email <a href="mailto:info@upwithpeople.org">info@upwithpeople.org</a>.







# CAMP UP WITH PEOPLE FINISHES ITS FIRST YEAR!!!

By Tim Lane ('75C/E+, Camp Director)

WOW....where do I begin! The first summer They went swimming in our own private

of Camp UWP was a huge success!! Fifty-four campers from 12 countries (56% non-U.S.) and 9 U.S. states participated in this summer's two 3-week sessions...Cast A and Cast B!

Seventeen young men and 37 young women spent part of their summer in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virgin-

ia.....but if you ask them....they spent it with their new "family" from all over the world.

Sixty-three percent were related and/or recommended by alumni, with seven campers recruited by Cast A 2011, and eight had never heard of UWP before coming to Camp.

The experience was a taste of what traveling in UWP would be like. They learned and performed a one hour show, thanks in large part to Lynne Morris, the UWP Production Staff, our Camp Staff and support from Bill Welsh, Humberto Alabado, Charlotte Lane and Sergio Campos. The majority of songs were UWP songs/dances, though some specialty numbers were added based on our cast members/campers talents.

They met, interacted and performed with Herb Allen and the Colwell Brothers. They did over 24 hours of community service projects in the Harrisonburg, VA area, stayed with host families for one-night while visiting Washington D.C., which included a visit to the White House, thanks to alumna Rocio Carrasco Lozano Hertig's husband Don; a tour of the C-SPAN television studios and Q&A, thanks to alumna Susan Swain; and a behind the scenes tour, Q&A and lunch at the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel, thanks to alumna Steele Stevenson and Camp Staff member, Emma Nissen.

Camp UWP Cast A

the NRAO Green Bank Telescope, world's largest fully steerable radio antenna. They rode horses, performed in some talent shows and partied with our sister camp,

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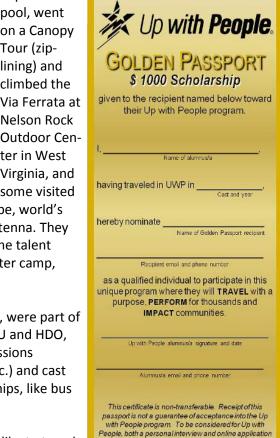
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Camp Horizons.

They did culture presentations, were part of a home team, experienced HPU and HDO, and had leadership training sessions (comfort zones; trust walks, etc.) and cast meetings. They had assistantships, like bus metros and costume crew.

Their taste of what it might be like to travel in UWP, though only three weeks long, truly will last a lifetime, as these young people genuinely connected with each other in a very meaningful way. The intensity of the program (which was intentional), serving others (learning that life is not all about them), sharing and overcoming some of their fears, including but not limited to speaking in front of a group and performing on stage, along with living with each other 24/7 bonded them deeply, as they truly learned to care about each other. This was evidenced by the tears they shed as the last days and hours of their experience approached....can we say...30 minutes of hugging each other goodnight practically EVERY EVENING.....and full on tears....actually "wailing" on departure day? That's when we knew this summer camp is for REAL ....and that there will be a waiting list for summers to come.



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must be completed www.upwithpeople.org/apply

UWP alumni can award unlimited Golden Passports each year to students they actively recruit to travel with UWP. However, each future student can only receive one Golden Passport scholarship toward his/her program fee. All students can apply for additional scholarships through the General Scholarship Fund.



#### CAMP UP WITH PEOPLE CONTINUED



The staff was truly amazing.....and my hat is off to them for taking on this new venture and rising to each occasion. Our staff was made up of Martin Brennan ('93A; '07C; '08A; and '08B) as the Cast/Camp Manager, Emma Nissen ('10B) Camp Representative/Music Coordinator/Counselor, Chris Pierno ('10B) Camp Representative/Social Media/Sound Technician/CI Coordinator/DC Host Families/Counselor, Kyle Chan ('10B; '11A) and Lotte Van den heuvel

('11A) Dance Captains/Counselors, Samantha Gonzales ('11A) Food Service and Lifeguard, and Chiara Mari ('11A) Food Service/Swap Shop/ Laundry/Medicine giver outer. If you'd like to be in touch with us to get our impressions of this first summer, we encourage you to do so. You can find us all on Facebook. It is hard to explain to someone who hasn't been through it, but we know you'll be patient with us, and we need/want to tell everyone about our incredible experience....once we get some sleep.

We will again have two sessions this next summer (2012). The dates will be July 1-21; and July 22-August 11. We anticipate many of our campers from this summer to return so sign up soon to secure a spot.

Please visit our website: <a href="www.CampUpwithPeople.org">www.CampUpwithPeople.org</a>, to learn more about Camp Up with People, find out about costs and register!

And finally....Thank you to John Hall ('78D) and Alain Thiry ('75C) who created this new camp, to the parents of our campers who entrusted their children to us this summer and for all who supported this wonderful program with your gifts, ideas and encouragement.



After a successful first year, UWP is holding a summer camp, specifically designed to give middle and high school age students a taste of what it would be like to be in Up with People!

#### **SCHEDULE:**

Cast A: July 1 - July 21, 2012 Cast B: July 22 - August 11, 2012 Cost per 3 week session: \$2,600

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#### MEASURING THE IMPACT OF UP WITH PEOPLE

For over 45 years Up with People has changed the lives of many and impacted communities we have traveled in. Here is a look at where we stand today:

Up with People has over **21,000** alumni members that come from over **102** countries! Since 1965, **180** Up with People casts have visited **4,500** communities in **42** countries.

While traveling Up with People students have performed more than 3 million community service hours.

None of this would have been possible without the 500,000 host families who opened their doors and welcomed students in.

It is safe to say that over the years, Up with People has had widespread impact. It is estimated that over **22 million** worldwide have been impacted by this organization.

Help continue the impact of Up with People!

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# Up with People seeks song submissions!

Up with People, the non-profit global educational organization, is currently seeking song submissions for its 2012 touring production, growing online music library, and emerging social media campaigns.



In existence since 1965, UWP is best known for the many original musical productions it has staged over 45 years. The UWP music library (available on iTunes or your favorite online music provider) includes over 300 original songs, in all popular musical styles.

Currently, UWP is seeking songs from around the world that communicate world events, social issues, the hopes and desires of the next generation, as well as the timeless messages that UWP has stood for since 1965, including understanding among nations, the power of youth, and the power of music.



<u>Click Here</u> to read the rules and regulations and find out more about submitting your song!



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#### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011





semesters beginning in January and July of every year,

participating in various community service projects,

performing a dynamic musical show and experiencing a

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#### **TOUR SCHEDULE**

#### **Cast B 2011**

Sioux Falls/Vermillion, South Dakota - USA September 5 - September 11, 2011

Woodbury, Minnesota - USA

September 12 - September 18, 2011

Cleveland, Ohio - USA

September 19 - September 25, 2011

Chetumal, Quintana Roo - Mexico September 26 - October 2, 2011

Zapopan, Jalisco - Mexico

October 3 - October 9, 2011

Puebla, Puebla - Mexico

October 10 - October 12, 2011

Toluca, Estado de Mexico - Mexico

October 12 - October 16, 2011

Los Mochis, Sinaloa - Mexico

October 17 - October 23, 2011

Mazatlán, Sinaloa - Mexico

October 24 - October 30, 2011

Hermosillo, Sonora - Mexico

October 31 - November 6, 2011

Tucson, Arizona - USA

November 7 - November 13, 2011

**Philippines** 

November 14 - December 13, 2011

**End of Tour/Cast Departure** 

December 13

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