

THE MANTA

THE UWC THAILAND
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TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

You may have heard the gentle chiming of brass bells as the wind blows through the passageway of our main Administration Building. Our donor 'Tree of Gratitude' is hanging near the library stairs and its chimes are a gentle reminder of the generosity shown by our community and our gratitude in return.



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The term philanthropy is often used to describe generosity, which is often referred to as **the giving of "time, talent, and treasure."** In this edition of the Manta Pulse, we take a look at how our community members share their gifts to ensure that we can continue to provide a transformative learning experience for students. At UWC Thailand each of our donors is recognised through a Thai Bodhi Leaf (image above) and the leaf hangs on our 'Tree of Gratitude'.



WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER



[Episode #31 Transformation](#)



Have you ever transformed your life? Have you made changes to become a different type of person? Are there any changes you wish you could make in life? In this episode, we look at personal and social transformation and how challenges and struggles can help us change into better or more complete individuals. Listen to it now!

PACE

Parent Alumni Career Exploration Network



Sharing Life and Career Experience

PACE (Parent and Alumni Career Exploration network) held its annual Career Fair on 1 November 2021. The fair was an opportunity for Grade 10 and Grade 11 students to talk to a wide variety of speakers who shared their career experiences in a casual, table-talk style discussion. This event is organized every year to provide Secondary school students with an opportunity to learn about different career paths.

Throughout the year, PACE organises events such as panel discussions, workplace preparation Co-curricular Activities (CCAs), a mentorship programme, college fair preparation sessions, and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) opportunities.

Events like these can only happen with the support of speakers and parents who generously give of their time and experience. A big thank you to all volunteers!

If you are interested to support and share your experience please contact the PACE group on pace@uwcthailand.ac.th





PHUKET ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

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Since 2013, Phuket Academy of Performing Arts (PAPA) music has been collaborating with UWC Thailand in providing our students with music, dance and drama extracurricular activities. The highly trained and talented teachers of PAPA complement those already employed by UWC Thailand's Arts department, Kru Suki, Kru Dale, Kru Frederick, and Kru Cece. PAPA's team members not only provide UWC Thailand with a wide range of weekly lessons but also prepare students to perform at the annual Festive Fair, Multicultural Day and many of the other school-staged events.

PAPA's private and group music classes are run during lunch and after school. All of the private music lessons are taught using the internationally recognized RSL curriculum which allows students that would like to qualify with exams to do so. Having RSL qualifications have opened many doors for our students and have played a part in university and college applications.

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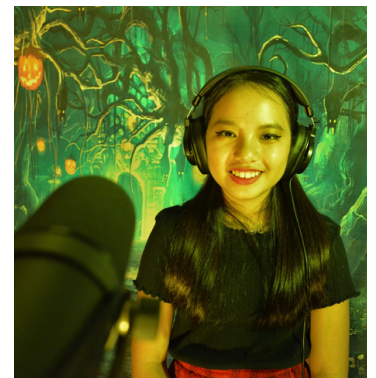
EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE - PAPA

One of the Academy's strong beliefs is to give back to the community. They do this through providing music scholarships, staging charity events to collect instruments and toys for underprivileged students and children, and raising money to feed vulnerable communities.

Each year all of PAPA's teachers provide a music scholarship to a student that would otherwise not be able to afford lessons. In addition to this, the Academy runs a Young Musician's Development program at no cost to students that are looking at making a career in music.



They also have a small but dedicated base of donors that support their Music4Life Music Scholarship program by funding additional private music lesson scholarships.



Annually, PAPA stages a series of Christmas performances called Toys For Orphans where the community supporting the live music event is encouraged to bring all unwanted toys and musical instruments for donation. PAPA then distributes these to students either directly or via local charities such as the One Phuket, the Good Shepard and the Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation.

The owners of PAPA were founding members of One Phuket, a locally run initiative that united many of Phuket's food relief efforts under a single umbrella to better utilise resources and volunteers' core strengths and abilities.

Through One Phuket they have staged the Lean On Me music festival, which raised a substantial amount of money for the Life Bag program, as well as a considerable amount of awareness of the rapidly growing food shortage problem. Their latest charity event is a gala dinner and show called 'A Night At The Popra', which will provide previously out of work musicians with some much needed income, provide selected students with real music industry experience and raise more money to continue to provide food support to the vulnerable communities in and around Phuket.



We are also very proud of Leigha Francis (Jamaica; UWC Thailand 2020) who has been releasing her own music. Support Leigha (AKA Elle) on her Elle Music Channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/ELLEMusic>

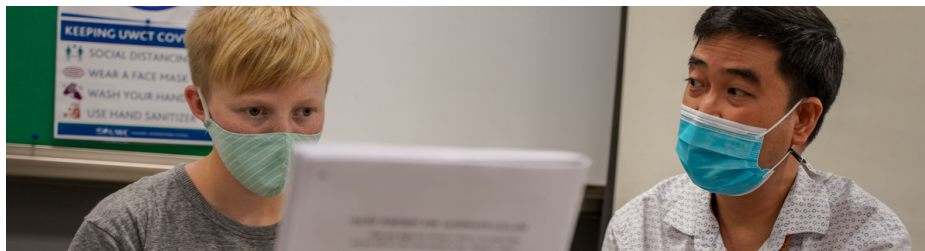
KRU FREDERICK'S MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Kru Frederick joined the UWC Thailand community eleven years ago and is our well-loved Music teacher for Nursery to Grade 9. As a dedicated, responsible, hardworking and patient music educator, Frederick strives to reach out to each student through interactive teaching, introducing new concepts, fostering a fun learning environment and helping students blossom into well-rounded individuals. As such he has recently created a Music Scholarship through which he works with incoming DP National Committee Scholars. This year Joseph and Elizabeth are recipients scholars of this Music Scholarship and they learn and practice piano weekly under his guidance. The opportunity has been greatly appreciated by both students who are able to broaden their musical skills and deepen their love for music.



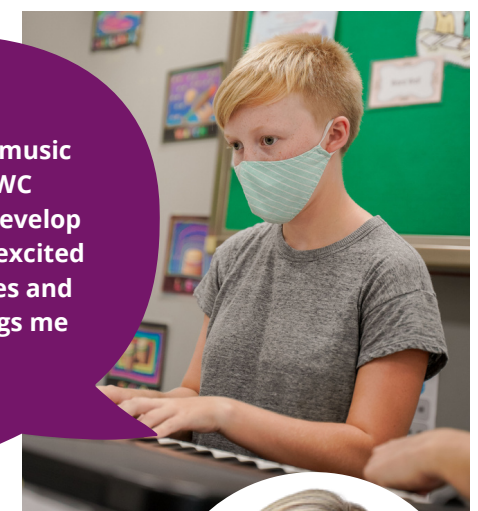
"I love music, and I can play many string instruments such as guitar, ukulele, and bass. Before I attended UWC Thailand, I was a guitarist and I usually worked with pianists. Even though I only have experience with string instruments, I want to broaden my skills to be able to play piano."

- Joseph SAPUTRA



"I hope to stay connected to music throughout my time at UWC Thailand. I am motivated to develop my piano skills and would be excited to expand my musical abilities and try something new that brings me joy."

- Elizabeth LESHER



If you wish to discuss sponsorship opportunities for a scholar here at UWC Thailand please contact our Chief Advancement Officer: nicki.robertson@uwcthailand.ac.th or visit our website <https://uwcthailand.ac.th/supportus/>



BOARDING HOUSE UPDATE

In keeping with UWC's emphasis on sustainability and global mindedness, UWC Thailand boarding students are always eager to volunteer for local community projects. Students who participate in these beach cleanups not only support the environment but also help prepare the local community for Thailand's re-opening. The beach cleanup operations on Naka Yai and Koh Khai Nok proved to be valuable learning experiences. On Koh Khai Island, the dedicated team spent four hours cleaning up and collected 156 kilograms of rubbish.

The recovery of Phuket will take time and in the process of recovery, UWC Thailand will continue to support in any way we can. **If you are interested in joining the Sustainability Steering Committee please email Kru Ned: edward.symons@uwcthailand.ac.th.**



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THE BENEFITS OF BOARDING

LIVE WEBINAR

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS:

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On 28 October, UWC Thailand our Head of School Lural Ramirez kicked off a project called **"Discover UWC Thailand"** aimed at both promoting our school and opening a channel for our community of teachers, parents, staff and students to learn and discuss relevant topics relevant to education. As part of the project, the event launched the start of a set of webinars.

The first session was focused on the "Benefits of Boarding". The conversation was facilitated by Kru Lural and featured Mr. Lister Hannah, an experienced former Head of School and current UWC Thailand School Board member in a conversation with Kru Simone Sgarbossa, UWC Thailand Director of Residential Life.

During the session, Lister Hannah, our keynote speaker, pointed out **"At the heart of the boarding experience is first an understanding of the nature of adolescents and teenagers; then seeing how boarding can contribute to the blossoming of young people passing through this challenging phase of their development"**.

If you missed out or couldn't attend, or are interested in finding out more about our boarding programme, please find the webinar recording as well as some additional resources below:

[Benefits of Boarding Webinar Recording - Video](#)

[UWC Thailand Boarding Programme Overview - Video](#)

[Choosing the Best Boarding School for My Child - PDF Parent Guide](#)

We invite you to join us and bring your friends and family along on this journey to Discover UWC Thailand through our webinar series and register now for the next webinars below:

University Counseling Does Matter - Thursday 18 November ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Wellbeing: How to Raise a Happy Whole Child - Thursday 9 December ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Upcoming webinars:

If you are interested to contribute as a speaker for one of the following topics, please contact Lural

- Transformative Learning for 21st Century Skills
- How to Raise a Student Leader
- The Case for Personal Challenge
- How to Access University Scholarships
- Diversity Matters
- Beyond Technology
- Olympians in Training
- Academic Success and a Balanced Life Together
- How to Effectively Learn English for Academic Success

**We are looking
for speakers!**





DETAILS:

- Rent a Thai dress for Loy Krathong: there will be a vendor for renting a Thai outfit
- Swap Table - If you would like to give away clothes/ items for a swap table, we will have a table for it
- If you would like to sell, each table is @200THB (only for pre-loved items/ or Thai dresses or outfits for Liy Krathong)

For more information or to book a table contact Christina Lee on WhatsApp @ +60 12 3828866 or at mantapta@uwcthailand.ac.th

FROM OUR PARTNERS

Gymnastic Club Phuket

Gymnastic Showcase and Competitions

On 30 Nov we will have a show and on 1 Dec will be our Gymnastic competition. You can learn more by scanning the QR code of clicking [HERE](#).

GYMNASTIC CLUB PHUKET

Contact us : info@gymnasticclubphuket.com. Call Coach Jessica 087 280 1721

30th NOV Show case and 1ST Dec home competition

Gymnastics Show and Competition INFO (NO normal classes on 30TH November and 1st Dec.) Please pay 250 baht per child for diploma and award before 13TH Nov

Due to the Gymnastics show taking place on those dates that week there are **No** normal classes if your child attends Gymnastics 1 time per week. The show counts for your class in that week.

For those not doing show, compete or go more than 1 time per week. We hold classes Mon,Thur,Fri, which you can use as a make up class. Parents must bring their child to Gymnastics in this week. Plan make up classes before this week!

On Tuesday 30th NOV it is our recreational Gymnasts who perform in the show see you 2:45 pm in MPH dress code Club t-shirt and black shorts or leotard. **On Wednesday 1st Dec** it is time for our BOYS & GIRLS COMPETITION SQUAD having their in house competition on this day. 2 45 pm in MPH dress code competing leotard competition shorts/white pants boys and hair in donut bun!



Christmas Camp

You can learn more [HERE](#).



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