



## Inside

Updates from our alumni, living in the Philippines and abroad. See what we're doing in Manila, Spain, USA and the Netherlands!

## UWC Philippines' National Committee prepares to select two promising new scholars to Hong Kong and the Netherlands

This April 13th, the UWC Philippine's National Committee will be conducting the annual selection process for the upcoming UWC scholars. The committee has been offered two scholarships for the upcoming school year. The first is to the campus in Hong Kong, the Li Po Chun United World College, where there are about 250 international students, aged 16-19. The second is to the United World College Maastricht, in Maastricht, the Netherlands, founded in 2009, where there are about 500 international students, aged 2-19. We are looking forward to meeting our new scholars soon!



Above: UWC Philippines and friends on January 24, 2013 at Stella at the Fort. The group represented Pearson UWC, UWC Adriatic, UWC Atlantic College, UWC Costa Rica and UWC USA. We also had a friend of UWC alumni from Waterford Kamhlaba UWC, significant others, and even a member of the US Peace Corps!



Above: Some members of our national committee get together for a meeting on March 16, 2013 to discuss this year's application process.

## ALUMNI GATHERINGS

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### ROSANELE GROLEAU // Pearson College

Latest achievements: I have **cycled** from Den Haag to Rijswijk for the very first time (16.5 km!) yesterday. I have recently been **nominated as a role model** by the Shell Women's Network and a High Tea reception is set on International Women's Day (8 March) to celebrate role models. My youngest daughter Émilie started walking on 26 Feb 2013 and my eldest Margaux survived 10 days of holiday without her parents while I chased a higher dream at the UWC Congress in Cardiff! My amazing husband, François-Xavier, will be seeking a new job by 1st April! So new beginnings are in the horizon.

Travels: So far this year, it was The Philippines, Indonesia and Wales. Next up will be Malta for Easter. We'll try out glamping in May. Maybe Qatar for summer as a well-site geologist.

Start-ups: I created a FB-based parenting network called Parenting and The Hague (PaTH) where I try to help parents bridge the gap between locals and internationals. The future: We'll be in Den Haag until July 2014 in case any of you plan to visit! Someday, I still wish I can write for National Geographic! If you have any leads how I can do that, please do tell me!



### NICOLE SEVERINO // Pearson College

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Local global musicmaker of Artesanal OPM.  
Also Instrutora Andorinha  
(Escola Brasileira de Capoeira)  
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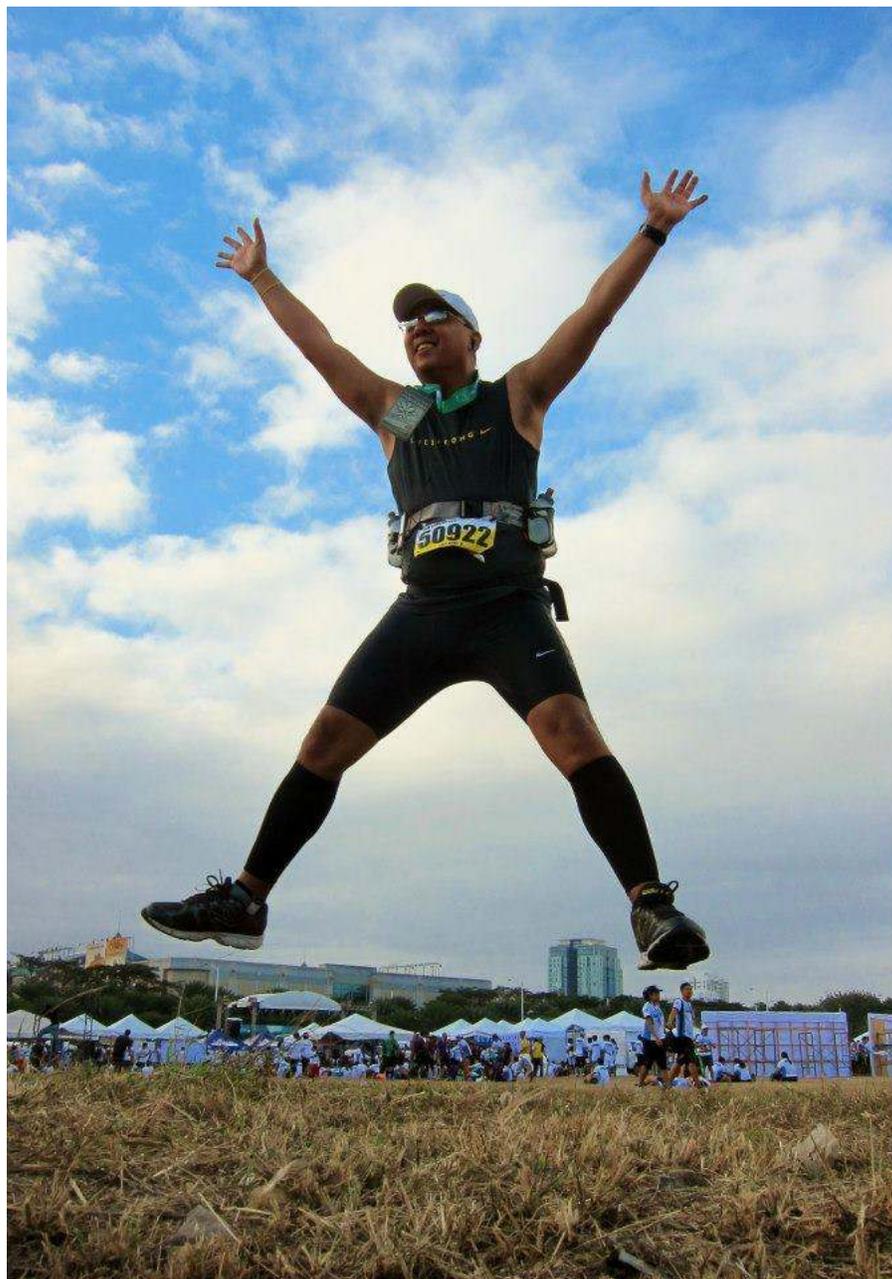
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"The five S's of sports are stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit, but the greatest of these is spirit!" said Ken Doherty, American decathlon champion; to which Iggy adds the five D's -- dream, desire, determination, drive and discipline! These embody one's spirit. Beyond the physical challenge is the mental challenge. With the right frame of mind, heart and soul, one can pursue anything.

Iggy hadn't joined any fun runs until December 2009 when he joined his first 5k run. Too afraid to level up, he only ran 5k runs every month for 22 months until September 2011. Finally, in October that year, he joined his first 10k run, followed by his first 21k run in April 2012. In December last year, he reached 32k!

His Condura Run two years ago in February 2011 was only 5km. During this year's Condura Run in February, Iggy finished his first full marathon! He hopes his personal journey will inspire you to follow your passion, whatever it may be. It's never too late to start now.

**IGGY SISON** // Pearson College



Iggy on a runner's high,  
wearing his finisher's medal  
For his first full marathon.  
Way to go, Iggy!

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### MICHELLE ASUNCION

// Atlantic College

As a Davis United World Scholar and honors student, Michelle is pursuing her undergraduate studies and research at the University of Florida, USA and Universidad de Nebrija, Spain.

Moreover, she has recently been named a University Scholar of the University of Florida for 2013-2014. She is a recipient of University Scholars Program Scholarship, a prestigious and competitive research grant offered by the university. In lieu to this, she is currently based in Spain, where she is conducting her fieldwork and studying Spanish courses on Contemporary Spanish Society, Migration and Politics.



Also, she is working at the Philippine Embassy in Madrid. Lastly, with her passion for UWC's mission for service and education, she continues to render community service and works as a language professor at the Asosación de Norte Joven, where she primarily teaches disadvantaged Spanish youth and adults.

### BRYAN CAYABYAB

// Pearson College

My name is Bryan Cayabyab, graduated from Pearson College 2007 and I am from Pangasinan. Currently, I am in my first year as a master student taking Industrial/Organizational Psychology at Springfield College in Springfield Massachusetts. I am also holding a position as a Resident Director in one of our senior residence hall. Working as a Resident Director gives me opportunity to guide and influence students using the UWC mission. I am also able to share the Filipino culture at Springfield College since I am one of the two Filipinos here. It has been a great journey but being able to go back to the Philippines and serve other Filipinos is one of my goals, which I believe will happen soon.





**UWC makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future.**

## ABOUT THE UWC MOVEMENT

UWC schools, colleges and programmes deliver a challenging and transformative educational experience to a diverse cross section of students, inspiring them to create a more peaceful and sustainable future.

UWC was founded in 1962 with the vision of bringing together young people whose experience was of the political conflict of the cold war era, offering an educational experience based on shared learning, collaboration and understanding so that the students

would act as champions of peace. We remain committed to this goal today but have expanded our reach to embrace the tensions and conflicts that exist within as well as between societies.

UWC has 12 schools and colleges educating students aged between 12 and 19. The education at UWC schools and colleges is underpinned by shared guiding principles.

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### UWC VALUES

- International and intercultural understanding
  - Celebration of difference
- Personal responsibility and integrity
  - Mutual responsibility and respect
- Compassion and service
  - Respect for the environment
- A sense of idealism
  - Personal challenge
- Action and personal example