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## **Craig Davis Named New President and Head of Pearson College UWC**

[Pearson College UWC](#), Canada's School for the World, located on the unceded territory of the Sc'ianew First Nation southwest of Victoria, today announced the appointment of global educational leader Craig Davis as its new President and Head of College effective 1 August 2020.

"The reputation of the United World Colleges movement is second-to-none and I am honoured to be selected to lead a school that is one of the historic pillars of the UWC movement," said Davis from his current home in Singapore where he is Director of Education for Dulwich College International, an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program school network spanning London, U.K. and four Southeast Asian countries.

"My family and I are also excited to be returning to my wife's home province and to where I was privileged to earn a master's degree in English Language and Literature at the University of British Columbia." Davis, a veteran educator and administrator, also holds degrees from the University of London (U.K.) and the University of Wales.

"This is a challenging but a promising time to be leading Pearson," said Anne McLellan, Chair of the College's Board of Directors. "Craig's extensive experience in international education leadership, his background in helping update a Theory of Knowledge curriculum with a focus on Indigenous Knowledge systems and his successful record generating revenue to support scholarships will all be put to good use as Pearson, like schools around the world, navigates the reality of a COVID-19 world."

Davis was selected after a comprehensive international search coordinated by a search committee of the College's Board of Directors led by Vice-Chair Christine Healy. Advised by a professional recruitment organization specializing in education, the search drew upon input and recommendations from a cross-section of the Pearson community.

Davis, who holds Permanent Resident of Canada status, was Principal of the Senior School at Mulgrave International School of Vancouver from 2014 to 2017 giving him an excellent understanding of the structure and role of independent schools in the British Columbia and Canadian contexts. His international teaching and education sector administrative experience is also seen as an excellent fit for Pearson's uniquely global student community, which includes students from every province and territory in Canada and from up to 160 countries around the world.

Over the last decade, Davis has led student expeditions from Singapore and Vancouver to the Himalayan region of Ladakh to join international medics working with the [Himalayan Health Project](#), reflecting his

interest in the culture and people of a region known as “Little Tibet” and a broader concern about the global loss of language and culture in terms of a diminishing “[ethnosphere](#).”

Davis’ spouse Sarah is a Vancouver native and, together with three of their four children, will be living on campus. An older daughter is currently completing secondary school in Australia.

“I want to express my thanks to Interim President and Head Tyrone Pile who has calmly guided the College through a very challenging time during a pandemic that impacted every aspect of our operations,” added McLellan. “Ty will resume his position as Pearson’s Vice-president, Operations and Administration after Craig officially begins his duties in August.”

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**About Pearson College UWC:** Pearson College UWC ([www.pearsoncollege.ca](http://www.pearsoncollege.ca)) is Canada’s most international school and one of 18 United World Colleges around the globe. With up to 200 students from every province and territory and up to 160 or more nations around the world, the College opened in 1974 inspired by the vision of Prime Minister and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Lester B. Pearson who asked, “How can there be peace without people understanding each other, and how can this be if they don’t know each other?”

Pearson, like most Canadian schools, temporarily converted to an all-online education and learning model for the current winter/spring term. The unique, two-year pre-university college is gearing up to welcome students with a blend of on-campus and online learning this fall, subject to strict health and safety measures and procedures in line with Public Health Office directives. The College is mindful of the fact that some students may continue to be impacted by border restrictions and/or international travel limitations and remains committed to offer a robust global education to all students.

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