

Pearson College UWC to Host Race Rocks Swim Challenge

International and Canadian students to brave Pedder Bay waters for marathon swim on Mother's Day.

Metchosin, B.C., 4 May 2023 - Pearson College UWC is proud to host the Race Rocks Challenge on Sunday, May 14 -- Mother's Day -- that will see up to seven students swim 6.5 km in open water from the Race Rocks Island jetty to the main College dock on Pedder Bay.

"I can't wait for the Race Rocks challenge" says Cedric Torres, lead organizer and Seafront Support and Activities Facilitator. "This event is a great opportunity for students to work towards a one-of-a-kind goal made possible by our waterfront infrastructure. What a way to celebrate and showcase the resilience and determination of our participants."

The Challenge will feature seven students from Canada, Ireland, Costa Rica, the United States and Turkey who have been training since late last year in both the campus pool and in the chilly water of Pedder Bay.

"We've put in hundreds of hours of our time into training all for it to boil down to one three-hour swim," says participant Grace Goudie, originally from Newfoundland and Labrador. "Soon, we will learn whether our training was enough to achieve such a big goal. Soon, the idea of 6.5 kilometres in the Pacific Ocean will become a memory, not a looming achievement on the horizon. And soon, my teammates and I will be able to say that we completed the Race Rocks Swim Challenge!"

This will be the first post-pandemic Race Rocks Challenge and students, houseparent's, staff, faculty, and alumni will be out to cheer on the swimmers and help raise funds for those affected by the recent Syria/Turkey earthquake.

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Media interested in covering this event before the swim or on the day of should contact Andrew Walker for student interviews and further information on time, location and access to safety watercraft accompanying the students. A recap of the 2019 challenge can be found [here](#).

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About Pearson College UWC

Founded as Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific (Canada) and located along Pedder Bay on the unceded territory of the Sc'ianew (Beecher Bay) First Nation.

Pearson's mission is "to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future" through a two-year pre-university (equivalent to grades 12 & 13) school for up to 200 students aged 16 to 19 selected from up to 160 countries and across Canada offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. This year, about 80% attend on full or partial scholarships. Nearly 4,300 students have graduated from Pearson, including 15 who have become Rhodes Scholars.

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