

## **Pearson College UWC Students Complete Grueling Race Rocks Swim Challenge**

*Swimmers braved Pedder Bay waters for a marathon swim on Mother's Day.*

**Metchosin, B.C., 14 May 2023** - Seven Pearson College UWC students recently completed a challenging six-kilometer swim from Race Rocks Ecological Reserve to the college's waterfront dock. The swimmers hailed from Canada, Ireland, Costa Rica, the United States, and Turkey.

The Race Rocks Challenge swim began shortly after 9:30 am, swimming East of Bentinck Island through the Bay until they reached the docks. All participants had been preparing for the swim since last October.

Despite periods of choppy waters, they completed the swim shortly after the lunch break, arriving at Pearson College UWC's dock to cheers and applause from their fellow students, teachers, and visitors. Liam Ramsay, one of the participating students, shared his experience, "It was amazing. I didn't even feel the cold by the end."

The swim also helped raise funds for those affected by the Syria/Turkey earthquake. Derin Timucin, who hails from Turkey, said, "This was personally a really important challenge for me. Back home, I used to do swimming, and after coming to Pearson, I felt this was my way of contributing to my community. I'm really happy that I was able to finish it."

Cedric Torres, the lead organizer and Seafront Support and Activities Coordinator, expressed his pride in the students' achievement, saying, "I am very proud of them. We've been training a lot and put in a lot of effort. We were able to reap the rewards today."

The Race Rocks Challenge swim has been done twice before, with the last pre-COVID edition in May 2019. These seven students' successful completion of the challenge is a testament to their dedication and perseverance, and the entire Pearson College UWC community celebrates their achievement.

### **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

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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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