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Former Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan Appointed Chair of Pearson College UWC Board of Directors

Victoria-area Independent School is Canada's most international campus

Victoria – Former Deputy Prime Minister, The Hon. Anne McLellan, P.C., O.C., A.O.E., is the new Chair of the Pearson College UWC Board of Directors.

McLellan a three-year member of the Victoria-based independent international school's Board assumed the leadership role earlier this month, stepping up to replace retiring Chair and long-time educator Tony Macoun. McLellan joins Vice-Chair Christine Healy, College President Désirée McGraw and Vice-President Education and Programming Heather Gross to form a strong female-led leadership team.

“I am honoured to take on this responsibility as Canada's only United World College embarks on an exciting new era, one in which we are guided by a clear vision as to how this institution can continue to help shape future leaders and change makers in Canada and around the world,” says McLellan.

Pearson is a unique, pre-university college that invites up to 200 16-to-19-year-old students from every province and territory in Canada and from up to 160 nations around the world to experience a challenging and character-building academic and experiential curriculum on its campus by Pedder Bay in Metchosin, B.C.

As one of 17 United World Colleges around the world, Pearson purposefully recruits a deliberately diverse student body, including young people from regions of conflict and challenging socioeconomic circumstances. More than 9 out of 10 students receive full or partial financial assistance from the College to ensure this diversity.

“Pearson College is an institution that walks the walk when it comes to supporting youth leadership and education,” says College President Désirée McGraw. “For nearly 45 years, we have asked Canadian and international students to live up to and beyond

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their capabilities and now they are making a difference in organizations and administrations around the world.”

Pearson alumni include, for example: Sen. Yuen Pau Woo, leader of the Independent Senators group in the Canadian Parliament; UN Special Rapporteur Fionnuala Ní Aoláin; Dr. Evan Adams, Chief Medical Officer with the First Nations Health Authority (British Columbia) and Jostein Solheim, CEO of Ben and Jerry’s Homemade Inc.

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About Anne McLellan

Edmonton-based Anne McLellan served four terms as the Liberal Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre from 1993 to 2006, at various times assuming responsibilities as Deputy Prime Minister of Canada and as ministers of Health, Justice, Public Safety and Natural Resources and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians. McLellan is a senior advisor at Bennett Jones law firm and serves on a number of organizational and community boards and foundations. She currently serves as Dalhousie University’s seventh chancellor and has previously been taught in the faculties of law at two Canadian universities. In 2009 McLellan was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada and received the Alberta Order of Excellence in 2013.

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About Pearson College UWC

Pearson College UWC (www.pearsoncollege.ca) is Canada's most globally-minded school and one of 17 United World Colleges around the globe. With an enrolment of up to 200 students, the College draws accomplished young leaders and change makers, ages 16-19, from up to than 160 countries and every province and territory of Canada. Pearson's two-year, pre-university curriculum is based on the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and features a strong emphasis on experiential education at the residential campus on Pedder Bay near the southern tip of Vancouver Island on the traditional territory of the Beecher Bay (Scia'new) First Nation. The College opened in 1974 and was named as a living legacy for former prime minister and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Lester B. Pearson. The College purposely recruits a deliberately diverse student body, including young people from regions of conflict and challenging socioeconomic circumstances, to encourage young people to learn and live together to bring about meaningful changes in their communities and across the globe.

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