

## PEARSON COLLEGE UWC -- FAST FACTS

*(Spring 2017 Update)*



### WHO WE ARE

Pearson College UWC is Canada's most international school and is one of 17 prestigious United World Colleges around the globe. The College is located along the wooded shores of the Pacific Ocean at sheltered Pedder Bay, on the southernmost tip of Vancouver Island, just outside Victoria, B.C. Pearson is a two-year, pre-university school for up to 200 students from over 100 countries who live, study and learn together pursuing the International Baccalaureate.

A group of visionaries founded the College in 1974 with the goal of creating a national memorial to Nobel Prize winner and former Prime Minister of Canada, Lester B. Pearson, in the form of a school that aligns with the UWC Mission: **To make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future.** More than 40 years later, this mission continues. Today, about 4,000 students have graduated from Pearson College. Its alumni are determined to

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make a positive difference in the lives of others. For more information, visit us online at [pearsoncollege.ca](http://pearsoncollege.ca).

### CURRENT PRIORITIES

As we build our vision for the future, Pearson College UWC has established three primary objectives guide our work:

- To enhance public awareness and community engagement
- To ensure our program, both academic and experiential, is world-class and cutting-edge
- To ensure the College is on a sustainable financial footing

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

In the 2016/17 academic year, approximately **90%** of our students received full or partial scholarships, either from Pearson College UWC or from an outside organization.

### COST OF A PEARSON COLLEGE EDUCATION

While the vast majority of students receive full or partial scholarships, the cost of a comprehensive International Baccalaureate-based, experiential-infused education is about \$50,000 Canadian annually.

### WHERE OUR STUDENTS GO

Over the last two years, Pearson College UWC graduating students went on to study at universities and other post-secondary institutions around the world:

47% - USA	25% - CANADA
11% - UK	8% - EUROPE
2% - ASIA	1% - LATIN AMERICA
6% - UNKNOWN or UNDETERMINED	

## SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is a core principal of the learnings and practices of the College. Since 2008, the College has reduced electricity, natural gas, water and paper use by 10%. Food scraps are recovered for composting and ongoing improvements to buildings are further enhancing energy efficiencies.

## RACE ROCKS ECOGUARDIAN

Since March 1997, Pearson College UWC has acted as Ecoguardian of Race Rocks Ecological Reserve, a small collection of islands and a marine reserve located in the eastern entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca in the Salish Sea.

The College volunteered to take over a long-term lease from BC Parks to manage the area and provide a human presence for the protection of the island and marine reserve. The site is staffed by the official Pearson College UWC Ecoguardian, and has become a learning centre for the students of the College, due to the rich marine environment.

It also acts as a test area for some of the College's key sustainability initiatives and learning initiatives. For example, electricity for the buildings on Race Rocks is generated by the [integrated energy system](#). Because of its high-current area, there is an exceptional variety of marine life found on Race Rocks. It remains a haul-out area for California and Northern sea lions, as well as a birthing rookery for Harbour and Elephant seals.

Thanks to a three-camera remote viewing system, people from around the world can view Race Rocks via the [live video feeds](#).

## KEY FACTS ABOUT OUR ALUMNI

- Our students have come from over 150 different countries since 1974
- More than 4,000 Pearson scholars have graduated since 1974
- 12 Pearson Scholars have gone on to become Rhodes Scholars
- Close to 200 Pearson graduates are currently university professors
- More than 400 Pearson alumni have received or are working on their doctorate degrees
- More than 50 Pearson alumni are currently working for inter-governmental organizations, with more being added all the time

## NOTABLE ALUMNI

Pearson College UWC has a proud tradition graduating notable alumni who have gone one to achieve international, national and community acclaim. A small sampling of these individuals includes:

**Evan Adams** (from B.C., Canada, graduated in 1984)

*Award-winning Coast Salish actor (Toby McTeague, Smoke Signals) and physician, now Chief Medical Officer for B.C.'s First Nations Health Authority, serving 250,000 Indigenous people.*

**Marta Morgan** (from B.C., Canada, graduated in 1981)

*Associate Deputy Minister of Finance; has been named in The Top 100 Most Powerful & Influential People in Government and Politics in Canada in 2015.*

**Jo Becker** year 7 (from B.C., Canada, graduated in 1982)

*Children's Rights Advocacy Director for Human Rights Watch.*

**Abiodun Williams** (from Sierra Leone, graduated in 1979)

*President of The Hague Institute for Global Justice in The Hague, Netherlands and a noted academic in conflict prevention, peacekeeping, and conflict management. He was formerly a senior official at the United Nations.*

**Douglas Alexander** (from United Kingdom, graduated in 1986)

*Former Shadow Foreign Secretary and Former Minister of State for Europe; including cabinet posts in both Tony Blair's and Gordon Brown's governments.*

**Jorge Titingar** (from Peru, graduated in 1980)

*World-famous soccer star for the North American Soccer League, CEO and president of Silicon Graphics International; awarded, "Most Influential Latino in Silicon Valley in the Area of Technology."*

**Audrey Mothupi** (from Kenya, graduated in 1990)

*Chief Executive Officer of SystemicLogic Group, focused on global research, innovation and digital technology. Prior to this, she headed inclusive banking at Standard Bank.*

**Arish Fyzee** (from India, graduated in 1977)

*Creative Director of Prana Studios — the film company that developed the fire-breathing beasts in Game of Thrones, and partnered with the group who made the special effect for Life of Pi.*

**Anne Enright** (from Ireland, graduated in 1981)

*Irish novelist longlisted for the 2015 Man Booker Prize; winner of the 2007 Man Booker Prize.*

## LEARN MORE

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## **GETTING HERE**

Guests are always welcome -- visit us at:

Pearson College UWC

650 Pearson College Drive

Victoria, B.C. Canada, V9C 4H7

(+1.250.391.2411)

For a full list of directions, please visit [our location page online](#).

### **[From Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal \(51 km / 55 minutes\)](#)**

- Drive off ferry ramp straight onto Hwy 17 S
- Travel south on Hwy 17 S for approximately 15 to 20 minutes
- Take Exit 10 to McKenzie Ave.
- Merge onto Trans-Canada Highway
- Take Exit 10 toward View Royal, Colwood
- Take a slight right onto Island Highway S, which changes to Old Island Hwy
- Continue on Old Island Hwy, which changes to Sooke Rd
- Continue on Sooke Rd, passing Royal Roads University on left
- Turn left at Metchosin Rd, the second light after the Dairy Queen on left
- Drive along Metchosin Rd for 11.7 km (approximately 20 minutes) to Pearson College Drive
- Turn right at Pearson College Dr
- Continue on Pearson College Dr for 1.6 km
- Follow signs to Visitor Parking
- Follow walkway opposite entry to parking to the Administration Building

## **CAMPUS MAP**

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