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Thank you for your interest in the United World College Costa Rica (UWCCR).

The UWCCR is one of twelve United World Colleges (www.uwc.org) across the world, and we have limited places available for day and boarding students for the 2008-2010 school years.

The UWCCR is a two-year upper level secondary school (equivalent to grades 11 & 12) and offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma program in both English and Spanish. The IB (www.ibo.org) diploma is recognized by colleges and universities across the world. The IB is a two-year program; students and families must be committed to the full program.

In addition to the academic program, students must participate in a Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) program which places an emphasis on community service. Many programs and activities reflect the College's Three Pillars of Multiculturalism, Peace and Environmental Awareness. CAS occurs in the afternoon and some evenings and some weekends; students and families should be comfortable with these time demands.

Students at the UWCCR come from more than 80 countries and most board on campus. The UWCCR is the only bi-lingual (Spanish/English) United World College and applicants must be committed to bi-lingualism.

Most students are nominated by National Selection Committees; in fact citizens of Costa Rica and the United States must apply through their National Selection Committees. The selection processes for Costa Rica and the US for entry in 2008 are completed.

Holders of most other passports residing in Costa Rica may apply directly to the College.

Students must be 16-18 years old upon entry and have finished the equivalent of tenth grade. Successful applicants will have a record of excellent academic achievement and will have demonstrated a commitment to multi-culturalism and community service. Students and families need to understand that the UWCCR extent of these obligations. Applications should be submitted by June 30th for August, 2008 entry. After that date, applications will be considered if there is space. A personal interview is required of the most promising candidates.

The school year runs from mid-August through late May with a substantial Christmas vacation and a week long vacation at Easter. For a week in February or March all students participate in Project Week. Tuition, room and board for boarding students is \$16,500USD per year. Tuition for day students is \$10,000USD per year and this fee includes lunch and IB exam fees. Transportation is not provided by the College.

More information is contained in the School Profile. You may also contact me by e-mail (gregory.walsh@uwccr.com), but please do not call as I am out of the country until the 30th of June.

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