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APU: Girls on the Move – An Inspirational School for Girls

Pearson College UWC Global Affairs Speaker Series Thursday, 18 Oct.

Metchosin – Pearson College UWC is inviting everyone to share in the inspiring story of how two educators – one from Canada and one from Malawi -- dedicated to the education of young girls and women in Africa built a successful school in a village setting that is having a profound impact across that impoverished southern African nation.

Christie Johnson, a biology teacher at Pearson, and Memory Chazeza Mdyetseni, Director and, together with Christie, Co-Founder of the Atsikana Pa Ulendo (APU) Girls on the Move Secondary School, will talk about how support and determination by both Malawians and Canadians created and sustained a successful educational environment for hundreds of girls and young women.

Memory's own story is common to many cultures – a young woman pressured to marry prematurely and potentially forgo the benefits and options of an advanced education. Now, graduates of the school she co-founded are university graduates and teachers across Malawi.

Pearson's Global Affairs Speaker Series brings unique speakers from close to home and around the world to campus and the Westshore community. The October 18 event takes place in the spacious and comfortable McConnell Theatre in the Max Bell Hall on the Pearson campus.

Who: Co-founders of APU Girls on the Move School Christie Johnson and Memory Chazeza Mdyetseni

What: Pearson College UWC Global Affairs Speaker Series -- Brick by Brick - The Story of a School/The Building of A Future

Where: [McConnell Theatre/Max Bell Hall/Pearson College UWC, 650 Pearson College Drive, Victoria B.C. \(In Metchosin\)](#)

When: 7 pm Thursday, 18 October 2018

Why: Providing girls and young women with an education helps disengage a cycle of poverty associated with early, often forced, marriage.



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About [Pearson College UWC](http://www.pearsoncollege.ca)

Pearson College UWC (www.pearsoncollege.ca), located on the unceded territory of the Scia'new (Beecher Bay) First Nation, is Canada's most globally-minded school and one of 17 United World Colleges around the globe. With an enrolment of 200 students, the College draws accomplished young leaders and changemakers, ages 16-19, from 160 countries and every province and territory of Canada. Pearson's two-year, pre-university curriculum is based on the International Baccalaureate (IB) program with a strong emphasis on experiential education at the residential campus along Pedder Bay on the unceded territory of the Scia'new (Beecher Bay) First Nation. The College opened in 1974 and was created 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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