

Richard Koenigsberg's Keynote Address at the Annual Conference of the United World College of the American West

"Understanding War"

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Richard Koenigsberg, Ph.D., Keynote Speaker, 2007 Annual Conference of the United World College of the American West

After three decades of research on the psychological bases of violence and warfare, Dr. Richard A. Koenigsberg's findings have led him to startling conclusions about culture and the human propensity for self-destruction. Dr. Koenigsberg's unique insights into human nature and the hidden narratives that seem to operate "beneath the radar" of social history, combined with his rigorous methodology, result in a profound and enduring message. A message made only more urgent and important by current events.



Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, President, United World Colleges

Her Majesty Queen Noor became President of the United World Colleges in 1995. Since then she has visited many UWC Colleges and National Committees, attended UWC meetings and events and met with UWC students, graduates, staff and leaders throughout the world. Her Majesty's commitment to international understanding and in particular to peace-building initiatives is an inspirational example to members of the UWC international movement.



Nelson Mandela, Honorary President, United World Colleges

Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as President of the United World Colleges International Council in 1995 and became Honorary President in 1999. Mr. Mandela has a long and personal connection with the UWC movement since his children and grandchildren attended Waterford KaMhlaba UWC of Southern Africa. Through his life-long defense of freedom and justice, Nelson Mandela encapsulates many of the ideals which UWC strives to achieve and provides great inspiration for students and Graduates.



Founded during the Cold War, the United World Colleges aimed at promoting understanding between the different nations through education and through interaction between young people from different countries, living and working together. Today this goal is again a necessity in a world devastated by ethnic and religious conflicts. The United World College-USA was founded in 1982 in Montezuma, NM through the philanthropy of the late Dr. Armand Hammer and is part of an international movement.