

## 2015 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CIRCLE AWARD RECIPIENT



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After graduating from La Roche College with a Bachelor of Science in administration and management, Lejla Uzicanin '97 went on to earn her MBA from Cass Business School at the City University in London, UK.

A sustainable energy and international development expert, Ms. Uzicanin is in charge of providing

sustainable energy and private sector development policy, as well as technical advisory services, in developing and transition countries.

Ms. Uzicanin was a student in La Roche's Pacem in Terris Institute, an experience she said laid the groundwork for all that she later achieved.

"La Roche provided excellent knowledge and skills – foundations on which I could further build through work experience and additional education programs," she said. "The knowledge I gained enabled a productive, professional engagement and successful career."

Recently Ms. Uzicanin decided to pursue an additional master's degree to expand her knowledge of sustainable energy, natural resource use and climate change. A full-time graduate student at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada, Ms. Uzicanin expects to graduate with a master of resource and environmental management.

In addition to work and academic obligations, Ms. Uzicanin supports victims of domestic violence and their children at a safehouse in Sarajevo.