A Great Beginning

We would like to thank our students for starting the school year off great! During first term we had six successful college prep sessions, our students have participated in five community service activities, one cultural activity, and we have seen many of our students keep near-perfect attendance and excellent grades. As of October, 79% of our high school students are enrolled in at least one advanced course, whether it be an honors, CE, or AP course. Impressive!

As second term begins, remember to attend all of your classes and, if you need it, call Linda or Kassidy for tutoring during the week. If you are enrolled in a CE class, please remember that the grade you earn will stay with you forever! You must keep your grade at a B or higher, or you risk losing the federal money that would otherwise be given to you to help pay for college.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 12 - Science Day at the University of Utah**
  - Mandatory for all juniors
  - We will leave for the University of Utah from college prep
- **November 12 - Burger King fundraiser money due**
  - You should be selling your BK coupon books for $5 each
  - If you sell all of your books, you may ask for more
  - There will be prizes for those who sell the most
- **November 18 - Multicultural Conference**
  - Mandatory for all juniors
  - Sign up at your school

ACT

All of our Upward Bound seniors gave up their Saturday morning during UEA weekend to take the national ACT test. This marks the third time this group has taken the ACT with UB. ACT scores are used to determine scholarship eligibility and college admittance.

UB juniors will take the ACT during February. Start practicing now! You can find practice tests online, or get them from the counseling center in your school.
A Day for Kids
On Saturday, September 17, fourteen former Bounders volunteered at seven different venues as part of the Boys and Girls Club’s “A Day for Kids”. They took tickets, helped with activities, and had lots of fun!

Boys and Girls Club at Odyssey
Beginning the first week of school, members of the Keystone Club have volunteered at the newest Boys and Girls Club site at Odyssey Elementary School in Ogden, helping students with homework and reading, and playing games. The Boys and Girls Club still needs volunteers at Odyssey every school day from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is a great way to build up your resume for scholarship applications!

Alliance for Unity Food Drive
Former and current Bounders came together on Saturday, September 24 to help with the Alliance for Unity food drive. Students helped advertise the food drive and collected both food and monetary donations at the Harrisville and Ogden Walmart locations. All donations went to the Hall Food Bank, the largest food bank in northern Utah.

Funds of Love
St. Benedict’s “Funds of Love” fundraising event took place on Wednesday, September 28. Upward Bound students were invited to volunteer at this event. They did a great job helping with set up, taking care of guests during dinner, and cleaning up when the event concluded. St. Benedict’s has been a generous sponsor of Upward Bound.

St. Benedict’s Fundraiser
On Wednesday, October 12, five Upward Bound students helped set up a fundraiser boutique and raffle at Mount Ogden Monastery in support of St. Benedict’s Foundation. At the close of the fundraiser on Saturday, October 15, six Upward Bound students helped take down all displays and furniture.
**RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

On September 17, after this year’s first college prep session, students were treated to lunch and learned about new rules and responsibilities that have been put in place for the 2011-2012 school year. This year, students who miss or come late to college prep, or leave early, will automatically lose $5 from their monthly stipend. In some cases, students have the option to make up this lost money. In general,

- If a student has missed or come late to college prep, or left early, and the student has let Kassidy or Linda know why, he or she may be able to earn back the stipend.
- If a student arrives late to college prep or leaves early, he or she may stay after an equal amount of time to earn back the $5.
- If a student has had an absence excused by Linda or Kassidy, he or she may be able to make up the $5 by staying after the very next college prep session until 2:00 pm.
- If a student has an unexcused absence, he or she will not be able to make up the $5.

*What cannot be made up?* (examples)

- Personal choice activities
- Day dates
- Staying home to spend time with a visiting cousin
- Church basketball

Please remember that these are guidelines, and we will consider each case individually.

As always, we ask our students to follow the rules that we have had for the past year:

- Wait to use iPods, cell phones, etc. until after college prep. We reserve the right to confiscate electronics, including ear buds, if we see them.
- Take your hats, beanies, hoods, headbands, etc. off when you arrive at CP.
- Eat only between rotations and during break.
- Leave every room as clean as you found it.
- Stay in the classrooms until you are excused.

**ASPIRE CONFERENCE**

Dave, Linda, and Kassidy attended the ASPIRE Conference, held in Salt Lake City this year, on October 10-12. They attended classes on team-building, critical thinking, and volunteering, and heard from speakers from Washington, D.C.

ASPIRE is a regional organization of TRiO programs serving Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana, whose mission is to help build intermountain support and college accessibility for first generation, low-income students.

**COE’S POLICY SEMINAR**

From September 25 to September 28, Upward Bound Director Dave Trujillo attended the Council for Opportunity in Education’s 30th Annual Conference. While there, Dave learned how to effectively raise money to help keep our program going, and how to help more of our students be awarded scholarships.

**My Fair Lady**

After school on Wednesday, October 26, Upward Bound juniors and seniors loaded onto a Weber State bus and headed to Salt Lake City. They were first treated to a backstage tour of the Hale Center Theatre, where they saw rehearsal rooms, dressing rooms, and learned about the theatre’s history. After the tour, students had dinner at Valley Fair mall, then returned to the theatre to watch an exciting performance of “My Fair Lady.”

**Upward Bound participation is a privilege, not a right.** The federal government, our grant, and the US Department of Education bind our rules and responsibilities. The choice is yours and your actions dictate our structure.
People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world your best and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It never was between you and them anyway.

- Mother Theresa

We are working hard to keep the website updated with upcoming events, including sign-up sheets for every community service activity. Visit www.weber.edu/upwardbound and click on “Upcoming Events” to see future academic and cultural activities, and to check if you signed up for community service.

Dear UB Staff and Students,

Sorry to leave you mid-summer! I just had everyone’s name down! Really, I wanted to thank you for your concern, thoughts, and prayers. You all are so kind and generous. I am doing much better now and hope to see y’all again soon!

Thanks for the support! Sure love y’all!

Sincerely,
Cole Spicker

Welcome!

We are happy to welcome four new participants into Upward Bound! Students, remember how confused or out of place you may have felt when you were new to the program. Please help all of our new students feel as included as possible. Thanks, you are awesome!