

September 2011

Weber State University Upward Bound Newsletter



2011 Academic Summer Program



The summer has brought us yet another fun and exciting academic summer program! It kicked off early on June 13th, with seventy students, eleven staff, and two bus drivers loading onto two Weber State buses and heading to San Francisco, CA. Students experienced black light bowling and mini golf, visited the Donner Party monument, Jelly Belly factory, Muir Woods, Alcatraz, California Academy of Sciences, watched an Oakland A's game, and walked the Golden Gate Bridge.

On June 20th, students woke up in the dorms, ate breakfast on campus for the first time, and headed to the first day of classes. They learned about blood typing, bridges, Facebook and blogging, Shakespeare, sticky rice, and everything in between. In addition, students attended a REAL Salt Lake game and had fun at Seven Peaks.

Throughout the summer, students participated in a variety of community service activities. Students helped sort clothes and landscape at Deseret Industries, raked leaves and made the grounds look nice at the Ogden City Cemetery, stocked shelves with food and diapers at Catholic Community Services, and put on a talent show at Crestwood Care Center. Students also completed four service learning projects this summer: collect and donate books to Ogden Regional Hospital, deliver handmade flowers and cards to the George E. Wahlen Veterans Home, collect over 270 bags for the students of the MaRaFiki International Schools, and collect and donate art supplies to Primary Children's Medical Center.



Thank You

Upward Bound would like to sincerely thank our staff for another successful summer program.

Head Residential Counselor—R.W. Montague

Residential Counselors—Orlando Porras, Nioka Martin, Julie Escobar, Ryan Pringle, Vanessa Martinez, and Cesar Rodarte

Instructors—Kris Bokinskie, Nhi Dinh, Laura Madrigal, David McConkey, Sarah Nedelkov, Lam Nguyen, Linh Nguyen, Cole Spicker, Zach Stickney, TeAnu Tonga, Chris van Soolen, Melissa Ward, and Natalie Youngberg

Recent Activities

Hygiene Kits

During college prep on April 16, Upward Bound students worked to fill over 220 hygiene kits with toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloths, and soap. When a tornado touched down in Joplin, Missouri on May 22, destroying many peoples homes and lives, a decision was made to donate the hygiene kits to the families of Joplin. The hygiene kits were dropped off at the Christian Life Center in Layton, Utah on May 25 for delivery that weekend.

Upward Bound would like to thank former Bounder Samantha Christl for her help with this project.



Celebrating Women's Tea

On Saturday, May 21, Upward Bound students put on their Sunday best and served members of

the community at St. Benedict's "Celebrating Women's Tea." In addition to serving lunch, students passed out roses to the women being honored and even received roses themselves.

Community Garden

In early June, five students helped prepare and plant a community garden behind the Upward Bound office. The garden was created to serve international students who may be struggling to find meals.

Ogden Arts Festival

On Saturday, June 11, Upward Bound students volunteered their time at the Ogden Arts Festival, where they helped set up, pass out brochures, and control the crowds. They were also treated to great music and good food.

Juneteenth

Many Upward Bound students spent Saturday, June 17 doing community service at the Juneteenth Festival. They helped festival coordinators set up, worked with food vendors, helped with crowd control, and cleaned up.



Weber County Fair

On Thursday, August 11, ten Upward Bound students spent the day at the Weber County Fair collecting food and other items for Catholic Community Services. Nearly 7,000 pounds of food was collected that day. It will all go to the Hall Food Bank, the largest in northern Utah. Upward Bound received a letter from Karina Martin of Catholic Community Services thanking us for our support.



Washington, D.C.

Dave and Linda traveled to Washington DC at the end of July for an COE conference on grant writing. Upward Bound must re-submit its proposal this year to be re-funded for the next five years. Dave and Linda learned what the government is looking for

and how to write the new proposal. Wish them luck on their grant writing so we can keep this program alive for the next group of students.

Welcome Back!!!

Dave, Linda, Kassidy, Lucy, and all of our tutors and volunteers would like to welcome you back to school and Upward Bound!

We are all excited about the start of another busy and exciting year. This year, we will have lots of opportunities for community service and other fun activities. Please be prepared to make the most of the year and take advantage of these opportunities!

If you need **TUTORING**, please don't wait for us to call you! Call Linda or Kassidy immediately if you find that you are struggling in one or more of your classes.

Please keep the following things in mind as you head into the new school year:

- **ATTENDANCE**—You cannot do well in your classes if you are not attending them! Please make it a point to have great attendance this year.
- **CE CREDIT**—If you are enrolled in CE classes, please remember that the grades you earn in these classes will stay with you forever! They will affect your eligibility for financial aid when you enter college. You must maintain a B or better in these classes.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS**—To all of our seniors, it is not too early to be thinking about scholarships! Please make an effort to complete applications now, instead of waiting until the last minute.
- **ACT TESTING**—Seniors will be taking the ACT on October 22. Though Upward Bound will provide some help in preparing for the ACT, you should also be practicing and studying on your own.

College Prep Dates

September 17, 24	February 4, 11, 25
October 1, 8, 15, 29	March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November 5, 12, 19	April 14, 21, 28
December 3, 10, 17	May 5, 12, 19

PLEASE REMEMBER!!!

College prep is **mandatory!!!!** If you are going to be late or if you are unable to attend one of the college prep sessions, you must let Linda or Kassidy know ahead of time.



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Community Service Opportunities

- The Boys and Girls Club needs volunteers every afternoon to help with their after school program at Odyssey Elementary. Remember, long term community service projects look great on scholarship applications!
- St. Benedict's "Funds of Love" community service will take place on September 28. Volunteers will help set up, serve, and clean up a luncheon at Union Station.
- Volunteers are needed at the B&GC's "Scarecrow" event. It will take place on Friday, October 28.
- WSU's Upward Bound bridge class of 2011 will be hosting a blood drive during the month of October. Students 16 and older can donate without a parent's permission.

Please contact Linda or Kassidy as soon as possible to sign up for any of these great activities.

The staff and students of Upward Bound would like to congratulate Cole Spicker on his speedy recovery and wish him all the best going forward. We love you, Cole!



Scholarships

Congratulations to Daniel Patino for being awarded the Daniel's Scholarship in the amount of \$140,000 and Tiffni Moschetti for being awarded the NuCor Steel Scholarship in the amount of \$12,000.



Graduation 2011

Fifteen Upward Bound seniors from the five high school that UB serves graduated this spring. All of these students have been accepted into at least one university, often into two or three. Each student has received scholarships and/or tuition waivers to help pay for their post-secondary education. Upward Bound is proud to have been an integral part in their achieving this success and looks forward to their college graduation.

CLEARFIELD HS
Tiffni Moschetti
Carli Wetenkamp

LAYTON HS
Daniel Patino
Jake Johnson
Christina Medina
Rachel Hernandez
Lehi Castillo

OGDEN HS
Yonic Ocampo
Shelby Powell



BEN LOMOND HS
David Alveno
Jose Perez
Josh Kiedaisch
Angela Kunz
Adreana Madrigal

NORTHRIDGE HS
Arturo Jimenez

In addition to these students, we would like to congratulate former Bounders Andrea Romero, Allen Dubon, Diana Lopez, and Margarita Vasques on their college graduations.

September 17

Our first college prep session will be held on September 17. We will be having a **mandatory** lunch this day, so please plan on staying from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. See you then!