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Welcome New Bounders:
- Jaime Calixtro
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- Samantha Christl
  Fairfield Jr. High
- Carolina Cuevas
  Ogden High
- Lizbette Favela
  Ben Lomond High
- Amy Merrell
  Fairfield Jr. High
- Maria Nolasco
  Ogden High

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Students also performed community service activities. Projects including making preschool folder games to be donated to local Head Start programs and starting a food drive.

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NEW STUDENT/PARENT ORIENTATION

By Tyler Crosgrove

At the New Student Orientation, the new students were reminded what they promised when they signed the UB contract, where we were going this summer and what we could do this summer. Jeremy Rouviere, one of the Upward Bound seniors, said that we could listen to our I-Pods on the bus and take anything to the dorms, for the five weeks we’ll be there. He also said that we really need to come to Saturday College Prep/Study Hall, so be there!

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR MARCH

By Laura Madrigal and Joanne Arcalas

Hey Bounders! To start off the month of March, we will be having a big food drive competition. The competition will be held throughout the month of March, and it is to benefit those in need. The competition will be held between all the Upward Bounders Group years. The requirements are that the bounders must bring in non-perishable food items; we cannot have any food that can spoil quickly. And, that all of the bounders in their group can work together and contribute what they can. The group that can get the most items by the end of March will be rewarded with great recognition, and a mystery prize!

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2007 Summer Program Dates

June 4  Year End Banquet
June 11-15  Academic Field Trip
June 18-July 20  Academic Camp
July 3  End at 12:30 pm
July 4  Holiday-No Camp
July 5  Check in at 9:00 am
July 20  Year End Bash

WE ARE ON THE WEB!
FOR INFORMATION, UPCOMING EVENTS & PICTURES, VISIT US AT www.weber.edu/upwardbound
By Evelyn Huerta
This year at the Leadership Conference, all eight of the students that were chosen to attend the Leadership Conference were also selected for a position as Keystone Club officers. The positions that were given to each student are: Presidents—Elena Jimenez and Cade Thornley
Vice president– Jo Anne Arcalas
Secretary– Evelyn Huerta
Historian—Laura Madrigal
Publicist– Doming de Los Santos
Treasurer—Javier Brizio
Parliamentarian—Derek Wetenkamp

By Elena Jimenez
The Leadership conference was held on January 25, 2007 at Southern Utah University in Cedar City. The theme was “You may have to fight a battle more than once to achieve a victory...Bring it on!”. We did many fun activities such as business sessions and making a pyramid with toothpicks and gum drops. We also met other Upward Bound students. It was a great experience. I would love to go next year.

Saturday College Prep/Study Halls

Luis Ortega – Freshmen
The freshmen at Upward Bound are really excited about this program for three important reasons: They love to work on their homework, the fun activities like when we watched “The Pursuit of Happyness”, and, most importantly, we are looking forward for the summer. We heard so many good things about it. For instance, going to see Mt. Rushmore and to see Alcatraz. Upward Bound is an awesome program and we hope to be in it for years to come.

Lindsey Stark-Sophomore
As bounders in sophomore Study Hall we are given an opportunity to do our homework from the previous week. To help us with this is our great tutors, Celeste and Lindsey. That is when we are not practicing for the upcoming UBSCT test or are forced to do a Sudoku. Either way every sophomore gets something out of study hall.

Erica Diaz – Senior
During study hall, the senior group meet with Linda. She talks to us about how college classes really are, how professors don’t care about if you come to class or not and when there is a paper or assignment, or test deadline, it will be due that day no matter what. She tells how we should get to know the professors, spend more time with them, rather than just the class time. We look at colleges we want to go, and she is doing a great work preparing us for our future college education.

David Garcia – Junior
Every student in the Upward Bound has different priorities. Freshmen and sophomores’ priority is to get used to high school and get the best grades they can. Seniors have the difficult choices of what college to go to. But the junior’s main priority is the ACT. During study hall, we focus on ACT problems and new methods to get the highest score possible. We also practice on a website that helps us with all the subjects found on the ACT test. As our junior year comes to an end, we also start to focus on colleges. We are having a few college tours in the coming months. All this is helping us to have more knowledge and more opportunities for our big decisions that are coming during our senior year.
This movie is about a man and the struggles he faces in pursuing his dreams. All in all, I felt this movie was very well put together. Will Smith did an exceptional job playing the part of the dad (Chris Gardner). The challenges he faced gave his character depth, while the solutions he discovered made his character real; like his determination with the Rubik’s Cube and getting that stockbroker job.

Throughout the movie, there are little narrations. Some are funny but they’re all serious, and I think that combination really helps this movie. During one of his narrations, Chris mentions a famous quote from the Declaration of Independence. He talks about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and he analyses the phrase “pursuit of happiness”. Chris talks about how he felt it was fitting for the writers of the Declaration to choose the word ‘pursuit’ when referring to happiness, and how maybe that’s all we can ever hope to accomplish, is just chasing happiness, while never actually attaining it; much like the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.

I feel that The Pursuit of Happiness was well scripted. The actors were great, looked dedicated to their work and the story itself was both beautiful and touching. The fact that it was based off of a true story makes it better. The Pursuit of Happiness, in my opinion, was presented as a movie to inspire people who might be facing troubles in their lives. It shows that there is hope and that determination and a strong will can make any dreams come true. This story isn’t a fairy tale, although it does have a happy ending. There are real life challenges presented that real life people face every day, like where Chris and his son Christopher’s next meal is coming from, or where they’re going to sleep that night. At one point, Chris and his son had to sleep in a public restroom. This was a sacrifice that he had to make to keep his child safe and continue on with life so he could have a better future for himself and his son.

Although it is inspired by a true story, which leaves a bitter taste in some people’s minds, I felt The Pursuit Happiness was very inspirational, and well put together. I highly recommend this movie for all ages, definitely as a family movie. It can help children know that dreams can come true, while many older people can relate to the story having been through similar situations themselves. There is a point in the movie where Chris is watching Christopher play basketball. Christopher says something to the effect that he wanted to play professional basketball, and Chris kind of put him down a little, saying that he can’t do it. Immediately after that, Chris tells his son not to let anyone tell Christopher he can’t do something, not even his own father. I think this message is one of the underlying themes of this movie, and really helpful to a lot of people. I think if more people saw this movie, or had this message earlier in life, then maybe there would be more doctors or lawyers in this world. Not that we need any more lawyers,

The Pursuit of Happyness—Critiqued By Jeremy Rouviere

Pursuit of Happiness
by Cassandra Martinez

Our Saturday trip to the movies was an event no bounder can forget. “The story of your life”, were the words of Dave Trujillo. “This is a movie you won’t forget.” The main purpose of this movie was to set you in the mood to think of how your life and Chris Gardner’s are similar in many aspects of life. The movie speaks to each bounder as if to say — if you can dream about going somewhere in life, you can achieve it. Chris Gardner went from living anywhere he could find a place to live to becoming a millionaire. There is a Chris Gardner in each bounder.

An Inconvenient Truth
By Gabe Diarte

Wednesday, February 7th, six Upward Bound students walked across campus where they were fed a generous dinner and viewed Al Gore’s movie “An Inconvenient Truth”, which explicitly depicted in scientific fact, how and why we are screwed if we continue to destroy our planet by living the way we all do. And how we can stop ourselves from doing so. This movie describes the process of global warming, the geological effects upon the earth, climate changes, increased severity of weather patterns, and the effects on all life forms. Following the movie the students were treated to a deeper explanation and an answer to any questions they had from Weber State University’s own climatologist, Professor Bedford. The experience left almost everyone (including those who weren’t in Upward Bound) with a much deeper understanding and desire to stop global warming. any way they can.
On January 31st the Bridge class had their first senior college day/retreat. They had spent the whole day at Weber State University going through two different college classes, and listening to some guest speakers. The day finally ended with the Financial Aid banquet which was held that night. At the banquet, all of the Bridge students received scholarships from Upward Bound, as follows:

Steeven Alvarez—$500
Efrain Castillo—$800
Daisy Diaz—$200
Erica Diaz—$200
Diana Elizarraraz—$800
Eddie Gallegos—$500
Marta Huerta—$200
Peter Lanzarotta—$500
Veronica Martinez—$800
Ed Poston—$500
Jeremy Rouviere—$1,000
Elizabeth Tinti—$800
Devan Wetenkamp—$1,000

Grand total of monies received by the 2007 Bridge group as of January 31, 2007

$13,600

By Marta Huerta

Previously at the Multicultural Conference the following students received scholarships:

Steeven Alvarez—$500
Jose Efrain Castillo—$500
Daisy Diaz—$800
Erica Diaz—$800
Eddie Gallegos—$800
Marta Huerta—$800
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Ed Poston—$800

SENIOR RETREAT
By Jeremy Rouviere and Devan Wetenkamp

At the senior retreat all the seniors got the honor to sit in two college classes, but first we had to sit through Linda and Tiffany’s college education 101. They showed a little skit on good and bad things to do in class. Later, while in the college classes, we learned a lot on critical thinking about crimes. In the sociology class we talked about how to make a senior-citizen friendly house and about assisted suicide. Then we were off to lunch. We were able to eat and interact with more college students. Afterward, we got to go sit in the executive board room that is reserved for only the best. There we listened to speeches from Eddie Hoyle, Pat Bair, Donalyn Sessions, Carl Porter, Erick Kohler, and financial aid officer, Tula Paras. So, overall, it was a fun and very educating day.

What’s Left of Right

What we need right now
Is Hope.
When the people despair from every action of their brother,
Will we ever find peace?
What we need left now
Is Ignorance.
When we deafen our ears to the screams of the less fortunate,
Will we ever be forgiven?
What we need right now
Is Love.
When you’ve given all you can to reduce the need,
One day someone will return the favor.
What we need left now
Is Hatred.
When detestation is bred across the land,
We will never know joy.
What we need right now
Is Forgiveness.
When the leaders of the world fall victim to the crimes they fought to prevent,
Who are we to say we haven’t done the same?
What we need left now
Is Argument.
When we deny the common need,
We will destroy ourselves.
What we need right now
Is Faith.
When the world needs change,
We must believe in one another to succeed.
What we need left now
Is Dissent.
When our destruction is at hand
Will we ever wake up?
~Zach Stickney

If any students have any ideas, art work, pictures, essays or anything that you feel like sharing with your Upward Bound family, do not hesitate to give it to Lucy, Linda, or Tiffany so we can include it in the newsletter.