On January 25, 2007, 8 WSU Upward Bound students will attend the 2007 Annual TRiO Leadership Conference held at Southern Utah University in Cedar City. The conference is sponsored by the SUU Upward Bound and ETS programs and focus on learning business leadership skills. Students attending are Cade Thornley, Laura Madrigal, Evelyn Huerta, Elena Jimenez, JoAnne Arcalas, Javier Brizio, Domingo Delos Santos and Derek Wetenkamp. The theme for this years conference is “You may have to fight a battle more than once to achieve victory—BRING IT ON.” Students will be involved in leadership workshops, a service project and group activities.

Tentative Agenda
Thursday, Jan 25
Afternoon/Evening  Check in

Friday, Jan 26
8:00  Registration
9:00  Welcome
10:00  Workshops
12:00  Lunch
1:00  Group Picture
1:30  Service Project
5:00  Break
6:30  Dinner / Dance
10:00  Return to Hotel

Saturday, Jan 27
8:30  Check out of Hotel
9:00  Activity
12:00  Lunch
2:00  Leave for home

If you need to contact your student while they are at the conference, please call Tiffany (801) 643-5472 or Linda (801) 499-1968. Students will be required to turn off their cell phones while at the conference activities.

“BRING IT ON!”

SENIOR BRIDGE RETREAT/FINANCIAL AID BANQUET

Our annual Senior Bridge Retreat is being combined with our Parents Financial Aid Informational Night this year. All Bridge students are mandated to attend the day session at Weber State University from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. They will be excused from school by Upward Bound, but are being asked to check with their teachers as to tests, presentations and assignments that would be due that day. Students will attend a college class, several workshops, and have lunch at the Junction. Parents are invited to attend the evening banquet at the Comfort Suites on 21st Street. (Invitations and driving directions are being sent to families). One parent is free with each additional person costing $12. A presentation on federal financial aid and applications will be given and several scholarships will be awarded.

Important Dates

January 20  Super Saturday/Movie (all students)
January 20  ACT Practice Test (Juniors)
January 25, 26, 27  TRiO Leadership Conference
January 31  Senior Retreat/Financial Aid Night
February 4  New Student Orientation
February 13, 14, 15  UBSCT Testing (Sophomores)
March 1  WSU Financial Aid Deadline

Seniors: January and February are the big months to be applying for scholarships and financial aid.

Juniors: Take the ACT college entrance test seriously. College course placement and scholarships are based on it.

Sophomores: You must pass all three UBSCT tests for high school graduation.

Freshman: Get involved! It is a plus for scholarships.
Upward Bound Holiday Auction

At the final Upward Bound Saturday College Prep meeting, students and staff held a Holiday Auction. Items such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, toys and treats were bid upon by zealous students offering generous amounts of play money earned by their attendance at the Saturday College Prep program, cultural enrichment activities and community service.

New Rooms for Upward Bound

Due to the increase in students in our program (we now have 72) Upward Bound has moved from the second floor of the Social Science building to the bottom floor resulting in larger rooms for our purposes. The new rooms are 7, 44 and 26. Watch for lost students as you come to study hall and guide them to our new home. We love each and every one of you and surely don’t want to misplace anyone. We will still have access to the writing center and their computers for research and for writing papers. Students should not be using this time to check their e-mails or “surfing the web.” As we are next to the testing center we are also obligated to maintain a college attitude while at study hall. Students taking tests do not want to listen to others in the hallways. As always, cell phones and mp3 players are not allowed during college prep time.

“In prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends.”

J. Churton Collins
1848-1908

“Wizard of Oz” Keystone Club Activity

The Upward Bound Keystone Club attend the movie, The Wizard of Oz, on January 16, 2006 at Ogden’s Peery Egyptian Theater. The Peery Egyptian Theater is an Ogden landmark in architecture with Egyptian décor and a ceiling full of stars. The afternoon performance was a replica of the type of afternoon spent by children of the 50’ and 60’s. A magic act was presented, drawings held, a silent film with accompaniment by a Wurlitzer organ was shown followed by a classic cartoon and the feature attraction. As Dorothy did in the land of Oz, Upward Bound students must seek wisdom and knowledge in order to achieve their goals and succeed in college. They begin with a single step (Dorothy’s trip down the yellow brick road) and build upon their successes. Upward Bound lends the support, structure and knowledge like the other characters, the scarecrow, the tin man, the cowardly lion and the wizard himself.
Each year, Weber State University puts on a Multicultural Conference targeting high school students and encouraging them to attend college. Upward Bound seniors attend this conference and receive information on everything from the ROTC program to the food services on campus. Workshops on financial aid, scholarships, and academic advisement for major and minor choices are offered. In the evening, the hard-working scholarship office hands out academic and leadership scholarships to all eligible students who have registered with Weber State. Five Upward Bound Students received scholarships during this event. Marta Huerta received an $800 Leadership scholarship while Steeven Alvarez and Jose Efrain Castillo received $500 Multicultural scholarships. Two scholarships have yet to be awarded but those students will be announce during the Senior Financial Aid Banquet.

New Student Orientation

On February 4, 2007, Upward Bound will hold its New Student Orientation in the Shepard Union Building, Room 347-348. This is a mandatory meeting for all new students and their parents. New students are defined as those students who have not yet spent a summer with Upward Bound.

Time:  6:00 pm
Place: Room 347-348
Shepherd Union Building
Date:  Sunday, February 4, 2007.

Please bring any registration paperwork that has not yet been turned in. If you have lost copies of some of the forms, all forms will be available that evening. Without this paperwork completed students may not be allowed to continue participation in activities.

A number of children are standing in a circle. They are evenly spaced. The fourth child is directly opposite the 20th. How many children are in the circle?

Edcutions purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

Although the Summer Academic Field Trip has not yet been finalized (and we are not sure where we are going) the following dates are set. Please plan your summer vacations, camps and other activities to accommodate these times.

2007 Summer Program Dates

June 4  Year End Banquet (mandatory)
June 11-15  Academic Field Trip
June 18-July 20  Academic Summer Camp
July 3  Morning Classes only
July 4  Holiday
July 5  Check in at 9:00 am
July 20  Year End Bash
“Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday dear Upward Bounders
Happy Birthday to you”

January 4—Domingo Delos Santos
January 20—Richard Espinoza
January 21—Brian Turner
January 25—Steeven Alvarez
February 8—Shunavon BlueEyes
February 15—Skyler Castillo
February 19—David Garcia
March 1—Ninfa Delos Santos
March 2—Tyler Crosgrove
March 9—Cade Thornley

My Name: “Is Meth.”
I destroy homes, I tear families apart. Take your children, and that’s just the start. I’m more costly than diamonds, more precious than gold. The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold.

If you need me, remember I’m easily found. I live all around you—in schools and in town. I live with the rich, I live with the poor. I live down the street, and maybe next door.

I’m made in a lab, but not like you think. I can be made under the kitchen sink. In your child’s closet, and even in the woods. If this scares you to death, well it certainly should.

I have many names, but there’s one you know best. I’m sure you’ve heard of me, my name is crystal meth. My power is awesome, try me you’ll see. But if you do, you may never break free.

Just try me once and I might let you go. But try me twice and I’ll own your soul. When I possess you, you’ll steal and you’ll lie. You do what you have to—just to get high. The crimes you’ll commit for my narcotic charms. Will be worth the pleasure you’ll feel in your arms. You’ll lie to your mother, you’ll steal from your dad. When you see their tears, you should feel sad.

But you’ll forget your morals and how you were raised. I’ll be your conscience, I’ll teach you my ways. I take kids from parents, and parents from kids. I turn people from God, and separate friends. I’ll take everything from you, your looks and your pride...I’ll be with you always—right by your side. You’ll give up everything—your family, your home. Your friends, your money, then you’ll be alone.

I’ll take and take, till you have nothing to give. When I’m finished with you, you’ll be lucky to live. If you try me be warned—this is no game. If given the chance, I’ll drive you insane. I’ll ravish your body, I’ll control your mind. I’ll own you completely, your soul will be mine. The nightmares I’ll give you while lying in bed. The voices you’ll hear, from inside your head.

The sweats, the shakes, the visions you’ll see. I want you to know, these are all gifts from me. But then it’s too late, and you’ll know in your heart. That you are mine, and we shall not part. You’ll regret that you tried me, they always do. But you came to me, not I to you. You knew this would happen, many times you were told. But you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.

You could have said no, and just walked away. If you could live that day over, now what would you say? I’ll be your master, you will be my slave. I’ll even go with you, when you go to your grave. Now that you have met me, what will you do? Will you try me or not? It’s all up to you. I can bring you more misery than words can tell. Come take my hand, let me lead you to hell.

Written by a young Indian girl who was in jail for drug charges, and addicted to meth. She was released from jail, but, true to her story the drug owned her. She was found dead not long after with a needle still in her arm. Please think before you act.