Six o’clock Thursday, January 24, 2008. Thirteen Upward Bound and one ETS student gathered at the WSU atrium to welcome 100 high school students and their advisors from across Utah to the Fifth Annual TRIO Student Leadership Conference. These 14 students were enjoying the fruits of their 16 weeks (the length as a college semester) of planning, brainstorming and creative thinking. All seemed to be in order and organized. After working for four hours on Thursday and leaving around 10 pm, these students returned to WSU at 7:00 am the next day to set up workshops, prepare speakers, and add last minute finishing touches. It would be a long day, ending after 10 pm, that evening.

Five workshops were held during the morning—Two on Team Building: one presented by Elisabeth Arellano and Rosa Portillo; the second presented by Domingo De Los Santos, Elena Jimenez and Evelyn Huerta; a Government workshop presented by Cade Thornley, Michael Phan, Roberto Molina and Russ Torres; a Diversity workshop presented by Cassandra Martinez, Savannah Murphy and Jo Anne Arcalas; and what was stated to be everyone’s favorite, a Roberts Rules workshop presented by Zach Stickney and Derek Wetenkamp. These 14 students created the workshops, guided TRIO participants in learning the skills of the workshop and completed a de-briefing to assure understanding and increased leadership skills. Council members learned the valuable lessons of working under pressure, adlib, and dealing with last minute complications. Our students truly exceeded their own expectations taking ownership of this conference and producing an unforgettable experience. But the conference was not over yet.

The afternoon and the early Saturday morning sessions were comprised of learning how international relationships between countries are affected by trade, civil strife, natural disaster, and internal political policies. Again, our council members took charge organizing country groups, explaining the game, guiding the progress and making suggestions to help participants learn the skills of diplomacy, leadership, and economic stability. Most participants commented that they wished the conference would have lasted longer. The topics were interesting, informative, and well presented. Each participant was always actively involved and each took home many valuable lessons.

Congratulations to all our UB Council members for a job extremely well done.

WSU Upward Bound and the 2008 Student Leadership Council would like to thank the following for their help and support:

Dr. Jan Winniford—Vice President
Student Affairs
Carl Porter—Executive Director
Academic Support Services
Donna Rigby—President, ASPIRE Association
Basic Skills, VUB
Pat Bair—Executive Director
Weber/Davis Boys and Girls Club

Nicolette Boulware—Sudexho
University Food Services and Catering
Teri Woods-Slaughter—Conference Services
Weber State University Bookstore
Weber State Student Recruitment
Weber State Student Involvement
Weber State Political Science Dept.
The Utah Jazz
Upward Bound is proud to welcomed seventeen new students into its program this year. All our new students and their parents were introduced to the

Upward Bound program on Sunday, February 10, 2008. Students met with UB Seniors (Bridge) to discuss what would be expected of them for the next 3-4 years while parents were shown a UB highlight video and given a run-down of parental and student fundamentals. Those new students who were not able to meet with us on Sunday are asked to set up an appointment to meet with Tiffany and Dave to receive this information. Please call 801-626-6798 for an appointment.

Our newest new students include the following:
Brianna Valle - Ogden HS
Kiersten Hiller - Fairfield JH
Shelby Powell - Ogden HS
Lehi Castillo - Syracuse JH
Oscar Saavedra - Layton HS
Jake Johnson - North Davis JH
Joshua Kiedaisch - Ben Lomond HS
Arturo Jimenez - Sunset JH

**FAFSA-free application for federal student aid**

Federal grants, work-study, loans, college grants, state monies—what does it all mean and how can UB students get it? These questions were answered in December at the Parents Financial Aid Night held at the Comfort Suites in Ogden. Parents and Senior Bridge students then took that information and on January 16, 2008 met in the Social Science Building on the campus of WSU to fill out a FAFSA form applying for federal assistance for college. Those applications have already been processed and families need to make revisions ASAP. By having their applications in early, UB students are now eligible for award packages from the university of their choice in the first round of awards. We hope they all do well.

All UB students need to be aware that they should continue to apply for scholarships both through the community, their parents place of work, and the school they wish to attend. Students should also contact the school(s) they are interested in for a personal visit, SSS applications and meeting with the scholarship/financial aid offices.

**UTAH JAZZ GAME**

The Utah Jazz has supported WSU Upward Bound for many years. This year they donated tickets to Upward Bound for the Utah Jazz vs. Philadelphia 76’s on January 2, 2008. Bounders were exposed to a valuable lesson in economics while attending this game. They were asked: Who sits court side? How many seats are available court side? What is the cost for a court side ticket? Where do UB students sit? Why? How does this represent society and education? Thinking outside the box is one of the skills that UB students are taught as they learn to succeed in college. Upward Bound thanks the Utah Jazz for allowing us one more opportunity to use a real life scenario to help students learn life lessons and gain insights into the value of higher education through a fun activity.
How do you choose a president? A legislator? A judge? How do countries solve their international problems when a disaster strikes, a civil war breaks out, or you are politically diverse and divided? These are questions that had to be solved by eleven UB students when they attended the Fifth Annual TRIO Student Leadership Conference on January 24-26, 2008 sponsored by the Weber State Upward Bound program.

Eleven WSU UB students were among the 120 UB and ETS participants from across the state at this years conference. Learning the difficulties of compromise, understanding humanitarian aid, and balancing cultural and economic diversity were all issues these future leaders faced when they were asked solve real world problems. We commend each and every one of our students on the critical thinking skills they showed, the teamwork and the leadership they displayed and the fantastic way they represented WSU and our Upward Bound program.

WAY TO GO!!!!

All of the Leadership Conference participants create the 2008 Key Stone Club Advisory Board with the Boys & Girls Club of Weber/Davis. Leadership duties include guiding small groups and reminding students of commitments to cultural and community service activities. Welcome to our new counsel members!

Bobby Gallegos
Lizbette Favea
Jose Casillas
Tyler Crosgrove
Samantha Christl
Ninfa Delos Santos
April Garcia
Cameron Barboza
Nicole Byington
Joseph Limb
Pamela Cifuentes

SNOW COLLEGE VISIT

Representatives from Snow College came to personally visit with four WSU Upward Bound students on Feb. 7, 2008. This visit allows those students an in-depth look at the support services offered at a college they are interested in attending. They were given information on scholarships, financial aid, housing, and registration as well as the support of Student Support Services and the Multicultural Center.

David Garcia
Arielle Boardman
Alyssa Solis & Isai Patino
are well on their way to making the necessary contacts and receiving the valuable information necessary to succeed in college and particularly at Snow College.

UTAH SYMPHONY BALLET

“The Composer is Dead” by Lemony Snicket will be performed on the WSU campus on Feb. 25, 2008. UB students have been signing up for weeks to attend this sleuthing experience to determine who committed this sinister deed. The performance begins at 7:00 pm and UB students are asked to be at the UB office by 6:15 in order to receive their ticket and walk over to the Val Browning Center for this performance.

On Saturday, March 8, 2008, UB students will have the opportunity to witness the ballet, “Cinderella,” as she finds the love of her Prince Charming with the help of her fairy Godmother. This activity begins at 7:00 pm and UB students are asked to be at the UB office by 6:15 in order to receive their ticket and walk over to the Val Browning Center for this performance.

Upward Bound wants to take the time to thank the Ogden Symphony Ballet for their continued support of our program and for giving us the opportunity to attend these cultural enrichment activities.
“National TRiO Day,” a day on which the nation is asked to turn its attention to the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the investment necessary if they are to become contributing citizens of this country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made.

-- H. Con. Res. 278

(Concurrent Resolution designating February 28, 1986 as National TRiO Day)

National TRiO Day is a day of celebration, reflection and action around increased access to higher education for disadvantaged students. Federal TRiO Programs help low-income and first-generation students enter college and earn a college degree.

Every year on the last Saturday of February, high school and college students, teachers, Members of Congress, local officials, TRiO Program staff, participants and alumni and many others:

Celebrate the positive impact of federal TRiO Programs in our communities throughout the nation.

Reflect on the importance of educational opportunity programs in creating a fairer society for all Americans.

Act to protect and further access to higher education for low-income and first-generation students.

Salt Lake Community College will be hosting a luncheon on February 21, 2008 in celebration of National TRiO Day. Representatives from the Utah legislature and national representative will be in attendance.

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January 4, 2008 marked the annual MULTICULTURAL CONFERENCE at Weber State University. Twenty-one Upward Bound Bridge students attended workshops and college skills and financial aid. An evening banquet was finalized by handing out over $105,000 in scholarships. Upward Bound students received over $19,000 of those scholarship dollars.

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Leadership
Jessica Alvarez—$600
Isai Patino—$600
Michael Phan—$1000
Zachary Stickney—$600
Jessie Tinti—$600
Derek Wetenkamp—$600

Academic
Trenton Billmire—$800
Omar Flores—$1000
David Garcia—$1200
Cassandra Martinez—$600
Alyssa Solis—$600

College of Arts and Humanities
Joseph Limb—$10,000

College of Applied Sciences
Isai Patino—$600

HORATIO ALGERS SCHOLARS
Four Upward Bound students have been selected as Utah Horatio Alger Scholars. This prestigious scholarship is awarded to students who have overcome adversity, financial need and have a commitment to use their college degree in service to others. Each student will receive a $1000 scholarship yearly for up to five years. Only 25 students in Utah received this award.

Amanda Roberts Jo Anne Arcalas
Zachary Stickney Omar Flores

COMCAST
The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship for $1000 was won this year by Upward Bounder, Elisabeth Arellano.

TOTAL UB Student PSE $ (so far):
$100,164