A DAY FOR KIDS
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE

Saturday, September 15, 2007 marked the first Saturday College Prep of 2007-08. Our students started the Upward Bound academic year with a BANG! assisting the Boys & Girls club with “A Day for Kids”. UB students met at seven different venues across Ogden city volunteering their time and services to the visitors throughout the day. Children and their families were able to participate in activities at the Boy Scouts of America C.O.P.E.S. course, Ogden Eccles Dinasour Park, Ogden Nature Center, PapaGeorge Dairy Farm, Weber County Ice Sheet, Union Station and Fat Cats Fun Center at the Junction. UB students assisted visitors with sign-in and registration, crowd control, goodie-bag hand outs, ushering and hands-on activities.

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Senior students will discover college through a Criminal Justice and a Health Science class on October 24, 2007. The Senior Retreat will begin at 8:00 am at the Upward Bound office, continuing with visits to two university classes, have a segment on tutoring, financial aid, scholarships and end with dinner and a movie. Plan to attend this all day event by working out your high school classes beforehand. Be sure to talk with any teachers who have you in a concurrent enrollment (CE) or AP class so you are excused. These college prep classes are mandatory attendance and you can only miss a specific number of times. (Of course, all of you have perfect attendance so that's not a problem). See you on Wedensday!
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A bellow of engines preceded thunderous crashes with metal bending, twisting and breaking. Turbulent white clouds of steam belched from broken radiators as cars stopped dead. Those metal beasts still running careened around corners spewing waves of dirt on those unfortunately to close to the viewing area. These were the scenes viewed by UB students, October 13, 2007, as they enjoyed the Halloween Havoc Demolition Derby, held in the Golden Spike Arena at Ogden’s Fair Grounds. For many students this was the first time they had been to a derby and were very surprised at what took place. They were well rewarded with a highly charged atmosphere, quick maneuvers, and lots of demolished cars. One driver, attempting to stop an opponent by broad siding him, actually rolled the car over on its top and then drove over it. It was a great way to remind these new and upcoming drivers what not to do when they reach the open highway.

2008 Utah TRiO Leadership Conference Student Council

WSU Upward Bound has the honor of hosting the Utah TRiO Student Leadership Conference January 2008 in Ogden. Approximately 100 students from Utah TRiO Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs will be attending a two day conference to enhance their leadership skills. In order to create this conference, WSU Upward Bound has set up a TRiO Leadership Council.

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Juniors 2007

The practice ACT test for all Juniors is Saturday, December 1st at 9:00am sharp. Meet in the SS building, room 229 before the start of the test ready to push concentration for 3 hours.

BRIDGE 2008

All Seniors have registered with Tiffany for the October 27th National ACT test and each should have received an admission letter in the mail. Be sure to arrive at your test site by 7:45am, RELAX and push your brain to stay focused the entire test. Last chance to increase your index score.

WHEN TESTING, REMEMBER
- 2-3 pencils w/good eraser (#2 lead)
- Calculator
- Extra batteries or 2nd calculator
- ID: Driver’s License or School ID card
- Comfortable clothes - w/ socks & jacket
- Well rounded breakfast w/ snacks
- Consistent sleep the week prior to test
- Awesome attitude
- Desire to push thinking for 3 hours
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Dave, Tiffany and Linda attended the Annual TRiO ASPIRE regional conference in Denver, Colorado from Sept. 29 through Oct. 4, 2007. It was a great learning experience with workshops on financial aid, recruitment and retention, helping students succeed in post-secondary education and the latest updates on TRiO programs from Washington D.C. Representatives from all TRiO programs in North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Montana, and South Dakota, were in attendance. We were able to meet old friends from other TRiO programs, share experiences and ideas and gain new insights into making a better program for our students. Many of the difficult issues surrounding Upward Bound are still intact and are being aggressively worked through at the national level. TRiO representatives have only the highest praise for our congressmen/women who support TRiO and its purpose. These men and women are slowly winning the battle to keep Upward Bound intact and to increase funding for future generations. We would like to say thanks to all the people who are not directly involved in TRiO programs, parents of our students, and our students for their support in helping show the importance of Upward Bound and other TRiO programs to our representatives in Congress. You make the difference!

Michelle Dodson, Special Agent with Federal Investigative Services, along with her partner, Lindsey, a former WSU graduate, spoke with Upward Bound students on September 29, 2007. They explained what their careers demanded of them and how important it was to stay in school, go to college and earn a degree. These women work with the US Office of Personnel Management and do background investigations on anyone and everyone who work for the government and/or the military. The most exciting part of their profession is the necessity to travel around the country to complete these investigations. Investigation on a single person often takes 5-6 months to complete. Always remember “big brother MAY be watching.” (Or, you can run, but you cannot hide.) Both Lindsey and Michelle stressed the importance of thinking of the consequences down the road before you act.

Saturday College Prep

As the 2007-08 academic year rolls on, UB continue to plug away at the weekly Saturday College Prep sessions. Attendance at each 3 hour session is a commitment all Upward Bound students have made to themselves and the program. Students and staff meet at Weber State in the Social Science building, room 378 for grade specific activities, critical thinking/ writing and study hall.

The following is a list of the remaining (only 23) Saturdays for the school year:

- November 3, 10, 17
- December 1, 8, 15
- January 5, 12, 19
- February 2, 9, 16, 23
- March 1, 8, 15, 29
- April 5, 12, 19
- May 3, 10, 17

Saturday College Prep goes as follows:

8:45-9:00 Sign-In
9:00-9:50 Individual Grades
9:50-10:00 Announcements
10:00-10:50 Large Group Activity
10:50-11:00 Break
11:00-12:00 Study Hall
On November 10, 2007, Weber State University Upward Bound will participate in the annual “Science Day” sponsored by the University of Utah. This is the third year that UB has sent students to participate in this explosive event. All Juniors 2009 will travel by WSU bus to the University of Utah for workshops, demonstrations, information sessions and most importantly: lunch. Juniors attending school in the Ogden School District need to meet at the Upward Bound office at 8:00am. Those students in the Davis School District need to meet at Northridge High School at 8:15am. We should return to NHS and the UB office by 4:00pm.

For the parents of all Bridge students:
There will be a Parent’s Financial Aid Night in December or January. This night is to provide you with information concerning scholarships and federal financial aid. It is imperative that you attend this meeting. Notice will be sent to you when a final date is chosen and set. As we have been informing our seniors, it is crucial that you have the information to file your taxes gathered in January. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Pell Grants and Loans) must be received by their university of choice by **March 1, 2008** for your student to be considered for other federal grant monies as well as state grants and work-study. We want to have the FAFSA submitted to the federal government by **February 15, 2008**. You do not need to file your taxes until April, but a rough estimate of them needs to be put on the FAFSA form and then corrected when you finalize your tax forms. This will not affect your students status, just the amount of monies they will be offered. More information and explanations will be offered at the Parent’s Financial Aid Night.

**AS OF OCTOBER 24, 2007, ALL UPWARD BOUND SENIORS - 21 TOTAL - HAVE REGISTERED WITH WEBER STATE FOR SUMMER 2008.**
Some of these students will move on to other universities after the summer term but all graduating seniors have made the first step toward college and their future.

My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.

Charles F. Kettering
American inventor (1876-1958)

**Information & dates YOU need to know!**

**Wed., Oct. 24:** Bridge 2008 Retreat @ WSU

**Sat., Oct. 27:** Bridge 2008 national ACT test

**Sat., Nov. 3:** Guest Speaker @ College Prep

**Sat., Nov. 10:** Science Day at the U for all Juniors

**Sat., Dec. 15:** Holiday Auction @ College Prep

**Author to speak to UB students**

As members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Weber/Davis, Upward Bound students will have the opportunity to meet Jason F. Wright, author of the best selling book *Christmas Jars*, on November 3, 2007. Jason also works as a political and public policy consultant and is the founder of www.politicalderby.com. Jason has written three books, *The James Miracle* (2004), *Christmas Jars* (2005, coming as a major motion picture in 2008) and *The Wednesday Letters* (2007). A former Utah resident, Mr. Wright has lived in Germany; the Chicago suburbs; Charlottesville, Virginia; Belo Horizonte, Brazil; Pleasant Grove, Utah; and presently makes his home in Fairfax, Virginia. He is married has four children. Jason Wright will be speaking to Upward Bound students at Saturday College Prep beginning at 10:00am.

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