Parents of students who have not spent a summer with us were invited to an orientation on January 23. Nine families braved the nasty weather to hear about the program. While Dave and Tiffany explained the academic program and gave an overview of the summer program, the ‘newbies’ spent time with the UB Bridge class (current seniors) asking questions and learning firsthand what they can expect to get out of Upward Bound and what will be expected of them. If you were not able to attend this session, Upward Bound will be hosting a second orientation in March. This is a mandatory orientation so we plan to see the rest of you then.

TRIO STUDENT LEADER CONFERENCE

Adreana Madrigal, Andy Morelli, Shunavon BlueEyes, Salvador Gallegos, Maria Nolasco, April Garcia, Rachel Hernandez and Luis Ortega represented WSU Upward Bound at the annual TRIO Student Leadership Conference held at the University of Utah February 13 and 14, 2009. Despite a nasty snowstorm, which curtailed the conference a few hours early, our students learned what is means to be part of a community and what a community represents. Each student was asked to take on the role of leadership in developing strategies to build a better community whether in a small group or at the national level. These students will now utilize those leadership qualities that they have learned to become team leaders for our program and for the Weber/Davis Keystone Club. Their experience will be transformed into action as they motivate, encourage, and lead their fellow bounder for the next year. Congratulations to our new UB leaders and Keystone Club officers.
On January 22, Upward Bound took 31 sophomore and freshman students to Hardware Ranch. Ask your children about yellow snow. Hardware Ranch is an elk conservation area located above Logan, Utah. About 700 elk normally winter there when the snows get to deep to remain in the high mountains. This year only about 250 were available to see. UB students were treated to a sleigh ride out into the middle of the elk herd for a close-up look. This herd contained several bull elk displaying large antlers. In about two months, they will shed these antlers (made of cartilage) and begin to grow a new set. Each elk can weigh upwards of 700 pounds. A very impressive animal.

After being thoroughly drenched in the rain, (January rain? Oh yeah!!) UB went to lunch in Logan. All you can eat has become very popular with our teenagers and they didn’t disappoint us. Once again, we were complimented on how great our student’s behavior is. Thank you to all UB participants. You make our program great.

Ogden Symphony Ballet presented the King Singers on February 12, 2009 in a concert attended by 15 Upward Bound students. A six-member, all male group, their repertoire ranged from medieval to renaissance, romantic to contemporary, to folk and pop music. They have been performing world-wide for over 30 years in such places as Anchorage, the Azores, Beirut, Beijing, Cape Town, Copenhagen and Zweibrucken. A well-rounded and diverse background is essential for a young person to believe in the greatness of the world and of themselves. Upward Bound is fortunate to have such generous benefactors as the Ogden Symphony Ballet to help us enrich the lives of our students with these great performances.

Twenty-two Upward Bound students attended the ballet, Madame Butterfly, on February 27, 2009 compliments of the Utah Symphony Ballet. This story of immoral love, betrayal, devotion, and sacrifice, captivated UB students with its fantastic costuming, impressive sets, and awesome staging. Ballet West is the third company in the world to perform this fascinating piece. This is the last of five cultural events UB students have been invited to attend. It is the goal of Upward Bound that participants experience activities that broaden their horizons and encourages them to seek out information about the ever-increasing world around them. Success comes from creating a strong base of information to support the dreams and aspirations. Upward Bound students have had the opportunity to invest in their future by experiencing the present in all its wonder.
PRE-PLANNING TRIP TO L.A.

Tolerance is the theme for the 2009 Summer Program so when Dave, Tiffany, and Linda travelled to Los Angeles, (Yes we are going to LA) they visited the Museum of Tolerance and the Japanese American National Museum. The weather was great then the rains came and we had a great lesson in tolerance as we drove the LA freeway in a rainstorm. However, we had a wonderful time picking our potential sights for the summer trip and will have a great itinerary ready for the Banquet on June 8, 2009. We can hardly wait for everyone to see what we found.

NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to Maquel Nedelkov (NHS), Stephanie Corona, Karesse Sanders (MFJH), Daniel Johnson (NDJH) and Evelyn Hernandez (SuJH) as our newest UB students. You’re gonna love Upward Bound.

GREAT NEWS ABOUT UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS

Nicole Byington has passed her CNA exams at the DATC.

Isaac Hernandez did a fantastic job of making an 18 foot 3 pointer in the last three seconds to seal the win Northridge Basketball over Layton.

Maria Nolasco had four of her photographs displayed at the WSU Nosotras : Portraits of Latinas exhibit. Her photographs will be on exhibit in the Kimball Visual Arts Center until March 10, 2009.

Shunavon BlueEyes won first place in the division for wrestling. Shunavon is wrestling at 250 pounds so this is a great accomplishment. I know who I want for a body guard.

Saul Moreno was student of the month (March ’09) at Ben Lomond High School.

Cameron Barboza participated in the State Chess Championships for OHS and his team took first place.

Carli Wetenkamp and Pam Cifuentes participated in the National Competitions for their schools Dance teams in March 2009.

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NEW SCHOLARSHIPS WINNERS

Karen Virgen: Services for Multicultural Students/College of Health Professions
Cameroon Barboza: Services for Multicultural Students/College of Applied Technology
Mauro Tinti: SMS tuition waiver: $1000
Javier Brizio: SMS tuition waiver: $1000
Laura Madrigal: Ogden Area Hispanic Business Leaders, $1000
Jose Casillas: Ogden Area Hispanic Business Leaders, $1000
Xochitl Camarena: SMS tuition waiver: $1000
Pamela Cifuentes: SMS tuition waiver: $1000
Victor Hernandez: SMS tuition waiver: $1000
Evelyn Huerta: SMS tuition waiver: $1000
Karen Virgen: COHP tuition waiver: $4000
Cameron Barboza: COAST tuition waiver: $2500

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 7: College Prep
Saturday, March 14: College Prep
Saturday, March 21: College Prep
Saturday, March 28: College Prep
Snow College tour and Luau for all Junior/Senior students. We will be leaving immediately following College Prep and will not return until midnight. Clear the entire day as this is a mandatory activity.
Saturday, April 4: College Prep
National ACT test for all juniors. Be at your testing center by 7:45am armed with a picture ID, your admissions ticket, calculator, pencils, comfy clothes, snacks, and Smarties. Good Luck!!!
Saturday, April 11: NO COLLEGE PREP
Easter Egg hunt community service for UB students at Weber State University. Students will assist with egg hiding, registration, crowd control, etc. A limited number of students are needed from 8:30-11:30am. Sign up with Tiffany/Linda if interested.
Saturday, April 18: College Prep
Wednesday, April 22: Earth Day community service. More details to come!
Saturday, April 25: College Prep
Saturday, May 2: College Prep
Smith’s community service project. More details to come!
Saturday, May 9: College Prep
Saturday, May 16: Last College Prep of 2008-09!
Monday, June 8, 2009: 2008-09 Year-End Banquet
June 15 to June 19: Academic Field Trip to Los Angeles, CA
June 22 to July 23: Academic Summer Program
Thursday, July 23, 2009: Summer 2009 BASH

WHAT IS NATIONAL TRIO DAY?

February 28, 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.