

UPWARD BOUND



Barnes & Noble Community Service



The start of the holiday season found Upward Bound students volunteering at Barnes & Noble. Students worked in three-hour shifts at the bookstore offering free gift-wrapping on customer purchases. Over a six-day period, UB students donated

54 hours of their time, many students volunteering for multiple shifts. In addition, the students received \$264.00 in donations, all of which will be used to purchase materials to make donated items for the Festival of

Trees in 2010. We appreciate all our UB students and their willingness to give their time and a huge thanks to all our staff members who supervised them!

Bridge 2010 Financial Aid Night

In preparation for college entrance Fall 2010, UB Bridge students and their parents attended the Bridge Financial Aid Night on Jan. 6, 2010. Linda Tobias hosted an awesome evening of information in which Bridge students and their parents were informed of college financing options. Individual

appointment were also made so UB staff can assist Bridge students and parents fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application – a necessary step in funding post-secondary education.



Congratulations to Samantha Christl who was awarded a \$600 scholarship to WSU at the Multicultural Youth Conference.



Congratulations to April Garcia who was awarded a \$600 scholarship to WSU at the Multicultural Youth Conference.

Juvenile Justice Services Community Project

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services I would thank you for a wonderful Christmas!! Please express our sincere appreciation to the students, and friends of the Upward Bound program for their extremely generous donation of 101 filled Christmas stockings and additional notebooks and holiday goodies.

Through your generosity we were able to provide Christmas stockings to many needy youth in our care. The items you provided were given to residents of Mill Creek Youth Center, and Weber Valley Detention Center. All of these programs aid young teens struggling with a variety of complex family, behavioral, or abuse issues.

The youth loved the gifts! They were very surprised to have received such wonderful items. We were all profoundly affected by your outpouring of kindness. One young man exclaimed "WOW, this is better than I get at home...those guys must really care about us...this is awesome!" I later learned that this young man comes from a home where drug use, prostitution and ongoing poverty are the standard. Because of your kindness this young man's sense of community and faith in others has been strengthened. So you see, the gifts mean a lot but the feeling of friendship, concern, and most of all love that accompany the gifts are even more valuable. Thank you for caring!!

Thank you for your generosity and willingness to contribute to the youth of our community.

Sincerely,

Jill Merritt
Regional Volunteer Coordinator, Northern Utah
Division of Juvenile Justice Services

Over a two-month period, Upward Bound students worked in groups to donate holiday socks to the Juvenile Justice Services. In their small group setting, students created shopping lists of items that could be purchased



and used to fill holiday stockings. Following College Prep on Nov. 21, 2009, eleven UB student group leaders went shopping, spending almost \$400 to

purchase things such as crayons, notebooks, soda pop and toiletries. In addition, former UB students with friends and family collected items to fill the



stockings. During College Prep on Dec. 5, 2009 the Sophomore and Freshmen UB students filled 101 stockings that were delivered to participants in the Juvenile Justice program. To the left is a copy of a letter Jill Merritt, Regional Volunteer Coordinator, sent to the Upward Bound program thanking the students for their donation.

2009 Holiday Raffle

FOR COLLEGE PREP ON SAT. DEC. 12, 2009 THE UB PROGRAM HOSTED A HOLIDAY AUCTION/RAFFLE. OVER TWO HUNDRED DONATED ITEMS INCLUDING GAMES, BOOKS, CLOTHING AND KNICK-KNACKS WERE COLLECTED AND DONATED TO THE UB PROGRAM FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OUR STUDENTS. DURING THE COURSE OF THE MORNING, STUDENTS PLUGGED AWAY AT HOMEWORK WHILE RANDOM TICKET DRAWINGS GAVE EACH STUDENT THREE OPPORTUNITIES TO PICK ITEMS TO TAKE HOME. THE UB PROGRAM WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WEBER/DAVIS AND THEIR TEEN KEYSTONE CLUB FOR DONATING A MAJORITY OF THE GIFTS THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR UB STUDENTS.

UBSCT PREP

DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, UB SOPHOMORE STUDENTS (WITH A FEW JUNIORS AND SENIORS) SPENT PART OF THEIR SATURDAY COLLEGE PREP SESSIONS PREPARING FOR THE UBSCT TEST. WE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE OUR STAFF MEMBERS THAT WERE WILLING TO WORK ONE-ON-ONE WITH STUDENTS IN SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREAS. THE UTAH BASIC SKILLS COMPETENCY TEST (UBSCT) IS A MANDATORY TEST FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THE STATE OF UTAH. THE TEST IS FIRST ADMINISTERED TO 10TH GRADE STUDENTS IN EARLY SPRING, WITH FOUR ADDITIONAL TESTING OPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE 11TH AND 12TH GRADE YEARS. PASSING SCORES IN READING, WRITING AND MATH ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A COMPETENCY SEAL PLACED ON A STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. IN ADDITION, UPWARD BOUND STRIVES TO ENSURE EVERY STUDENT PASS ALL THREE UBSCT TESTS TO KEEP COMPLIANCE WITH OUR GRANT AS STATED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. GOOD LUCK TO ALL STUDENTS TAKING THE UBSCT TEST THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY!

The Festival of Trees 2009



Upward Bound's first Super Saturday activity of the 2009-10 school year was a winter celebration on Dec. 5, 2009. UB students met for College Prep that morning with three great activities planned immediately after. Our first stop was the Newgate Mall for the movie, The Blind Side, and UB students kept to the challenge of no snackage during the film. Following the movie, the students were fed at the Chinese Buffet, a UB usual for large group activities. A longer bus ride ensued as we made our way to the Festival of Trees where UB students had an opportunity to support Primary Children's Medical Center. UB students practically cleaned out the supply of mini-marshmallow guns while others purchased blankets, hats, scarves and candies. When asked what their favorite part of the day was, most students had a hard time choosing between the movie, lunch or the trees. Thanks again to the Boys & Girls Club of Weber/Davis for their support with this awesome activity!

Juice with Jan

Director Dave Trujillo had an opportunity to meet with Jan Winniford, Vice President of Student Affairs at WSU. Dave was able to share his time with the UB program, and express how valuable UB is to the university. Jan is grateful for the program and recently donated tickets to *Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana* as an upcoming cultural event.

UB staff, especially Linda and Tiffany, are available for tutoring help and can arrange a time to meet with students to increase understanding of subject matter. We are also aware that illness can put students behind in class work and we are more than willing to assist students as they strive to get caught up. We hope to reward all 75 of our UB students for maintaining or increasing their cumulative GPA at the end of the second term/trimester.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, Jan. 23: College Prep
- Sunday, Jan. 24: New Student Parent Orientation;
6:00 pm, room 314 of the WSU
Shepherd Union building
- Saturday, Jan. 30: College Prep
Start of UB Food Drive Competition
WSU Science Saturday
- Saturday, Feb. 6: College Prep
- Saturday, Feb. 13: NO COLLEGE PREP-
Happy President's Day!!!
- Fri-Sat, Feb 19-20: Utah TRiO Student Leadership Conference
at the University of Utah
- Saturday, Feb. 20 College Prep
Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana;
sign-up w/UB staff
Meet at UB office at 6:45pm;
nice dress (no jeans or t-shirts)
- Saturday, Feb. 27: College Prep
- Saturday, Mar 6: College Prep
End of UB Food Drive Competition
- Saturday, Mar 13: College Prep
- Saturday, Mar 20: College Prep
- Tuesday, Mar 23: Mini Magic Flute; sign-up w/UB staff
Meet at UB office at 6:15 pm;
nice dress (no jeans or t-shirts)
- Saturday, Mar 27: College Prep
- Saturday, April 3: NO COLLEGE PREP-Happy Spring Break!!!

Community Service with The Sisters



On Monday, January 18, 2010 three Upward Bound students spent two hours of their holiday sorting through donations that remained from an estate sale benefiting the St. Benedict's Foundation. In addition to sorting items, students moved boxes and cleaned up behind themselves.

Newest Newbies!

UPWARD BOUND
WOULD LIKE TO
WELCOME THEIR
NEWEST STUDENTS TO
THE PROGRAM!



Mound Fort JH

Daryl Canlas

Alejandro "Alex" Soria

North Davis JH

Makenna Hill

Leslie Johnson

Yajaira Peralta

Dejianna "DJ" Wilkinson



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