The year 2010 is almost over, and the past three months have been an interesting time for Upward Bound students and staff. The program has 19 new students, thirteen more new students from our last newsletter. Upward Bound students have been pretty busy attending various activities such as universities’ conferences, cultural activities, community service, Saturday College Prep, among other things. We are pleased to have such wonderful participants and look forward to keep the fun on, remember what the Upward Bound director, Dave Trujillo always says: “Learning is fun, and fun is learning”. Let’s start with introducing our thirteen new students. From Highland Jr. High: Celeste Quintanilla, Erik Godinez, Juan Escalante and Victor Galindo. From Mound Fort Jr. High: Anthony Hurtado, Jesus Velazquez and Agustin Godinez. From Sunset Jr. High: Danelly Valenzuela and Isabeau VanSoolen. From North Layton Jr. High: Alexis Jimenez. From Central Davis Jr. High: Roger Medina. From Layton High School: Janice and Jenell Arcalas. Upward Bound welcomes all of you!

**ACT**

On October 23, 2010 Upward Bound Seniors were ready to take the ACT which is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. The ACT is an achievement test that measures what students have learned in school. Upward Bound has offered practice tests to their participants as well as tutoring in those areas during Saturday College Prep.
As an important element of the Upward Bound curriculum, the program offers cultural activities for their participants, to help them develop in different areas of their education. The Ogden Symphony Ballet contribute each year with this endeavor and gives the opportunity to the students to attend some of their performances. On October 23, 2010, sixteen students and staff enjoyed a magical evening watching the BYU Ballroom Dancers perform “Capture the Magic”. Upward Bound appreciates Ogden Symphony Ballet for their kind gesture.

SCIENCE DAYS

On November 6, 2010 Upward Bound’s new students attended Weber State University’s Science Day.

On November 13, 2010 Upward Bound Juniors attended University of Utah Science Day. Students were asked to write an essay based on their experience at the Science Day. These activities at the universities, help the students experience the university life at a young age. They enjoyed the classes, whether the instructors taught about varying genomes, mixing chemicals causing loud explosions, or talked about magnets, tornadoes and natural disasters, as the Upward Bound students explained in their essays.

“Science Day was a great experience for me and for my fellow peers”.....said Amadeo Ocampo, Upward Bound Sr.

MULTICULTURAL CONFERENCE

This conference was held on November 3, 2010 at Weber State University. Seventeen Senior Upward Bound students attended, they learned how to apply to WSU and for financial aid, FAFSA, scholarships, etc. The conference also promotes cultural awareness and encourage students to set academic goals.
Senior students attended a lecture on November 15, 2010 with Dave Trujillo and Linda Tobias which was the 1st. Lecture of their Criminal Justice 1010 class, “Capital Punishment”. They are expected to write an essay about this lecture as part of their grade for this class. Senior students also attended a talk about goals to be reached in a short term and to help them focus in graduating and going to college.

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The Burger King fundraiser has been a success thanks to the Upward Bound students’ and staff’s help and participation. We are very thankful for your hard work! This will help Upward Bound have fun activities for the school year.

Also, Larry H. Miller Charitable Foundation gave a $2,000.00 gift to Upward Bound. We want to thank this organization for their contribution, which will help with our community service projects.

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Linda Tobias has reached one of many of her goals. On December 10, 2010 Linda graduated with her Masters of Arts in English. It was a very emotional and exciting moment for her, her family and her coworkers. It is wonderful to see how this amazing lady has been able to manage work, family, school, community services and overall be a “mother of many” as we in Upward Bound name her. We are very proud of her! We love you Linda!!!!

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