TRiO Leadership Conference

On Thursday, February 23, Dave, Linda, Kassidy, and UB students Brian Madrigal, Anthony Hurtado, Lili Huerta, Alex Soria, Patricia Gonzalez, Taylor Leota, Rodger Medina, and Victoria Alvizurez loaded onto a Weber State bus and headed for Dixie State College in St. George, Utah. Upon arrival, these students met approximately 100 other TRiO students from around the state. As part of the conference, they heard from guest speakers such as Tyler Wilkinson, UB alumni, and Vietnam and Korean War vets. They also participate in activities designed to hone their leadership abilities. These students returned home on Saturday, February 25 ready to act as our student leaders for the next year. They will facilitate community service activities, lead teambuilding during the summer, and act as representatives for Weber State University’s Upward Bound program for years to come. Way to go!

Only Six College Prep Sessions Remain this Year!

The school year is nearing its end. Davis and Ogden School Districts have already entered into the fourth and final term of the school year, and we only have six Saturday college prep sessions left! Please make sure that you continue to follow the procedures introduced at the beginning of the year. If you are going to miss or arrive late to college prep, you must call Linda or Kassidy ahead of time. Otherwise, you risk losing all or part of your monthly stipend. Always bring homework to college prep and utilize the tutors. Remain in the Social Science building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each Saturday, unless otherwise instructed.

We will use the final six college preps sessions to prepare for summer. Students must be present at college prep in order to complete required paperwork, receive necessary training, information, and materials for the trip, and obtain required prerequisite information for the summer classes.

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What Have We Been Up To?

Youth of the Year

In January, Irene Buenrostro was selected as the Weber-Davis Boys and Girls Club’s Youth of the Year. On February 7, Irene competed at the state level. She did a great job sharing her story and acting as a representative for Boys and Girls Club, WSU Upward Bound, and Ben Lomond High School. Great job, Irene!!!

Upward Bound Blood Drive

This year, Upward Bound did something new. During College Prep on Saturday, February 11, we hosted a blood drive through Mountainstar Blood Services for our current and past students. We had a great turnout, and Mountainstar was grateful for our students’ willingness to help others through blood donation. Special thanks to former Bounder JoAnne Arcalas for her help with this project.

Science Saturday at Weber State University

On Saturday, February 11, all new students attended Science Saturday at WSU, put on by WSU’s College of Science students. Students experienced everything from gyroscopes to sheep brains.

Elizabeth Eckford (of the Little Rock Nine) Speaks at WSU

On February 15, UB seniors and juniors were privileged to attend a speech given by Elizabeth Eckford, one of the Little Rock Nine. Eckford told stories from her time as a high school student at the recently desegregated Little Rock Central High School in 1957. The image of a 15-year-old Eckford attempting to enter the school amid a crowd of angry white protesters has often been used to illustrate the struggles in the southern states during that time period.

BYU Folk Dancers

On March 3, fifteen Upward Bound students gathered on campus to enjoy a performance by the BYU Folk Dance Ensemble. Students saw Mexican, Irish, and Ukrainian dances, and much more. Upward Bound would like to thank the Ogden Symphony Ballet Association for continuing to make performances like the BYU Folk Dancers available to our students.

Weber State University PowWow

All Upward Bound students attended WSU’s 40th Annual PowWow after college prep on Saturday, March 10. For the first time in many students’ lives, they got to see Native American regalia and watch a number of intertribal dances. Students will take what they learned at the PowWow with them on the academic field trip this summer and expand on their knowledge.
Catholic Community Services’ Hall Food Bank

On March 24, several current and former Bounders sacrificed their Saturday afternoon to work serving local families at the Hall Food Bank. Catholic Community Services appreciates everything that the Upward Bound students do for them.

Snow College Tour

After attending college prep on Saturday, March 24, Upward Bound juniors loaded onto a WSU bus and headed for Snow College in Ephraim, Utah. Upon their arrival, students were given a tour of Snow College and met with Shaun Kjar of Admissions and Claudia Olsen of Student Support Services. Students then attended the Polynesian Festival where they were treated to a traditional dinner and dance performance.

New Student-Parent Orientation

Our annual New Student-Parent Orientation was held on Sunday, March 25. Parents learned about the various components of Upward Bound, particularly the summer program. New students met with the current student leaders to learn what it is really like to go on the academic field trip, live in the dorms for five weeks, attend summer classes, participate in community service, and much more. Thanks to everyone who attended, especially our student leaders.

Juniors take ACT; Seniors prepare to take the Accuplacer

Davis County juniors took the ACT test in February as part of a district-wide program designed to ensure all Davis County students take the ACT at least once before high school graduation.

Juniors in Ogden School District will take the ACT on Saturday, April 14. Please arrive at WSU’s Social Science building no later than 7:45 a.m. Make sure to take your admissions ticket, a picture ID, a calculator, and three sharp pencils with good erasers. Mechanical pencils are not allowed! Get a good night’s sleep the night before the test, and eat a good breakfast the morning of the test. Good luck!

The Accuplacer is a college placement test given by Weber State University, designed to place students into appropriate English and math classes when they begin attending college. Upward Bound seniors will take the Accuplacer on Saturday, April 7. Please be to room 235 in the Shepard Union Building by 8:30 a.m. You will need your W#, a pencil, and a picture ID.

If you have any questions or concerns about these tests, please contact Kassidy or Linda.
Upward Bound would like to welcome our newest student into the program. To all students, new or old, please make sure you are involving yourself and others as much as possible when you are here with us. Thanks!

**Important Summer Dates**

Please keep these dates in mind as you begin planning your summer:

- **June 4**: Year-end banquet at 5:30 p.m. at Comfort Inn & Suites in Ogden—mandatory for each student and one parent
- **June 11-15**: Academic field trip
- **June 17**: First dorm check-in!
- **June 18**: Classes start at 8:00 a.m.
- **July 3**: Dorm check out at 12:00 p.m. for Fourth of July
- **July 4**: Holiday—program not in session
- **July 5**: Classes resume at 9:00 a.m. sharp
- **July 19**: Last day of classes; Summer Bash for all students, families, and staff at 6:00 p.m.

Dorm check in is Sunday at approximately 7:00 p.m. Dorm check out is Friday at 4:45 p.m.

Upward Bound would like to thank the following organizations for their continued support:

- St. Benedict’s Foundation
- Boys and Girls Club of Weber-Davis
- Walmart
- The Alex Foundation
- The Davis County Commissioners

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