ASPIRE Regional Conference

Dave, Linda, and Kassidy attended the regional ASPIRE conference October 5 through October 9 in Fort Collins, Colorado. There, they met with and learned from other TRiO professionals from Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. They also heard from national TRiO representatives.

Upward Bound alumnus David Sawyer was selected by a regional committee to receive the TRiO Achiever Award at this conference. When Davis was 12, his sister Jenny was accidently shot and killed. As details of Jenny’s death surfaced David’s mother became involved with drugs and alcohol abuse, which eventually lead to prison and the loss of the family’s home. At the time, David’s dad was not in the picture and David found himself moving among the homes of various friends.

David joined WSU’s Upward Bound program in ninth grade while attending North Davis Junior High School and graduated from Clearfield High School in 2000, serving as student body president during his senior year. David attended Weber State from 2000-2001 before transferring to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. David graduated from Georgetown with a Bachelor of Arts in Government in May 2004. In 2011, he received a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Utah.

David began his career in the Air Force in 2004 and has received several awards. He is married and has two children. He continues to volunteer with Weber State University’s Upward Bound program, working with the Bridge program.

“Throughout my life, I have been extremely fortunate to have so many people interested in helping me achieve my goals. While my family life was less than optimal, Upward Bound gave me the tools necessary to break the chain of poverty in my family. I credit Upward Bound with giving me the tools necessary to attend and succeed in college, as well as for giving me the support I needed during difficult times. To me, it’s pretty simple: without Upward Bound I would not have attended college and became the person I am today.”

-David Sawyer

What is TRiO?

The name “TRiO” refers to a broad group of programs, all designed to increase college success among low-income, first-generation students. TRiO is not an acronym, but was originally used to refer to the first three federal programs: Upward Bound*, Talent Search*, and Student Support Services*. Additional programs have been created under the title of TRiO, including Educational Opportunity Centers, McNair, Upward Bound Math/Science, and Veterans Upward Bound*.

*Weber State University sponsors this program.

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What Have We Been Up To?

“The Butler”
On Tuesday, September 3, the Upward Bound juniors attended a showing of “The Butler” at the Megaplex Theater in Ogden and then were treated to dinner.

Joan Trumpaeur-Mulholland
On Friday, September 13, the Upward Bound juniors visited Weber State’s Campus to attend a speech by Joan-Trumpaeur-Mulholland, Freedom Rider and civil rights activist.

A Day for Kids Community Service
On Saturday, September 28 Upward Bound students volunteered at six different venues as part of the Boys and Girls Club’s “A Day for Kids.” Venues included the Hill Aerospace Museum, Union Station, the Treehouse Museum, the Eccles Community Art Center, Ogden Nature Center, and the Eccles Dinosaur Park.

Boys and Girls Club Fundraiser
Eight Upward Bound students volunteered at the Davis Conference Center on Thursday, September 5 assisting with a Boys and Girls Club fundraiser.

Utah Jazz Game
On Saturday, October 12, College Prep was held in the afternoon and ended with students loading a university bus and heading for Salt Lake City, where they saw the Utah Jazz take on the L.A. Clippers.

Senior Retreat
The Upward Bound seniors gave up one day of their UEA weekend to attend the Upward Bound Senior Retreat on campus. They attended Dr. Gillespie’s Social Problems class and heard from Weber State University’s Admissions Office and Scholarship and Financial Aid Office. Eddie Hoyle also spoke to the students about Student Support Services, Upward Bound’s sister program that is offered at many universities.
ACT

All Upward Bound seniors took the ACT on Saturday, October 26. Now, the seniors will shift their focus to college admissions, scholarship applications, and financial aid. Juniors in the Davis School District will take the ACT on Tuesday, March 5, 2014 in their schools and Ogden juniors will take the ACT on Saturday, April 14, 2014 at Weber State.

Irvin Roth

The Upward Bound 9th and 10th graders had a chance to see and hear living history on Thursday, October 24 when Holocaust survivor Irving Roth spoke about his experiences. Mr. Roth was born in Czechoslovakia in 1929. He lived in Auschwitz and Buchenwald.

Science Day at the University of Utah

The Upward Bound juniors attended Science Day at the U on Saturday, November 2. They attended workshops on physics, DNA, stardust, earthquakes, human anatomy and more. They also had the opportunity to learn about STEM programs offered at the University of Utah.

In addition to committing several hours a week to Upward Bound, are students are very involved at their schools and in their communities. This is what a few of our students are involved with.

Victoria Alvizurez—Macs All Star Cheer, TSA
Alma Brizio—FBLA, SBO, LEDA, HOSA, Clan Chiefs, yearbook
Shay Bunderson—MMA
Conner Cutler—Soccer
Bianca De Leon—HOSA, PTSA, Best Buddies, LIA
Sariah Echeverria—LIA, FBLA, U-Knight leader
Juan Escalante—HOSA, student body president at Ben Lomond
Alex Gonzalez—DeMolay, track
Patricia Gonzalez—HOSA, National Honor Society
Chris Gutierrez—Band, SBO, basketball
Matt Harris—DeMolay, French club, German club
Kyia Hill—SBO, National Honor Society, HOSA, tennis
Lili Huerta—Basketball
Anthony Hurtado—Basketball
Shayla Leeks—AVID, teen mothers’ program
Jazmin Lemus—IB, Folklore, Key Club, DECA, National Honor Society
Taylor Leota—DECA, HOSA
Savannah Loyola—Debate
Sullivan Mackelprang—Football, wrestling
Brian Madrigal—MESA, HOSA, National Honor Society, soccer
Jolee McCorkle—FCCLA
Shai Miguel—IB
Carmen Molina—Bonnie Lassies, HOSA
Betsy Ocampo—FCCLA
Asael Oseguera—SBO, drill team, soccer
Jesus Oseguera—Basketball
Erandi Prado—MESA
Michael Ritter—Debate
Marcela Rodriguez—Mexican Ballet
Noemi Rodriguez—LIA, yearbook
Angelique Saures—AVID, Bonnie Lassies
Danelly Valenzuela—LIA
Isabeau van Soolen—SBO, yearbook, basketball, track
Jesus Velasquez—FCCLA

Congratulations to Alma Brizio, who was selected as Student of the Month for Ogden School District!
Upward Bound would like to thank the following organizations for their continued support:

- St. Benedict’s Foundation
- Boys and Girls Club of Weber-Davis
- Wal-Mart
- The Alex Foundation
- The Davis County Commissioners
- Lifetime Products

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COLLEGE PREP DATES

November 2, 9, 16, 23
December 7, 14
January 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15, 22
March 1, 8, 15, 22
April 5, 12, 26
May 3, 10, 17

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