Ten Upward Bound students helped out the WSU CARES program on a field trip to HAFB March 12, 2010. Between 50 and 60 Gramercy Elementary students were mentored by Upward Bound students who gave them an insight to what they can achieve if they stay in school. These students, like Bounders, come from low-income families and are in risk of dropping out of school before they reach high school. By interacting with Upward Bound, they can see that other students just like them have succeeded. As Upward Bound students love field trips, these mentors brought fun and excitement to an afternoon of exploration and discovery. UB student have two more opportunities to work with the CARES program on Monday, March 29th on the Weber State University campus and Friday, April 9th at Dinosaur Park.

**St. Benedict’s Community Service**

Mario Reyes, Nathan Cutler, and Samantha Christl spent an afternoon setting up, serving food, and assisting with clean-up at the St. Benedict’s Foundation Volunteers Luncheon on January 30, 2010. St. Benedict is a community sponsor for Upward Bound and it was a wonderful opportunity to be able to return some of their generosity. Thanks to Yvonne Coiner and the Sisters of St. Benedict’s, Upward Bound is able to continue its mission of serving first-generation, low-income high school students in achieving their dream of a college degree. Upward Bound appreciates the assistance of Sisters of St. Benedict and looks forward to volunteering with them again in the future.

**FOOD DRIVE**

For the second year in a row, Upward Bound students collected non-perishable food items for a community service project. Our UB program recognizes the importance to have full shelves at food banks all year long. Each UB student was asked to gather five food items from their neighborhood and/or home at some point during the five week gathering. If each UB student gathered five items, we could expect 365 food products. Thanks to awesome students, we gathered over double our goal for a total of 781 food items! These items were then sorted and delivered to a local food bank for use with needy individuals and families in our community. Next year, our goal will be to fill Dave’s truck until another can absolutely will not fit!
2010 Utah TRiO & Teen Keystone Club Student Leadership Conference

How tall can 16 students build a tower out of newspaper, plastic cups, and tape? At the 2010 Utah TRiO Student Leadership Conference, held on the University of Utah campus, groups designed towers that reached over 10 feet tall. Other groups chose to include origami structures of skiers, birds, and flowers. Over 100 students from various TRiO programs from all over the state of Utah met for a two day conference February 19th & 20th.

Additional activities varied from “Inclusion”, the name train, and community service activity building. Prospective leaders learned that being a leader does not always mean standing out in front giving direction—sometimes it is the person who creates the idea, who organizes the group, who makes suggestions, or who inspires the work ethic. It was an amazing experience that the WSU Upward Bound participants will be able to bring back to our program and teach others. Thanks to Kathy Felker and the U of U Upward Bound for sponsoring the Utah TRIO Student Leadership Conference this year.

Beautiful gowns, great rhythms, and fast tapping made up a night of excitement as sixteen Upward Bound students attended the Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana performance on February 20, 2010, a treat from WSU Student Affairs. Great guitar work, special lighting, Spanish songs, and exquisite footwork made for a most enjoyable evening.

Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana

The last February of every month is recognized as National TRIO Day and all TRIO programs nationwide are asked to perform some type of community service activity. Each year, Upward Bound supports Primary Children’s Medical Center during its Festival of Trees celebration.

This year, as part of National TRIO Day celebration, the WSU Upward Bound Sophomores and Freshmen made bracelets that will be donated and sold at the Festival of Trees in December 2010. Upward Bound donations to Primary Children’s Medical Center average over $1000 each year. Way to go Bounders!!!
March 27th - Saturday College Prep
Junior Snow College Tour

March 29th - CARES community service at WSU; 3:00pm Lind Lecture

April 3rd - No Saturday College Prep!

April 5th - Junior & Senior grade UVU tour; 10:00 am at UB office

April 9th - CARES community service at Dinosaur Park; 3:00 pm

April 10th - Saturday College Prep
ACT test for all Juniors; be at testing center by 7:45 am with
1) Picture ID
2) Admissions Ticket
3) #2 pencils
4) Calculator

April 17th - Saturday College Prep

April 22nd - Scheherazade at WSU; sign-up & meet at UB office at 6:45 pm

April 24th - Saturday College Prep
WSU Science Saturday

May 1st - Saturday College Prep

May 8th - Saturday College Prep

May 15th - Final Saturday College Prep!

June 7th - 2009-10 Year End Banquet; 6:00 pm at Comfort Suites

June 14th to July 22nd - 2010 Summer Academic Program

July 22nd - Summer BASH

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**Mini Magic Flute**

Fourteen Bounders enjoyed the performance of Mini Magic Flute at Weber State University. Beautiful costumes, energetic characters and talented performers told a magical story of a flute given as a gift to protect a prince off to save a princess. This performance is the third of four cultural activities available to UB students and we appreciate the opportunity our students have to attend such diverse performances and activities.

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**Congratulations to Andy Morelli, a 2010 recipient of the Utah Horatio Alger Scholarship for $5000 to fund his post-secondary education.**

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**Bridge 2010 Progress**

Congratulations to our UB Bridge students that have been accepted to at least one post-secondary institution, most of them to more. Each of the sixteen students and their parents have met with Linda to submit their FAFSA application for federal student aid by the March 1 deadline. **Bridge students**: remember to meet again with Linda ASAP when your parents and you finalize the 2009 Federal 1040 taxes to make corrections to your application!

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**Keep an eye out for Upward Bound’s new jackets worn by students and staff.**

- Thanks to our community supporters for providing a great opportunity to promote an awesome program!

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**UTAH JAZZ GAME**

Five hours following Saturday College Prep, forty-two Upward Bound students boarded a bus headed for the Energy Solutions Arena for the evening. March 20th found the Utah Jazz beating the New Orleans Hornets in a blow-out game of basketball while students enjoyed food, fun and the company of fellow Bounders.

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**Congratulations to Tyler Crosgrove, a 2010 Horatio Alger National Scholarship recipient. Tyler has been awarded $20,000 for his post-secondary education in addition to an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. with other national recipients.**
New Student PARENT Orientation

The annual Upward Bound New Student Parent Orientation took place at Weber State University Sunday evening, January 24, 2010. Newbie students spent time with the experienced Bridge 2010 student asking questions and getting advice for participation in Upward Bound. Parents met with the staff becoming more acquainted with the program and expectations of all UB students. If a parent was not able to attend the orientation, please get in touch with Lucy at (801) 626-6798 to schedule a meeting with UB staff to cover this valuable information.

Upward Bound would like to thank the following organizations for their support of our program as community sponsors:

- Boys & Girls of Weber/Davis Teen Keystone Club
- St. Benedict’s Foundation

WSU Science Saturdays

On the last Saturday of each month, Weber State University hosts a FREE science exploration day at the Lind Lecture building on campus. On January 30th and February 27th, all UB students spent an hour of their College Prep sessions exploring various branches of sciences through hands on experiences and demonstrations. Our students get excited when they see “cool” things happen in a small group setting. Students have also had an opportunity The final WSU Science Saturday will happen on April 24th and is open to everyone!

Bridge Retreat

On March 1, 2010 the Upward Bound Bridge students got their first taste of college life as they attended a Criminal Justice 1010 class taught by Dr. Kay Gillespie and an English 1010 class taught by Dr. Ron Deeter. “I was so excited, I wanted to attend the next day to learn more” said Lizbette Favela. Following lunch, High School Relations’ Dr. Young gave a presentation on Weber State University, its academic standards, and its wonderful heritage. All sixteen Upward Bound Bridge students have been accepted to Weber State University.