Congratulations to three UB students that were awarded the 2010 “Reach for the Top” Standard Examiner scholarship. Lizbette Favela, Bobby Gallegos and April Garcia will each receive $1,000 towards their first year of college. An additional $1,000 will be awarded to these students their second year of college when they maintain a “C” average GPA.

The Upward Bound program is excited to have Ron Thornburg attend the Year-End Banquet and present these students with their scholarships!

Congratulations to April Garica, recipient of the Layton Rotary scholarship in the amount of $1,000 for college.

Congratulations to Luis Oseguera, recipient of The Ogden Rotary scholarship in the amount of $2,000.

Congratulations to Samantha Christl, a $1,000 recipient of the Sons of Utah Pioneers-John Morgan scholarship.
WSU CARES community service

UB students were able to volunteer their time and services a second time to the CARES at Weber State University. After school on March 29th, five UB students came to the campus to facilitate activities for elementary aged students from Gramercy. The UB students spent the majority of the afternoon helping children build “moving robots” out of toothbrush heads, mini motors, batteries, wire and tape. The grade school students loved interacting with the older UB students helping the children one-on-one with their robots. The final CARES community involvement for Gramercy Elementary students took place at the Ogden Dinosaur Park on April 9th. Five additional UB students volunteered their time to mentor these younger students and encourage them to continue their education.

In order to receive the best education and use the best resources available to students, Weber State University requires all incoming freshmen to take an Accuplacer test in math and English. On Saturday, April 24, the Upward Bound Bridge class took this test accurately placing them in the appropriate and most beneficial math and English setting for their entrance into WSU Student Affairs and Carl Porter for their assistance in making this step toward college possible for UB Students.

Cinco de Mayo

was celebrated in Ogden at the Marshall White Center this year. Ten Upward Bound students assisted with games and the breaking of piñatas for the children. UB students love attending these cultural events and helping the community celebrate their heritage.

Snow College Campus Tour

Following Saturday College Prep on March 27th, the Junior UB students went on an excursion to Snow College in Ephraim, Utah. On a squishy WSU bus, students watched movies for 2 ½ hours as the surrounding areas became less populated with humans; instead, farm animals dotted the landscape. At Snow, students interacted with representatives from Student Support Services (SSS), a sister TRiO program of Upward Bound. In addition, the high school relations representation gave an awesome presentation through prizes and a campus tour of the small college.

The UB students took a trip through the only stoplight intersection in Ephraim to the “mall” also known as Walmart. A Polynesian Festival rounded out the campus tour with authentic food and awesome dancing.
Kristy Jones, Director of Weber State University’s AHEC program, invited the Upward Bound sophomore class to a Zero Fatalities presentation on April 17th at the Marriott Health Building on WSU’s campus. Zero Fatalities is a part of the HCop program that promotes safe driving techniques and the dangers of text messaging and cell phone use while driving. As most of our sophomores will soon be receiving their driver’s license, this was a most valuable experience. Thanks Kristy for working with our program and helping our students!

Census Block Party
Six UB students assisted former bounder Omar Flores at the Census Block Party on April 10th. The goal of the party was to encourage the community to complete the 2010 Census form. Students ran booths and interacted with visitors, distributed candy, supervised games and helped with clean-up afterwards. We appreciate former bounders giving back to UB and finding opportunities for our students to serve.

Utah Valley University Campus Tour
On April 5th the Junior and Senior Upward Bound students gave up their Monday during Spring Break to attend a campus tour of Utah Valley University. Located in Orem, Utah the students endured an hour bus ride to UVU to meet up with our campus tour guide. The UB students had a “mall like” tour experience, visiting almost every building on campus without ever stepping outside. All around were college students eagerly studying and active in their classes. Students were impressed the campus set-up, the McKay events center and the pizza waiting at the end of the tour.
Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 8 - College Prep
Saturday, May 15 - Final College Prep!
Mandatory attendance for all UB students

Saturday, May 22 - “Celebrating Women” w/ St. Benedict’s Foundation
Community service opportunity from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in Ogden; if interested, sign-up with UB staff; volunteers need to wear nice dress

Thursday, May 22 - Last Day of School
Enjoy the last days of school!

Friday, June 4 - Last Day of School
Enjoy the last days of school!

Monday, June 7 - Year-End Banquet
Celebrate the ending of 2009-10 school year with UB at 6:00pm at the Comfort Suites in Ogden. All students are expected to attend with a parent. Any additional persons are welcome to attend and will need to pay for dinner per person.

Saturday, June 12 - Ogden Arts Festival
Students have an opportunity to volunteer their time with various projects; if interested, sign-up with UB staff for a specific time and assignment.

Monday, June 14 - Friday, Jun 18 - Summer Academic Field Trip
Sunday, June 20 - Dorm Check-In
Sunday, June 21 - Start of Academic Summer Program
Monday, July 5 - No Summer Program
Independence Day observed

Thursday, July 22 - Summer BASH
Celebrate the end of the summer program. Mandatory for all students and all family members/friends are welcome to attend.

April ACT Test

Instead of attending Saturday College Prep on April 10th, the UB Juniors joined thousands of students around the nation to tackle the ACT test. Saturdays during College Prep, the Junior students have been working on test taking strategies and concepts applicable to each individual. All nineteen UB students successfully completed the test with great individual scores. Universities use ACT test scores to determine scholarship eligibility along with English and Math course placement. The UB Junior students are encouraged to continue working on ACT concepts and test taking strategies for upcoming opportunities to take the ACT test.

Scheherazade

On Thursday, April 22, 2010 fourteen Upward Bound students attended the performance of Scheherazade on the Weber State University campus. Due to flight restrictions following the eruption of Iceland’s volcano, the program was altered with a guest conductor and performance pieces. Students were entertained with music from Romeo & Juliet and West Side Story. Following the intermission, a moving performance of Scheherazade finished the evening. A huge THANK YOU to the Ogden Symphony Ballet and their support of the Upward Bound program. They provided tickets to four cultural activities and performances throughout this school year. We look forward to the events scheduled for the 2010-11 performing year.

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