Pre-Planning Trip
October 3, 2009. South Dakota. Snow, fog, and icy temperatures were braved by Dave, Linda, and Tiffany to prepare the way for next summer’s Academic Field Trip. Although Mount Rushmore was completely fogged in, we did manage to set up hotels, and map out a tentative itinerary for next June. That is of course unless plans change. Still, it’s going to be a great summer program.

ASPIRE Conference
October 3-7, 2009. During the pre-planning trip to South Dakota, Dave, Linda, and Tiffany managed to get in a few sessions of the regional ASPIRE conference. This conference helps TRIO programs network, and create better services to all our students. TRIO programs from South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, Utah, Montana were represented and much information exchanged.

Annual Funds Of Love Dinner
Funds of Love, Harvest of Plenty
On October 7, 2009, seven Upward Bound students performed community service at St. Benedict Foundation’s Funds of Love, Harvest of Plenty celebration. A Dutch oven dinner and Christmas boutique were provided by the Weber County Sheriff’s office while UB students helped with set up and clean up. Reports are that our students did a wonderful job and will be asked to help again in the near future. Thanks UB students!

St. Benedicts Support
St. Benedicts Foundation has awarded Upward Bound a $5,000 grant for the coming year. These funds will help assist Upward Bound in maintaining its current number of students and to provide community service activities, academic supplies and services, and extracurricular activities. Our most heartfelt thanks go to the Sisters of St. Benedicts for their generous donation to Upward Bound.

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WSU Diversity Conference

Thirty-five Upward Bound students attended the WSU Diversity Conference on October 8, 2009. Guest speaker, Henry Cisneros, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, talked about population shift and the emergence of the Hispanic community in American society. He strongly emphasized the benefits of higher education for all minority groups and urged Upward Bound students to get involved in their future. They will be the policy makers of the future.

Multicultural Youth Conference

The Weber State University Multicultural Conference was held on October 19, 2009. Seventeen Upward Bound Bridge students attended this conference and learned a lot about the support services on the campus. Scholarships were applied for, financial aid explained, dissections done, leadership training given, test taking tips handed out, and lunch served. The Upward Bound Bridge class were pleased.

Make A Difference Day

Upward Bound students assisted the Weber/Davis Boys and Girls Club with “Make a Difference Day on October 24, 2009. This is a national volunteer service day in which Upward Bound always participates. Volunteers helped arrange and set up for the annual “Scarecrow Extravaganza” event for the Boys and Girls Club this year making it possible for them to continue their wonderful after-school programs for inner-city youth.

WSU Honors Luncheon

Linda Tobias, Upward Bound, Donnalynn Sessions, Student Support Services, and Donna Rigby, Veteran’s Upward Bound, spoke at the Honors Program Luncheon on September 30, 2009. Representing TRIO programs, these ladies spoke about involvement and benefits of participation in support programs on WSU.
WSU Science Saturdays

Sixty Upward Bound students were impressed with the variety of science programs available on the campus of Weber State University. On the last Saturday of each month, WSU provides hands-on science activities and information for the community. It is a wonderful experience which has given UB students a new perspective on the science career fields.

Science Day @ the U

Sixteen Upward Bound Juniors attended the University of Utah’s Science Day on November 7, 2009. Workshops in the different science fields helped our students understand the diverse nature of science and the need for more involvement in these fields. A campus tour was included and students were asked to reflect on attending a post-secondary institution similar.

Bravo Broadway

Thanks to the Ogden Symphony Ballet Association, seventeen Upward Bound students attended the WSU performance of Bravo Broadway on November 12, 2009. A rousing group of Broadway hits performed by three stars from the Great White Way provided a wonderful evening of entertainment. Thank you again to the Utah Symphony Ballet Association for its support of Upward Bound.

Scholarship Day and Major Fest

Bridge students attended the WSU Scholarship Day and Major Fest on November 4, 2009. Students who had a 105 Index number were awarded a scholarship to Weber State University for fall 2009. Upward Bound students were delighted with the different departments and the information they received about majors and career fields from Major Fest.

October ACT

Bridge 2010 students took their third ACT College Admissions Test on October 24, 2009. These ACT scores will help determine scholarship eligibility, class placement, and college acceptance for our Bridge students. Congratulations to all those who have received great scores!!!

Juvenile Justice Community Service Activity

Upward Bound students are filling Christmas stockings for young people who will be incarcerated during the Christmas holidays. This is the second year Upward Bound has partnered with the Juvenile Justice System to provide this community service project. Upward Bound students understand how devastating being away from families during the holidays is and want to help others understand that someone still cares about them.

Festival of Trees Community Service

Sophomore and Freshmen Upward Bound students are making knifty knitter hats and scarves to be donated to Primary Children’s Hospital’s Festival of Trees boutique. All proceeds from this boutique are used to assist the wonderful work of Primary Children's Hospital. Upward Bound students will be attending the South Towne Festival of Trees on December 5 for our Super Saturday event. Students will be treated to lunch at the Mayan Restaurant and a movie after their visit to the Festival of Trees.

Jill Merritt, Juvenile Justice Volunteer Director, spoke with UB students about careers in the JJS system and the students they are helping.
Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Nov. 21: College Prep
Practice ACT test for all Juniors @ 8:00am

Friday, Nov. 27: Barnes & Noble Community Service 9:00am-10:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 28: Barnes & Noble Community Service 9:00am-10:00pm
No College Prep!

Saturday, Dec. 5: College Prep
Mandatory Super Saturday activity from 11:00am-6:00pm
Juvenile Justice Holiday Socks due

Sunday, Dec. 6: Bridge Class and Parent Financial Aid Orientation from 6:00 to 8:00PM

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Barnes & Noble Community Service 4:00-10:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Barnes & Noble Community Service 4:00-10:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 10: Barnes & Noble Community Service 4:00-10:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 12: College Prep and Holiday Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 13: Barnes & Noble Community Service 9:00am-10:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 19: No College Prep!

Saturday, Dec. 26: No College Prep!

Misc.

Congratulations to all Davis county students who achieved a C or better average on their first term of grades. Best of luck to Ogden students whose term ends next week.

Andy Morelli earned an Honors at Entrance Scholarship in the amount of $1300 at the SMS Conference. He has also been recruited by Harvard University.

Yonic and Amadeo Ocampo were featured on Channel 13’s Veteran’s Day coverage at Ogden High School.

Samantha Christl received a 4.0 GPA first term.

Christina Medina is president of MESA

Welcome to our new Upward Bound Students

Fairfield Junior High
Devin Bigelow
Katelyn McCorkle
Joseph Randall

Central Davis Junior High
Brittney Owens
Angel Spicer
Kristian Villalobos

North Layton Junior High
Anthony Barrett

Sunset Junior High
Haden Karas
Eliyah Mayberry
Alejandro Salcedo
Dorisa Sanchez
Aaliyah Stimpson

Highland Junior High
Robert De Los Santos
Cristian Gutierrez

Ben Lomond High School
Ernesto Molina