



UPWARD BOUND HAPPENINGS

Spring 2011

Congratulations!

We are so very proud of our Seniors! All the hard work, time, and energy you have put in is finally paying off. We cannot wait to see you walk across that stage and receive your diploma.

The joy of this moment is only eclipsed by the hope and excitement for each of our Seniors' future. New experiences, new friends, and we hope great happiness and success are in store for our students.

2011 Upward Bound Seniors

- ◆ Savana Foster, Geary High School, attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University
- ◆ McKinzi Gulickson, El Reno High School, attending Redlands Community College

- ◆ Diana Martinez, Geary High School, attending Oklahoma State University
- ◆ DeVante Moore, El Reno High School, college choice undecided



- ◆ Taylor Rackley, Minco High School, attending Oklahoma City Community College
- ◆ Marissa Thompson, Geary High School, attending Oklahoma State University

Three of our Seniors were also recognized in the Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance (ODSA) TRiO Hall of Fame. This recognition is awarded based on a student's participation in a TRiO program and their ability to overcome difficulties in their background to succeed academically. This is what TRiO is all about! We are so proud to have Savana Foster, Diana Martinez, and Taylor Rackley recognized as ODSA Hall of Famers!

To all of our Seniors, we will miss you but wish you the best of luck in the future. We are so proud of all you have accomplished.

Congratulations!



Importance of Contact Information



At the beginning of each school year, we ask for your contact information for our files.

Many times throughout the year we will need to get in contact with you. Reminders for upcoming events, checking in with students, and informing you of various opportunities for your students are just a few of the reasons we

may need to contact you.

It is essential that you inform us if your contact information changes. This includes your phone numbers, addresses, or even e-mail addresses. Also please let us know which way you prefer to be contacted. We will do our best to contact you in the manner you prefer.

Also, please make sure your emergency contact numbers

are up-to-date. If there were ever an emergency with your student on or off-campus, we want to make sure we are calling the correct person.

So please, take a minute and make sure that we have the right contact information for you and your student.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- April 26, 2011—*End of Year Ceremony 6:30pm*
- June 6, 2011—*Start of Summer Session*
- July 4, 2011—*Holiday No UB Sessions*
- July 11—July 14, 2011—*Summer Trip to San Antonio, TX*

Concurrent Enrollment

In their Junior and Senior year, high school students are eligible to enroll in concurrent enrollment. Concurrent enrollment allows high school students the opportunity to enroll in college classes and receive college credit while still in high school. Some courses may even count for their high school work as well.

Tuition for concurrent enrollment is paid by the State of Oklahoma. Students are responsible for the cost of books. To be eligible for concurrent enrollment, students must gain permission from their high school counselor and principal, and their parent.

For Juniors to enroll in concurrent enrollment, they must have an ACT composite score of 21 OR have a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher.

For Seniors to enroll in concurrent enrollment, they must have an ACT composite score of 19 OR have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Students must have also earned at least a 19 on the ACT in the subject they wish to enroll in.

For those students who will be high

school Juniors or Seniors for the 2011-2012 school year, we hope you will consider concurrent enrollment. You can choose to take concurrent classes this summer and will be excused from Upward Bound core curriculum. This is a wonderful way to earn college credit and become accustomed to the practices and requirements of a college classroom before ever leaving high school.



TRiO Day Recap

On February 23, 2011, students travelled to the State Capital for TRiO Day. TRiO Day is a chance for all TRiO programs in the state to gather and demonstrate the importance of these programs. As a federally funded program, Upward



Bound as part of TRiO, relies on the support of the legislature. TRiO Day is a day to showcase our students and raise awareness of what TRiO is all about. Students got to visit the beautiful Capital Building and listen to speakers discuss the importance of

TRiO programs and the impact it has had on them.

After that, it was time for lunch, where the students had fun at Golden Corral.



THANK YOU!

We would like to take this chance to thank our part-time staff. Thank you as well to all of the Redlands Staff who make Upward Bound possible. We honestly could not do it without you.

So from all of the Upward Bound staff and students, thank you to



Caitlyn Barnett, Candy Craddick-Coyle, Kurt DeBrow, Angela Graham, Jennifer Quitariano, and our Redlands staff.

THANK YOU!!!



Upcoming Summer



We are already well into planning the Summer Sessions for Upward Bound. For

those of you new to Upward Bound, the summer is the most intensive part of the UB program. Students will be in tutoring and classes for the four core subjects: Math, English/Reading, Science, and a foreign language.

But we do our best to have fun as well. One day each week will be an off-campus

activity. We will be going to movies, amusement parks, skating, bowling, museums and doing all sorts of fun things. Finally, the last week of the summer will be a trip, and this year we will be going to San Antonio, TX.

The Summer Session will start Monday, June 6, 2011 and run through Thursday, July 7, 2011. Our summer trip, this year to San Antonio, TX, will be July 11, 2011 to July 14, 2011. A change this year will be that UB will only meet Monday—Thursdays, with students having Fridays off. Monday through Wednesday will be spent in our classroom setting, and Thurs-

day will be the off-campus days.

Students will be at Upward Bound from approximately 8:30am to 2:00pm. As always, we will provide breakfast and lunch for students. More information regarding the Summer Sessions, including a calendar of events will be coming soon.



Off-Campus Day—March 5, 2011

On March 5, 2011, Upward Bound students travelled to Sulphur, OK to visit the newly completed Chickasaw Cultural Center. The center is a truly beautiful place with many exhibits and a full-size replica of a traditional Chickasaw village. Students saw an exhibition of traditional stomp dances. Some even got to participate in the Snake Dance.



Thanks to Isabella Guzman, Carlene Kessler, Cody Stone, and Seth VanGundy for volunteering and representing Upward Bound.



A very special thanks

to Ms. Virginia Richey, Upward Bound parent, who accompanied us on the trip. Acting as our guide through the museum she also raffled off a framed piece of Native American Artwork. The piece is

a watercolor titled "Cheyenne Dog Soldier" by Mr. Gordon Yellowman. The picture was won by Nevada McCormack.



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"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

Albert Einstein