Upward Bound conducts a six week Summer Academy at IPFW. Just like the academic school-year, the emphasis is on academics. Students take classes Monday–Thursday while Fridays are for special programming such as volunteering, Camp Yale, etc. Students stay at the IPFW student housing during the last three weeks of the academy. Students are given the chance to get a glimpse of real college life by balancing academics, social life, and living on their own. Upon completion of full participation of the academy, students earn a credit that applies to their diploma. In addition, seniors can participate in the Pre-professional program in which students are employed at a worksite that aligns with their career interest. Essentially, the Upward Bound Summer Academy gives students the opportunity to grow academically, socially, personally, and professionally. This summer was yet another successful one. Students were extremely busy with classes and with extracurricular activities. Students volunteered in gardening at St. Henry’s Church and the International Village at Three Rivers Festival, tried foods from other countries at our annual International Banquet, zip-lined and participated in teambuilding activities at Camp Yale, learned proper dinner etiquette, competed against other UB students at Olympiad, went to our nation’s capital and saw the President’s house, and so much more. This summer edition includes pictures and stories from Summer Academy, read on!
Participating at Camp Yale allows students to partake in teambuilding activities. This event takes place the second week of Summer Academy and students get into small groups, which often times include their future student housing roommates. Students are also given the chance to zip-line, which is a popular activity.
Olympiad

Olympiad is yet another event in which students can grow as individuals and as a group. Students can challenge themselves and participate in activities ranging from Zumba and soccer to building structures and being part of a debate. Students compete against other individuals and groups and can even win prizes. Several of our UB students won a place in their activities. In addition, this year students painted while given instructions by a painter. It was a busy two days but well spent!
Merit Trip 2016

As always, Upward Bound wants students to experience as much as possible, which is why every single day of our trip was packed with activities. To point out a few, students visited Arlington Cemetery, The Holocaust Museum, the White House, several museums, and attended a theater performance of “Phantom of the Opera”. Students learned about history and made more long-lasting memories and friendships with their peers.

My favorite memories include exploring many new places as well as meeting new people. I got closer with some UB kids that I couldn’t talk to during the school year. –Madison Bernardin

I am extremely thankful I was given the opportunity to tour Washington D.C. This city was on my bucket list of places to visit. –Roberto Medina

The World War II Memorial was beautiful, especially at night. There’s something about its symbolism that makes it much more enjoyable. –Mario Arriaga
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Overall, this has been the greatest trip I have ever taken. – Niang Chin

Something I’m taking back with me from this trip is the realization that even though America is going through a tough time now, we will pull through, united as one. –Dora Carlisle
Gladys Calderón was born in Nicaragua, raised in El Salvador, then came to the United States at the age of 7. She knew one of the reasons she came to the USA was to pursue her dreams, which included going to college. Even though she was willing to work hard to reach that goal, there were inherent challenges that came along with being an immigrant, first generation student from a low-income family. In high school, she found TRIO Upward Bound which gave her access to college resources. With Upward Bound's help, Gladys pursued a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at IPFW. Upon graduation, she was offered the Academic Specialist position. Education has impacted her life in numerous ways and her passion is to help students who share similar stories like hers achieve their dream of going to college.

Gladys enjoys spending time with loved ones and traveling, and is a lover of learning, massages, and food (especially mozzarella cheese sticks).
All dressed up for the etiquette dinner!

Thanks to the community leaders who talked to our students!

Volunteering

Good times at Camp Yale
UB Programming

Tutoring Opportunities

Tutoring starts Monday August 22nd at the downtown Allen County Public Library from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Individual tutoring will be available beginning on Wednesday August 24th from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in Walb G08 at IPFW.

Tutors are available in:
- Math
- English
- Science
- Foreign Language (upon request)

Attending tutoring will count for one hour of academic programming per session.

School Tutoring: Students can receive programming hours for school tutoring. This can only count for up to 5 hours of academic programming credit. Speak with your advisor.

UB students must complete 20 (fall) / 25 (spring) hours of academic programming to receive their stipend. In order to receive credit towards your stipend, you must work. Simply attending will not grant you credit. We offer plenty of opportunities for you to complete these hours.

Important Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind:

- Tuesday September 20th: Tango Dance Class 6:30-7:30PM Walb Classic Ballroom
- Wednesday September 21st: Tango Dance Performance 7:30-8:30PM IPFW Rhinehart Music Center
- Saturday September 24: Saddlebound 8AM-3PM
- Wednesday September 28: Senior College Prep (Mandatory)
- Saturday October 8: First ATS 9AM – 1PM

If you have any questions, please contact your advisor.

Nothing is beyond my reach.

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