B.L.U.E Star Leadership Team

This year’s BLUE Star Leadership Team (Khin Kyaw, Neela Aseel, Zac Bodine, Tutu Ralhla, Tenecia Williams, Mayzin Naing, and Gladys Calderon) has been busy developing many leadership skills for the future. The BLUE Stars have attended leadership sessions that cover a broad range of topics including public speaking and conflict management. In January, the team presented information about Upward Bound to the New Haven Lions Club. Because of their presentation, the New Haven Lions Club has agreed to host a chicken fundraiser for the program on April 30. The New Haven Lions Club would also like to collaborate with Upward Bound in the future offering several community service opportunities to UB students.

The BLUE Stars have also been preparing a presentation for both the Notre Dame and IPFW Upward Bound Student Leadership Conferences. During the last weekend of February, the Stars and Ernie Sandoval spent the weekend at Notre Dame in South Bend, presenting their workshop titled “No More I Can’t’s” to 30 high school students.

The BLUE Stars will be hosting their annual IPFW Student Leadership Conference on Saturday, May 7. Remember, this Conference counts as an ATS session, so students are strongly urged to attend to support their BLUE Stars and to receive stipend credit. Students from Notre Dame and Indiana Wesleyan will be in attendance as well. The conference will be held from 9am-12pm in Walb Student Union; and a continental breakfast and lunch will be served to all in attendance. This is sure to be an exciting and informative event for all students. See you there!
Recent Events

Summer Academy Orientation
May 20, 2010
Walb Ballroom
If this is your first Summer Academy: 5:30 - 8:00pm
Returning students: 6:30 - 8:00pm
*Mandatory for student & parent

Senior Celebration

The 2010-2011 Academic Year is rapidly coming to a close and that means we say goodbye to another group of our Upward Bound family. Our UB seniors will soon transition from high school students to college freshmen. To celebrate this transition, the Upward Bound family invites all seniors and their parents to the 6th Annual Senior Recognition and Farewell on Saturday, May 7 at 12:15 PM. This recognition will immediately follow the ATS/BLUE Stars Student Leadership Conference and will take place in the Walb Student Union Ballroom. Additionally, all seniors who turned in their required paperwork (FAFSA confirmation, college acceptance letters, and letters of scholarship submission or awards) are invited to join the Upward Bound staff for dinner on Monday, May 9. Seniors will receive more information about this dinner soon.

A Special Note to our Seniors:
We are very proud of your achievements and wish you all the best. Remember the skills and knowledge you obtained from Upward Bound will stick with you through your lifetime and assure you an abundance of academic success. Some of the skills you have obtained over the years aren’t necessarily academic in nature. The ability to practice self-discipline, set and reach goals, as well as knowing your strengths and weaknesses and how to overcome challenges are all as essential to success as knowing the Pythagorean Theorem. Again, best of luck with everything! You all will be missed!
Summer Academy 2011

This year’s Summer Academy will take place June 15-July 21. The theme for this year’s academy is “MAPPING OUR FUTURE.” For two weeks, students will be exposed to academic instruction in mathematics, language arts, foreign language, science, seminars, and electives. The last three weeks, students will stay on-campus in student housing and will participate in daily academic instruction and nightly social activities. Many fun activities have already been planned for the summer including:

- An over-night Olympiad trip to IU Bloomington
- The Annual UB Talent Show
- A Teambuilding event at Taylor-Upland

Once again, there will also be a Pre-Professional Work experience offered this summer for rising senior students. Those students selected for this program will earn $500 working for campus departments or community organizations. All current juniors who might be interested in this experience are urged to attend the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 5:00pm in Walb Room G08. Please keep in mind, you must participate in Summer Academy classes, stay in residential housing, and have a GPA of 2.8 or higher in order to qualify for this exciting experience.

All students participating in any part of Summer Academy must attend the mandatory Orientation on Wednesday, May 25. Students are required to be in attendance with at least one parent. If you have questions about Summer Academy, please contact the Upward Bound office!

NASHVILLE TRIP

Summer is rapidly approaching so the planning for the summer merit trip is almost completed. UB Staff has been working hard to set up some fun sightseeing and natural resource tours during the Nashville merit trip. The trip has officially been scheduled for July 18-21. Students will begin their journey with a stop at Corydon, Indiana at Squire Boone Caverns for a guided caving tour. This experience is will showcase the breathtaking wonder of some of Indiana’s natural resources. From there, UB students will enjoy a campus visit at the University of Kentucky in Louisville on the way to Nashville. Once in Nashville, students will enjoy a pizza pool party, tour of the NFL Tennessee Titans LP Stadium, tour of the Hermitage, lunch at the famous Wild Horse Saloon, time for shopping, and a learning experience at Smokey Mountain National Park.

Students are asked to help fundraise $75 each to cover portions of the trip. More information about fundraising is included in the Parent Council Corner on the next page.

Upward Bound New Students 2011

Upward Bound would like to welcome the following new students to the program:

New Haven High School
Brenda Diaz
Thalia Diaz
Kaleb Turrubiates

North Side High School
Morgan Gilcrease
Christopher Gonzalez

Paul Harding High School
Robert Austin
Nathaniel Johnson
Kara Williams

South Side High School
Thein Aye
Faith Beachem
Niayja Guy
Tre'Shell Long
Darrick Marquart
Chantell Martin
D’Vaughn Parker

Wayne High School
Susana Cervantes
Alfredo Vazquez

New Tech @ Wayne
Breanna Shaw
This year, the Upward Bound Parent Council has been busy coordinating two fundraising opportunities. Current fundraising dollars will be spent on the upcoming Nashville merit trip and for departing senior gifts. All students are encouraged to participate in fundraisers as the money helps the program provide additional opportunities for Upward Bound students. In February and March, students had the opportunity to sell boxed candy. Students who have not yet turned in their candy sales money, should do so immediately. The second fundraising event will be a chicken dinner with part of the proceeds going to the Upward Bound program. All students were given six tickets to sell for this event. Tickets are $6 each and additional tickets are available by contacting the Upward Bound office. Students who do not sell their tickets are responsible for turning in the unsold tickets by April 28. Below are details about the latest fundraiser:

**New Haven Lion’s Club Chicken Dinners**
Saturday, April 30, 2011
10AM-2PM
Broadway/Lincoln Highway in New Haven
$6 per 1/2 chicken