Summer Academy 2009 Highlights

The theme of Summer Academy 2009, “BE THE CHANGE,” mirrored a lot of new changes in the Upward Bound program. Several new activities and opportunities were provided for participating Upward Bound students this summer. Additional classes and staff were added to the program this year to accommodate increased student participation. Along with the core Language Arts, Chemistry, Physics, and Math courses; students had the opportunity to take new classes like Geoscience, Arabic, Storytelling, and Crafts. In addition to their Summer Academy classes, students were given the opportunity to volunteer on Community Service Day by attending one of five area community service projects. UB students worked at the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo, Habitat for Humanity, Caris House, the Salvation Army, and Community Harvest Food Bank. Senior UB students also had an exciting opportunity this summer being given the chance to gain valuable work experience by joining a campus department or area business as a worker for the summer. Students worked for several IPFW departments and area businesses including Career Services, Child Care Center, 21st Century Scholars, Mastodon Advising Center, Center for Academic Support & Advancement, Wireless Center, Student Government, Quasi Inc. WQSW-LP radio station, and the Department of Biology. Students also had the exciting experience of visiting a new country this summer: Canada. Students successfully completing Summer Academy 2009 earned a merit trip that took them to visit Niagara Falls, Niagara University, the University of Michigan, the Underground Railroad, and the Charles Wright African American Museum. Students completed learning objectives during their trip studying the history of the Niagara area, including routes slaves took to freedom in Canada on the Underground Railroad, and the history of the slave trade on Canada and the United States. Overall, this Summer Academy has been one of the most exciting and memorable for the Upward Bound students and staff! (MORE SUMMER PHOTOS ON PAGE 2)

Do you have an exciting announcement? Have you achieved a goal? If yes, Upward Bound would love to hear about it! We may even publish an article about it in the newsletter! Please note: Newsletters are published on a quarterly basis. To submit a potential story or article, please email it to gregga@ipfw.edu or johnsona@ipfw.edu.
SUMMER ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS 2009

SUMMER AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Achievement of Academic Excellence: Dominique Wilson
- Director’s Award: Tomas Lopez
- Citizenship Award: Meemee Ralhla & Ziontu Ralhla
- Spirit Award: Khin Pont Pont Kyaw & Zackry Bodine
- Most Improved Attitude Award: Vesta Scott & Somayia Paulk
- New Student Award: Deion Wilson

UB COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Students volunteer at Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo
- Criston Mauricio helps at Salvation Army
- Saleema Hill sorts food at Community Harvest Food Bank
- Upward Bound students help Habitat For Humanity
MEET YOUR UPWARD BOUND STAFF

ROXANNE GREGG
Since December 2003, I have been the Director of the IPFW Upward Bound program here at IPFW. As part of my Upward Bound responsibilities, I am a current member of the Mid-American Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP) which is a non-profit consortium of professionals with the specific purpose of leveling the playing field of educational opportunity for first generation, low income, and disabled students. This upcoming year, I will serve as President for the Indiana chapter of MAEOPP. My responsibilities will include: continuing to champion the cause of Upward Bound-like students; sitting on the regional board which meets quarterly; attending state meetings; and hosting a conference this coming Spring here in Fort Wayne. “I will be a busy women!” In addition, I also serve on the Board of Directors for Questa. This program gives financial loans to students in order for them to continue their post-secondary education. In my spare time, I am active in both my church and its choir. I also enjoy playing the piano, which I took lessons from the age of 6 until I was 13. I love going to the movies, reading books, watching ‘Big Brother’, and traveling. This past Spring, I spent a week in Florence, Italy where I had the opportunity to experience the Italian culture and its delicious food!

LYDIA BATES
I am the Assistant Director of the IPFW Upward Bound program which I have been a member of since its inception in 2004. I have two children and three grandchildren. When asked why I love Upward Bound so much, I reply: “I love working with young adults, to help them to realize their academic goals in life.” My favorite proverb is ‘knowledge is better than riches’. I believe that with knowledge you have the basic foundation and tools to succeed in life, give back to your community, and ultimately change the world.

My greatest accomplishment with the Upward Bound program was being recognized by the Independent Colleges of Indiana, through one of my former Upward Bound students as a teacher and mentor who was most instrumental in helping them to “Realize The Dream”.

ALICIA JOHNSON
Over the past three years, I have been the Program Assistant for the Upward Bound program. During this time, I was completing my Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and in May 2009 I graduated. In addition to this accomplishment I was also inducted into the National Honor Society in Psychology and the Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. My time with the Upward Bound program will soon come to a ‘bitter-sweet’ end, as I hope to embark on a new journey in my life and begin my career in a field related to my major of study. The greatest memory I will take with me from Upward Bound, is having had the opportunity to share my native Canada with the UB family during this past summer’s Summer Academy Merit Trip. In my spare time, my husband Chad and I, enjoy traveling across the US and Canada; visiting my Canadian family, camping, hiking, going to the movies, and of course . . . doing yard work, eh!

TELLIS YOUNG
Hello all, I’m Mr. Young, Upward Bound’s Recruitment Specialist. I am responsible for marketing the program to our local community and within our six targets high schools: South Side, Wayne, Paulding Harding, North Side, Elmhurst & New Haven. I screen and recruit all potential new students to fill openings in our program. I am entering my third program year with UB. I have over 8 1/2 years of experience in working with TRiO programs. Some personal stuff: My wife and I recently celebrated our 11 year anniversary and we have 4 children. This spring, I plan to start my Master’s Degree. I currently have two pets Bear and Travis, who are my personal body guards. During my free time I enjoy reading, rock climbing, playing my PS 3, and watching Tyler Perry’s “Meet the Browns”.

SHUBITHA KEVER
I have been with the Upward Bound program for over three years now as the Administrative Assistant and summer Art instructor. During those three years, I have also been hard at work completing my Master’s Degree in Public Affairs at IPFW and am excited to say that after this fall, I will have completed all my graduate studies! So far, 2009 has been a very exciting one for me. In addition to getting married in March to my husband Jeremy and honeymooning in Hawaii, I also had the opportunity to take a Mediterranean cruise in the spring to Italy, France, and Spain visiting the cities of Barcelona, Marseilles, Nice, Pisa, Rome, and Pompeii. This fall, in between Upward Bound events, I will also be teaching the undergraduate class, Introduction to Public Affairs, here at IPFW. As well, my husband and I are also anxiously awaiting the arrival of our first child together in early February. In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my sister, Natasha; playing with my two Boston terriers, Porter and Henry; and traveling to warmer climates with my husband.

YECENIA TOSTADO
I am the Academic Tutorial Specialist for the Upward Bound program, and have been with the program for almost two years. Last April, I had the opportunity to apply for a professional group exchange program to Seoul, Korea. After an exhausting 5-hour interview, I received news I was accepted into the program! This November, I, along with 4 other young professionals and a team leader, will be traveling to Seoul, Korea to represent Rotary District 6540. During our time there, we will be making presentations to Rotary Clubs in Korea, observing how our vocation is practiced there, and learning about their culture and way of life. I am very excited about spending five weeks in Korea and am also eager to share my experience when I return.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September
September 8, Tutoring ACPL 4-6pm
September 14, Tutoring ACPL 4-6pm
September 16, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm
September 17, Parent Council Mtg IPFW 6pm
September 21, Tutoring ACPL, 4-6pm
September 23, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm
September 26, Saddlebound TBA
September 27, Back-to-School Picnic McMillan Pk 2pm
September 28, Tutoring ACPL 4-6pm
September 30, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm

October
October 5, Tutoring ACPL 4-6pm
October 5, Parent Council Mtg IPFW 6-7pm
October 7, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm
October 8, Play: Romeo & Juliet FPT 7:30pm
October 10, ATS IPFW 9-1pm
October 10, Parent Council Mtg IPFW 12-1pm
October 12, Tutoring ACPL, 4-6pm
October 14, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm
October 19, Tutoring ACPL 4-6pm
October 21, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm
October 24, ATS IPFW 9-1pm
October 26, Tutoring ACPL, 4-6pm
October 28, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm

November
November 2, Tutoring ACPL 4-6pm
November 2, Parent Council Mtg IPFW 6-7pm
November 4, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm
November 7, ATS IPFW 9-1pm
November 7, Parent Council Mtg IPFW 12-1pm
November 9, Tutoring ACPL 4-6pm
November 11, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm
November 16, Tutoring ACPL 4-6pm
November 18, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm
November 19, Play: The Yellow Boat IPFW 8-10pm
November 21, ATS IPFW 9-1pm
November 23, Tutoring ACPL 4-6pm
November 30, Parent Council Mtg IPFW 6-7pm

December
December 2, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm
December 5, ATS IPFW 9-1pm
December 5, Parent Council Mtg IPFW 12-1pm
December 7, Tutoring ACPL, 4-6pm
December 9, SAT Prep IPFW 4-6pm
December 14, Tutoring ACPL, 4-6pm
December 19, Holiday Party IPFW 11-1pm
December 29, Ice Skating Headwaters Pk

NEW TUTORING POLICY

MONDAY NIGHTS-
Upward Bound tutoring will begin on Tuesday, September 8, and at the Allen County Public Library downtown from 4-6pm. Other than the first week, tutoring will meet every *Monday* from 4 –6pm in the library’s Meeting Room A. Monday night tutoring is mandatory for all freshmen and sophomore students and all junior or senior students who have below a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. If you have questions about your status, please contact your advisor.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS-
On Wednesdays beginning September 16, UB will be having math and language arts SAT preparation classes at IPFW from 4-6pm at in Kettler Hall Room G50. These classes are mandatory for juniors and seniors.

NOTE- Stipend credit will only be given to students who attend Upward Bound tutoring on Mondays or those who attend SAT preparation on Wednesdays. Supplemental instruction will not qualify for stipend credit.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Cultural Event: Saddle Bound**
Back by popular demand … the Upward Bound staff is pleased to announce that we will be attending ‘Saddle Bound’ once again this year! Last year, UB students had the opportunity to experience a day devoted to horses and the different aspects pertaining to the overall care of a horse. ‘Saddle Bound’ will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Stay tuned for more information.

**College Visit: IU Bloomington**
This fall, Upward Bound will be attending its first college visit for the new school year. Students will be travelling to IU Bloomington where they will participate in an admissions presentation and tour of the campus. Details about this trip will follow shortly.
NEW MERIT STIPEND FOR 2009-10

Students can earn up to an extra $25 stipend this year by completing several activities and maintaining good grades. Students will receive money for going on a college visit ($5), completing a community service project ($5), attending a cultural event ($5), attending the last ATS/BLUE Stars Conference ($5), and getting no grades below a C- ($5). Students completing all events will see an extra $25 stipend at the end of the school year. So get involved!

PARENT COUNCIL SPECIAL EVENT: FAMILY PICNIC

Indiana University—Purdue University Fort Wayne

UPWARD BOUND PARENT COUNCIL

All Upward Bound students and their families are invited to attend the …

1st Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, September 27, 2009
McMillen Park Pavilion
3900 Hessen Cassel Road & Oxford
Fort Wayne, Indiana
2 5pm

For more information, please contact:
Santina Canoceha, Parent Program Specialist
260-481-3861
Alexis Johnson, UB Program Assistant
260-481-4198
The Upward Bound staff strongly believes that parental involvement has a positive influence on the social and academic development of a child. With this in mind, every Parent Council meeting will now include a half hour workshop with a topic geared towards parents and how they can best assist their student(s).

In addition, the Parent Council will once again be hosting several fundraisers this year. In the first fundraiser interested students, parent, staff, and friends will be selling holiday items. Brochures will be distributed in mid-September and selling will run from September 17- November 2. All orders will arrive at the UB office the last week of November.

The first official Parent Council meeting will take place on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 6pm in IPFW Walb Union Room G21. All parents who can make it are urged to attend. Details about fundraising and upcoming events will be first on the agenda. Parents will also have the opportunity to order UB t-shirts at the meeting!