As our country is pummeled by deteriorating economic conditions, I’m sure you have either felt or seen the affect of the recession. Students, you need to know that the recession is relevant to you as well. Businesses and families are not the only things being impacted—colleges are being affected as well. Funding sources for grant programs, student loans, and scholarships are not as accessible as they once were. While this certainly doesn’t mean that it’s impossible to pursue secondary education, it does mean that you will have to work harder to stay competitive.

Colleges are overcrowded and growing competition is forcing admission standards to tighten. Colleges are now even requiring that students take four years of math instead of three and have a more rigorous science background than before. In addition, stronger standardized test scores will be required for successful entrance into college. These factors should not be seen as a limitation, but will hopefully encourage you to put forth a stronger effort.

The programming we provide here at Upward Bound isn’t here just to monopolize your free time; but these opportunities are here to catapult you to the front of your class. I plead with you to continue to effectively utilize all of your resources. Here at UB, you are privileged to have a wealth of services and information that many students do not have. Use this to your advantage as it will be integral in your success as a future college student. Remember, nothing is beyond your reach you ARE Upward Bound.

Student Highlight: Maggie Carroll

Maggie Carroll is currently in her second year with the Upward Bound program. She is not only an active participant in UB, but she is also actively involved in her school and community. Maggie puts forth great effort to be involved both inside and outside of the classroom. With all of her dedication, she is proving to those around her what it is to be “Upward Bound.” Maggie’s current involvement with her high school includes: Academic Super Bowl, Spanish Club, Science Club, Drama Club, Co-President of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Student Council, Bio-Med Class Elective, and New Haven Soccer team.

Upon completion of high school, Maggie hopes to attend Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to pursue her dream of becoming a Pediatrician with an emphasis on Pediatric Surgery. Maggie would like to work as a Pediatrician in the Northeast Indiana region to eliminate the commute parents and families of sick children have to make to the Indianapolis region for pediatric services.

When asked about her experience with the Upward Bound program, she responded, “UB is like my ‘real school’ because of the sense of family atmosphere that it gives and the diverse welcome of all the students and staff.” Maggie also went on to say that having the opportunity to participate in the UB Summer Academy last year, was the best experience she has ever had. During the summer, she was able to get to know her fellow UB peers even more than during the Academic Year.

Maggie was also the 2008 Upward Bound Summer Academy recipient of the Spirit Award.

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.
UB Attends “Discover Purdue” Day

In November, UB students had the opportunity to visit Purdue University in West Lafayette for “Discover Purdue” day. The visit included an admissions presentation and campus tour, as well as, a great lunch in one of Purdue’s dining facilities. Students also had the option to attend a session based on an area of specific study interest to them. Many students were impressed with the size of Purdue University and the athletic facilities located on campus. The university also has very impressive programs for those interested in engineering sciences and animal sciences. We were surprised to learn that Purdue offers 15 different types of engineering major choices and has graduated more women engineers than any other university in the nation.

Double Visits to IUPUI

This February students had the opportunity to visit another state university in Indiana, IUPUI (Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis). Students traveled to campus located in the heart of downtown Indianapolis and were given a tour. Many of the students were impressed with size of the college, its many tunnels connecting buildings, and its impressive medical facilities. The campus also has a newly designed, state of the art, student center and a very expansive library. After the visits, many UB students expressed genuine interest in possibly attending IUPUI in their futures.

‘Ain’t Misbehavin’

UB took thirty students to see Ain’t Misbehavin on December 8, 2008, which starred Ruben Studdard and Frenchie Davis stars of “American Idol.” Before the performance, the students had the opportunity to see what happens behind-the-scenes. They were given an explanation about all that goes into a live theater performance and were able to watch the stars of the show do a sound check while speaking with some crew members. The students were also given a brief explanation about the history and significance of the show. After the show several students got to meet and take photos with David Jennings, one of the star performers of the show.

Tutoring Merit Trip to Pokagon State Park

Students who had good attendance at UB tutoring sessions during the fall were rewarded with a trip to Pokagon State Park to go tobogganing on December 13, 2008. Twenty-five students attended this fun and exciting trip. Students rode down the 1,780 foot track in teams of four, reaching speeds close to 40mph. After spending the morning at Pokagon State Park, the students were taken out to lunch before heading back to Fort Wayne.

UB heads to Indianapolis for TRiO Leadership Conference

On February 11-12, five UB students traveled to Indianapolis for the TRiO Student Leadership Conference. Maggie Carroll, Meemee Rahla, Dominique Griggs, Ashley Butts, and Amber Hollen learned about how the judicial process works and how to lobby State Congress for changes. The majority of the conference took place at the Indiana State House. During conference sessions, the students had the opportunity to meet Senator Thomas Wyss (a South Side High School alumnus), attend Senate and House Committee meetings, and speak with an appeals court Judge while observing a trial. The students also worked on their problem solving and team building skills and were successful in making the tallest and longest structures using only straws, paperclips, newspaper, and rubber bands. The girls all had a great time in Indianapolis.
MEET THE NEW STUDENTS!

On Saturday, January 31, 2009, the Upward Bound family welcomed 21 new students to the program. New students were joined by their parents for a New Student Orientation that included a meet-and-greet with current UB students. The UB program is very excited to welcome all the new faces joining the program! Please join us in extending a big welcome to these new students and their families:

Zac Bodine-Elmhurst
Justice Caley-Paul Harding
Karina Cervantes-Elmhurst
Adrian Hageman-North Side
David Hayden-Elmhurst
Shun Let Let Hun-Paul Harding
DeAndre Hurse-Wayne
Jennifer Karn-North Side
Jer-Von Lindsey-North Side
Austin Martin-Wayne
Destiny McBride-Paul Harding

Ma Phyoe-New Haven
Breanna Pitt-Wayne
Ysabel Rodriguez-South Side
Brianna Schemahorn-Paul Harding
Jillian Schrank-Paul Harding
Lulu Thang-New Haven
Mariah Wells-Paul Harding
Ta’Rogee Williams-Wayne
Deion Wilson-Paul Harding
Donnevin Wolfe-Wayne

Collegiate Connection

The IPFW Collegiate Connection program allows area Northeast Indiana high school students an opportunity to earn college credits while still attending high school. This allows high school students the opportunity to experience what real college classes will be like.

This past fall, the Upward Bound program announced it would sponsor eligible Junior and Senior students interested in taking Intro to Communications through the Collegiate Connection program. While Collegiate Connection covers the cost of tuition for the class, Upward Bound helps out by covering book fees associated with the course. This semester’s Communications course takes place on Saturday mornings.

Upward Bound’s first Collegiate Connection student, Soe Soe, has just completed her first weeks of classes in the Communications course. Upon completion of the course, Soe will have already earned three credits toward her college degree before even leaving high school! Upward Bound is very proud of Soe Soe and would like other interested students to contact Ms. Roxanne about upcoming classes being offered in the Fall 2009 semester. Students must inquire early to complete the admissions process through IPFW Admissions and Collegiate Connection.

Spring Break Merit Trip 2009

This year students attending the Upward Bound Spring Break Merit trip will be visiting the “windy city,” Chicago. The trip is planned for March 30-April 1. Students will spend three days in Chicago visiting many historic landmarks and museums. Upward Bound students will visit exciting places like the Sear’s Tower, Millennium Park, Navy Pier, Magnificent Mile, Field Museum, and National Museum of Mexican Art. Students will also have the chance to see the Broadway musical “RENT” and visit the college campuses of Purdue Calumet and the University of Chicago. Only students who have earned the Merit Trip will be invited to attend. Students earning the trip will be notified on March 14. Like other trips, departure and return will be at Gates Sports Center. More details will follow shortly. Any questions can be directed to the Upward Bound office!
Meet Upward Bound’s Newest Faces!

Row 1: Adrian Hageman, DeAndre Hurse, Ysabel Rodriguez, Ta’Rogee Williams, Zac Bodine, Shun Let Let Htun
Row 2: Austin Martin, Mariah Wells, Jer-Von Lindsey, Deion Wilson, Destiny McBride
Row 3: Karina Cervantes, Justice Caley, Lulu Thang, Donnevin Wolfe, Jennifer Karn
Row 4: Jillian Schrank, Ma Phyoe, Brianna Schemahorn, David Hayden, Breanna Putt
Congratulations goes to those UB Students who increased their GPA during the 1st quarter/trimester of 2008. They are:

Maretta Ayabarreno  Amy Dalton  Stephanie Hobbs  Soe Soe
Hailey Bolin      Willie Easely      Amber Hollen      Erlinda Wall
LaVon Brewer      Jayla Green       Tahquai-Alyce Mason  Nathanael Williams
Amber Brooks      Kierra Green       Somayia Paulk
Brea Brown        Moe Hein

Congratulations goes to those UB Students who increased their GPA during the 2nd quarter of 2008-2009. They are:

Benecia Brown      Khin Pont Pont Kyaw  Soe Soe
Ashley Butts      Jessie Manu      Nathanael Williams
Willie Easley      Thet Khin Mar
Marquessa Ewing   Miquala Poindexter

Congratulations to those UB Students who obtained the academic level of High Honors for the 1st & 2nd quarter/1st trimester of 2008-2009. They are:

Scottie Brittsan*  Salisha Hill*  Tahquai-Alyce Mason*  Adam Taylor*
Kelci Bryant*      Fatima Idriss       Mayzin Naing*  Andrea Vargas*
Gladys Calderon*   Khin Pont Pont Kyaw*  Lelia Neal*  Esther Vel*
Luis Camarena      Fareda Ma*         Ei Ei Khin Oo*  Shamell Wagstaff*
Tyris Ford*        Jessie Manu*        Ziontu Ralhla*  Saw Day Wah
Saleena Hill*      Thet Khine Mar*

Congratulations to those UB Students who obtained the academic level of Honors for the 1st & 2nd quarter/1st trimester of 2008 -2009. They are:

Neela Aseel*      Maggie Carroll       Pah Eh Hsoe*  Dominique Wilson
Hailey Bolin      Desire Ellis        Kacie Kasner*
Benecia Brown*    Marquessa Ewing*     Timeasha Sewell
Ashley Butts*     Santana Garza       Kachell Smith*
Luis Camarena     Amber Hollen        Donald Stinson*

3.5 GPA & Higher

3.0 to 3.499 GPA

* 1st & 2nd Quarter
DATES TO REMEMBER

March 6—Chocolate Obsession Fundraiser Ends
March 9—Parent Council Meeting
March 16—ATS/Parent Council Meeting
March 20—Frankenstein the Musical
March 25—ATS/Spring Break Merit Trip Orientation
March 30—Spring Break Merit Trip to Chicago

April 4—Nelson’s Chicken Fundraiser at Southtown Wal-Mart
April 18—ATS/Passport Photo Day
May 2—BLUE Stars Workshop/Senior Luncheon
June 15—Summer Academy 2009 Starts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

January
Jer-Von, Lulu, Donnevin, Jasmine, Andrea, Scottie, Neela, Stephanie L., & Santana

February
Stephanie H., Maggie, Ashley B., & Shey

March
Adrian, Breanna, Ta/Rogee, Miquela, Kierra, Gladys, Brea, & Jessie

April
Jennifer, Kacie, & Somayia

May
Jillian, Soe, Ah, Mesa, Donald, Nakita, Luis, Pah, Tomas,
Dominique C., Khin, & Jordon

June
DeAndre, Deondra, Ronica, Mario, & Ziontu

Parent Council Fundraising Update

Krispy Kreme
Total money collected from sales was $1,548.00. From this fundraiser alone we currently have $756.00 (including money from donations) put towards passport costs. We would like to congratulate Santana Garza and Ronica Royal for being the top two sellers! Great Job!

Chocolate Obsession
Just a reminder that all money and selling forms must be collected no later than Friday, March 6, by 5:00pm. Students can turn in their completed selling packets at ATS, tutoring, or to the Upward Bound office. Products are scheduled to arrive the first week of April and students will be contacted in regards to pick up and delivery options. Students are reminded to have their name and phone number on all components of the selling packets. Also, be sure to indicate a prize choice if applicable.

Nelson’s Chicken
Pre-sale tickets will be available starting March 14. Money and the “STUDENT TEAR OFF PORTION” of the sold tickets are due back to the Upward Bound office by March 28. The Nelson’s Chicken Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, April 4, 2009, from 10am-2pm in the Southtown Wal-Mart parking lot. Customers who pre-bought tickets will be able to pick up their chicken orders during this time. The general public will also have the opportunity to purchase meals that day too.

Please contact Mrs. Alicia Johnson at 260.481.4188 or johnsona@ipfw.edu if you have any fundraising-related questions, comments, or suggestions.

HAPPY SELLING!

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