Students Shine at Leadership Conferences

Early this year, Upward Bound students participated in two leadership conferences. The BLUE Stars attended and presented at Notre Dame’s Annual Student Leadership Conference, while another group of UB students traveled to Indianapolis to attend the Indiana TRiO Student Leadership Conference learning about Indiana State government.

An Article by Brianna Schemahorn-

What is a leader? A leader is someone who leads by example, who makes decisions, and who speaks for those who can’t speak for themselves. In February, five other members of Upward Bound and I attended a leadership conference in Indianapolis.

The speaker that stood out the most for me was Brandon Crosby. He had us ask ourselves how we had gotten where we are today. He then went on to explain that we are where we are because of the choices and decisions we’ve made. Some may choose to barely pass their classes; others may choose to stay up all night studying. And those are only minor, everyday decisions. People who are willing to try harder stand out to people.

This leadership conference told me a lot about the people at the head of our state. I truly appreciate the people who honestly try to help us, but I still don’t feel enough is being done. Yes, I’m only a sophomore in high school; but, one day I will be one of those leaders making the decisions and I will lead by example—speaking for those who cannot. All with the hope that I will make a difference in a way I do not feel is being done today.

An Article by the UB BLUE Stars-

We, the Upward Bound BLUE Stars, worked very hard for the Notre Dame Leadership Conference. Our presentation “Quit the Chaos” provided knowledge and information about abuse in our society. We used first-hand experience to relate to our audience, and let them know that it is important to speak out. Although violence is sometimes inevitable, you do have the right to control how you react. After our presentation, we had time to relax and have fun. Our presentation taught us that organization is key, preparation is vital, perfection is impossible, and that a leader knows how to work professionally under any circumstance. Although leadership comes from within, being a BLUE Star gives us each the chance to expand and nourish our own individual leadership skills.

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!

To submit a potential story or article, please email it to gregga@ipfw.edu or kevers@ipfw.edu.
Summer Academy 2010: ‘Sail into Success’

This year’s Summer Academy will take place June 14-July 16. This year students will be exposed to seminar-based instruction for half days the first two weeks of Summer Academy. The last three weeks, students will stay on-campus in student housing and will participate in full day instruction and nightly social activities.

In addition, this year’s Summer Academy will offer a Bridge Program for UB students who will be attending IPFW this fall 2010. If you are a current UB senior who is interested in participating, contact Ms. Lyida as soon as possible.

Also new this summer, students will participate in two volunteer days on July 19-20. Upon completion of Summer Academy, students will be given the opportunity to give back to their communities by volunteering at area organizations. More information on the volunteer opportunities will be available later this summer.

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 regarding the opportunity on Wednesday, April 21, at 4:00pm in Walb Room G08.

And lastly, this year’s end-of-the-summer merit trip will be to Orlando, Florida. Students should be sure to mark their calendars for the trip: July 24-27. See the insert for specifics regarding details about the trip.

All students participating in any part of Summer Academy must attend the mandatory Summer Academy Orientation on May 20. Students are required to be in attendance with at least one parent. If you have questions about any part of Summer Academy, please contact the Upward Bound office!

**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

UB Valentine’s Mixer Highlights

Upward Bound welcomed a new class of students this year by hosting a Valentine’s Day Mixer. The weekend of Valentine’s Day, students were treated to snacks and dance music in IPFW’s Walb ballroom. The mixer was a great way for new students to get to know current Upward Bound students. Overall, all students had a great time getting to know each other while showing off their dance moves and having their Valentine’s photos taken.
Spring Break College Visits

This Spring Break, Upward Bound students visited Ohio State University, Indiana University, and Ball State University. Students were given tours of each of the campuses and were encouraged to ask questions about the colleges in order to gauge if any of the colleges might be a good fit for them upon completion of high school.

BLUE Star Conference

On Saturday, May 1, the Upward Bound BLUE Stars will host their annual student conference at IPFW in Walb Student Union. Instead of attending the usual ATS sessions, Upward Bound students will attend informational sessions on topics arranged by the BLUE Star students. Remember since this event is an extension of ATS, all UB students are strongly encouraged to attend this event. Students attending the conference will earn stipend credit toward their special stipend which will be distributed in May. More information on the conference will be in the mail shortly.

Senior Celebration

On May 1, immediately following the BLUE Star conference, Upward Bound will celebrate the graduation of its senior class at noon in Walb Ballroom. UB students will enjoy cake and punch while wishing the graduating seniors the best as they prepare to head off to college. The celebration will be held in Walb Student Union. Parents of senior students are also invited to join the celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lydia.
The Parent Council has been busily planning fundraisers since December to help students raise money for the upcoming trip to Florida. Remember, all students attending the Florida trip are required to fundraise $200 (partial cost of their plane ticket) in order to be eligible for the trip. Fundraisers have included a catalog fundraiser, IPOD raffle, Nelson’s Chicken sales, and Avon sales. Upcoming fundraising opportunities include car washes, jewelry sales, and Tincaps ticket sales. If you have any questions about fundraising opportunities or if you would like to become involved in Parent Council, please contact Mrs. Josefina Cervantes, Parent Representative.