On October 22-24, nine Upward Bound students were chosen to attend the annual MAEOPP Student Leadership Conference at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. Upward Bound students were nominated by UB staff for their demonstrated leadership throughout the last year. Attending the trip this year, was Adrian Hageman, Tim Wilkins, Ashley Karn, Tyris Ford, Tenecia Williams, Rudolfo Gonzalez, Neela Aseel, Tayla Tulloch, and Paw Raylah Lwee. Students participated in conference workshops aimed to help develop their leadership skills and motivate each of them toward continued excellence and success. The students were also able to participate in other activities and events with hundreds of other Upward Bound students from all over the Midwest. During the Talent Show, our very own—Tyris Ford—took the first place prize by preforming a stepping routine. Upward Bound is very proud of these students and their continued development as future leaders.
THE CHOICE IS YOURS by Ms. Lydia

We’ve come to the close of the fall semester and that means it’s time to award the first set of stipends for the academic year. Per the contract you all signed during the fall orientation, in order to receive a stipend you must have attended at least four ATS sessions, 8 weeks of tutoring or SAT prep, and one cultural event. In addition, you must have met with your advisor at least once this semester and have met the Upward Bound participation and academic requirements. That means you must have maintained at least 70% participation and received grades of at least a C-.

“There is a difference between interest and commitment. When you are interested in doing something, you do it only when circumstances permit...When you are committed to something you accept no excuses only results!!” This anonymous quote sums up which UB students will receive a stipend this December and those who will not. The above requirements are not much. You must understand that stipends are NOT a privilege. They are our way of telling you that you’ve done a great job; a way to reward you for your commitment. Now ask yourself: did you earn one? If the answer is no, and you lost the opportunity to earn a stipend this fall, don’t fret. It is not too late to get on track to earn your stipend for the spring.

The requirements for the spring semester stipend are to:
- Attend 6 ATS sessions
- Attend 12 weeks of tutoring
- Attend one cultural event
- Attend one college visit
- Meet at least once with your advisor, and
- Meet the UB GPA and probation requirements.

This level of commitment also counts toward earning the summer merit trip. We have a fantastic trip in mind for all of you. It is not our intention to exclude anyone from any merit trip; we want every eligible student to attend. However, we can’t just give it to you. You must also earn the trips.

Again, it’s not too late to kick it in gear. There are so many rewards for participating in Upward Bound events. Outside of the monetary rewards there is the opportunity to strengthen your study habits, improve your grades, and expand your post-secondary options. Will you rise to the challenge? Remember, the choice is yours!

STUDENTS GET ‘SADDLE-BOUND’

Upward Bound students, once again, spent a September day at the Noble County Saddle Club learning about horses. Students learned about the care of horses and how to properly saddle a horse. This year students also got the opportunity to ride a horse while at the event. At the conclusion of the event, students got to watch an equestrian show featuring all the horses and Noble County Saddle Club members they had met that day. Overall, students enjoyed all the information and hands-on activities the day had to offer.
UPCOMING WINTER EVENTS & UPDATES

The Upward Bound Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 17, 2010, from 6-9pm in IPFW’s Walb ballroom. All UB students and their families are invited to attend. Each family is asked to bring a side dish to share. There will also be a $1 gift exchange at the party. For all those interested in participating in the gift exchange, please bring your wrapped gift to the party.

All students memorizing and reciting the UB pledge will receive a special gift at the Holiday Party, as well.

December 10 - Nutcracker @ Civic
December 17 - UB Holiday Party
January 15 - ATS & New Student Orientation
January 19 - College Prep 101
January 25 - The Color Purple @ Embassy
January 29 - ATS
February 11 - Bowling Mixer @ Indiana Tech
February 12 - ATS
February 26 - Allen County Youth Summit
March 3 - RENT
March 4 - Video Games Live Philharmonic
March 12 - ATS
March 14 - Sophomore Mtg
March 23 - College Prep 101
March 26 - ATS

UB PLEDGE

As an Upward Bound student, I pledge:

- My commitment and dedication to the Upward Bound program
- To never give up
- To do my very best at everything
- To treat everyone with great respect
- To never get in a situation that will cause harm to anyone—including myself
- To improve my grades in school
- To take full advantage of the Upward Bound program

Because, NOTHING IS BEYOND MY REACH, I AM UPWARD BOUND!

TUTORIZING UPDATE

Need extra help in a subject? Upward Bound now offers individual tutoring! Starting in late November, students are able to make appointments with math, science or English tutors. In order to set up an appointment, students should call Ms. Yecenia or sign up at Monday tutoring. In order for a student to best benefit from individual tutoring, he or she must come fully prepared with textbook, assignments, and notes. Individual tutoring sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 pm until 5:45 pm at IPFW.

TOBOGANNING

Students who completed their tutoring requirement this semester and had no Ds or Fs on their report cards or midterms were rewarded with a tobogganing trip to Pokagon State Park on Saturday, December 4. Students rode on a quarter of a mile long toboggan track and reached speeds of up to 35-40 miles per hour! Great job to all students who completed their tutoring requirements and maintained academic excellence!
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, the Upward Bound staff strongly encourages parents to attend Parent Council Meetings and become actively involved in UB programming.

Parent Council Meetings are held on the first ATS Saturday of each month from 1-2pm. Parents should meet in IPFW’s Kettler Hall on the Ground Floor. For more information, check your calendar or contact Josefina Cervantes.