This summer marked a new chapter for our veteran UB students and new UB students alike. There were many activities that kept our students busy that ranged from zip lining, bowling, swimming, sporting competitions, to studying, labs, academic competitions, examinations, and more. This summer academy edition of UB will highlight our 2013 summer events with photos and stories and will include our merit trip adventures to Washington D.C. as well. Read on!
Taylor University

Students started off their first week of summer academy 2013 with a trip to Upland, Indiana where they were able to participate in team building exercises at Taylor University.

Students and staff participated in ropes courses, obstacle courses, and zip lining which turned out to be the kick off to a summer of getting to know each other.

Many UB students had not zip lined before, so it was definitely a fun experience for students to try something new and to get to know each other better.

**highlights**

- zip line
- ropes courses
- obstacle courses
- balance course
- team building
- team work
- climbing
- rope walking
This year, Vincennes University hosted the two-day academic and sporting competition event called Olympiad. Upward Bound students from all over the state of Indiana came together to compete.

Students were able to participate in a traditional college experience as they stayed on campus in the dormitories and ate at a traditional dining facility.

In the time together, students had the opportunity to meet new people, make new friends, and come together for a talent show to show off their artistic skills.
Summer Academy 2013 - Academics

Summer academy was filled with academic opportunities that students may not get from their traditional academic schooling. Taking regular classes with a kick, students were able to experience academic activities, labs, projects, and other educational experiences they may not have been able to during their traditional academic school year. Upward Bound had some amazing teachers this summer that taught common core classes as well as electives.

Students had as genuine a college experience as possible when they participated in the UB summer academy program. Students were supplied with their very own IPFW Identification card, they stayed in IPFW’s student housing, and they took their academic courses on the IPFW campus.

The variety of academic courses that were offered this summer included three different foreign languages which were Burmese, German, and advanced Spanish; math courses that included pre-calculus, algebra II, and geometry; science courses that included physics, biology, and chemistry; language arts; and electives that included fitness, music, art, and photo voice.

In addition to their academic courses, students participated in Hot Topics discussions, advisor seminars, and leadership seminars that included curriculum that dealt with real world applications.

We couldn’t have done it without the assistance of our dedicated teachers and community leaders that contributed to the progress of our students.
UB Pre-Professional 2013

This year, we were able to select 9 of our rising seniors to participate in the pre-professional program. This program was established with the ideal that students would gain a better understanding of the education and training necessary to succeed in any given field of interest, with the added bonus of being paid a stipend for their hours served. The eligibility requirements were as follows:

- Must be a rising senior, have G.P.A. over 2.7, have good attendance & a positive attitude, complete the application process, and attend a mandatory training meeting.

The students that successfully completed the process this year were Joseph Thang, Angie Brice, Ismael Aldave, Tationna Grandberry, Staisy Cardenas, Danielle Arbuckle, Daisy Cardenas, Faith Beachem, and Kalsouma Idriss.

Students worked on and off campus in various departments and for various organizations. From the City of Fort Wayne with the mayor’s office, Ivy Tech, and departments within IPFW, students were able to experience every day responsibilities and tasks that had to do with their future potential career interests.

“I could not have asked for a more enjoyable, engaging and beneficial experience as this one. The staff in the Marketing and Communications office were a pleasure to work with and I thank them greatly for opening new opportunities and helping me realize that this is a possible career I will pursue.” - Danielle Arbuckle

“This impacted me in a way that it gave me a clearer view of why I need to go to college.” - Tationna Grandberry

“Every day was a new experience.” - Kalsouma Idriss

“Overall, the whole experience was amazing. Not only were the staff hardworking but they offered me a view on how working is not an easy thing. You need dedication and passion for what you do to be able to accomplish what you want.” - Daisy Cardenas
For many of our UB students, it was their first time going to Washington D.C. And for many, it was their first time leaving the state. This year’s summer merit trip was jam packed with memories that will last a life time. UB student Helena James mentioned, “Most people don’t get a chance like this.”

The D.C. trip itinerary had all the stops. Students went from various memorials to the Arlington National Cemetery, the Crime Museum, the U.S. Capitol Building, the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian Museum, and various other stops along the way. UB had the opportunity to visit two colleges as well: Howard University and the University of Maryland. After the tour at U of M, many students declared that they would attend U of M for the undergraduate program. Even members of the UB staff could see themselves attending U of M!

The merit trip can be summed up with what Brianna Flinn said, “I will remember all the people I met and all the beautiful sights I [saw]. But most of all, I won’t forget how close I became to my UB family…I have a lot of great memories.” We are happy to have another UB summer merit trip accomplished with many excellent memories to share. Until next year!
MERIT TRIP: WASHINGTON D.C.

SHOUT-OUTS

“My favorite memory in Washington D.C. was getting to take a picture outside the white house. I felt really cool.”
- Angie Brice

“Thank you Upward Bound for allowing my summer to be spent with you.”
- April Soe

“I had a blast this summer with Upward Bound. I have gained a lot of experiences, knowledge, friendships, etc.”
- May Aung

“My favorite memories were exploring and experiencing new things with my UB family, my best friends.”
- Alex Rodriguez

“If it weren’t for Upward Bound, I would not have ever been able to experience anything like this.”
- Lorenzo Catalan
“I liked seeing things that I never would have been able to [see] before.”
-Nate Johnson

“All in all, I will take back all the knowledge of the past.”
-Kham Nom

“I will take back all the fun memories.”
-Thae Htay

“I wish we could do it all over again. [The trip] seriously went by too fast.”
-Faith Beachem
UB Welcomes New Staff Member, Ms. Jessica

The UB office added a new staff member to head their tutorial services program in late April this year. Jessica Montalvo-Anderson is a native to Fort Wayne, Indiana and has a Bachelor’s degree of Arts from Indiana University, a teaching certification from IPFW, and a Master of Education degree from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Her life has been devoted to education and teaching and she is thrilled to be serving our youth through the Upward Bound program at IPFW.

Ms. Jessica has a passion for photography, writing, arts and crafts, and the theater. And for a person with many different interests, she is able to fulfill all of them in one packaged deal with Upward Bound.

“I would just like to thank all of the UB staff for making my last merit trip amazing. I have countless memories that will last a lifetime.”
-Ismael Aldave

“Thanks to all the staff for everything and making my last trip with you guys pretty darn amazing. I love you all.”
-Yamin Thu

“I had a really fun time at D.C.”
-Ali Rahimi

“Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity.”
- Ana Nino
‘Tis The Season: Decisions, Decisions

As the beginning of the academic school year rolls around, students are strongly encouraged to begin thinking about their plans for the future by factoring in potential prospective colleges and honing in on talents and interests as the year progresses. Our state colleges assist by helping with the transition from high school to college by hosting informational meetings to answer any questions our students may have along the way.

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Indiana University was the first to hold it’s fall preview on August 4th, right before the fall semester began. Admissions representatives came up from Bloomington to offer a glimpse into IU and what IU has to offer. If you would like more information, contact your UB advisor.

5 Tips For Choosing The Right College

1. **Check out your options.** Review a course catalog. If you know what you want to major in, check out the general requirements in that area. If you’re not sure, check to see if there are classes that spark your interest.

2. **Take a tour.** Check out your potential college. Walk around; get acquainted. There are many things to discover.

3. **How much?** Use a price net calculator to get a personalized estimate of what it will cost to attend the school you are interested in.

4. **Decide what is important.** Make sure that the school you choose will be the best fit for you.

5. **Speak to an advisor.** Chances are, an advisor is going to know everything you will want to know about your prospective school. Ask questions. Get informed.
Academic Theme Saturdays

ATS Saturdays will be held at IPFW in Kettler Hall. Students will attend classes in math and English. These classes will be held from 9:00-11:40 a.m.

Attending ATS will count for 2.5 hours of academic programming.

UB students must complete 20 (fall) / 25 (spring) hours of academic programming to receive their stipend. In order to receive credit towards your stipend, you must work. Simply attending will not grant you credit.

If you have any questions, please contact your advisor.
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