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Introducing: Nicholas Gray Upward Bound Director

I am very excited to join the TRiO Upward Bound program at IPFW. I look forward to meeting all the great students and working with All-Star staff. I was born in a small town in Illinois. I moved a lot growing up and eventually ended up in Akron, Indiana. I attended Tippecanoe Valley high school and attended college at IPFW. I earned my bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education and a master’s degree in Educational Leadership. I began my teaching career at Geyer Middle School. After five amazing years at Geyer I moved on to South Side High School as an Assistant Principal. It was great to be working with several of my former students at South Side. The last three years I have worked at Jefferson and Lakeside Middle Schools. I have enjoyed my time as a teacher and school administrator and can’t wait for the challenges and rewards that will come with working in the TRiO Upward Bound Program.

I am a huge sports fan (Especially IU) and love attending sporting events wherever I travel. I enjoy golfing but don’t think the pros will be calling anytime soon. I love to travel and discover new places and meet new people. I find it fascinating to learn about different cultures and their traditions.

I believe that education is the key to success. I have a strong commitment to helping young people work towards their goal of achieving a degree. I look forward to meeting and working with all the wonderful Upward Bound students.

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 firestic@ipfw.edu or tostyh01@ipfw.edu.
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

Spring Shenanigans

TRiO Day

Leadership Conferences

College Visits
Hello all Upward Bound students and staff!

I would like to start off with a brief introduction about myself. My name is Tony Pattin and I am an IPFW Upward Bound Alumni. I graduated from Wayne High School in 2008 and was an active member of this great program for four years. Not only was I a student, but I also served as a Program Assistant for two consecutive summers. In May 2012, I will be graduating from Indiana University, Bloomington with a Bachelor of Science degree in Informatics and Computing and a minor in Telecommunications.

The Upward Bound Program has definitely been a backbone in my success through high school and college. It showed me the importance of achieving a college degree. Before entering the program I was a very introverted individual and Upward Bound helped me break out of this shell by having endless opportunities to communicate with other students. The reason I am pointing this out is because many of my close friends that I talk to today all participated in Upward Bound and we all have supported each other through college. I believe that the more support you have the better. Another important trait that I gained from being apart of Upward Bound was self-motivation. There will be many times when you feel that you are alone and it is crucial that you can motivate yourself to achieve your goals and push yourself forward. Having a keen sense of self-motivation will help you stand out from your peers.

I want every student to take this program seriously because it is truly a blessing to be an alumnus of such a wonderful program. Being a part of this TRiO program has helped me get into other TRiO programs in college, such as the Ronald E. McNair post-baccalaureate program, which helps underrepresented students attain their graduate degree. Upward Bound is only one of many steps towards your success. I hope my letter inspire all of you to do great in your future endeavors. Stay motivated and remember, “Nothing is Beyond YOUR reach, YOU are Upward Bound.”

Yours truly,
Tony Pattin

Advice from Former UB Student: Tony Pattin

Now It’s Time to Say So Long

The 2011-2012 Academic Year is coming to a close and that means we say goodbye to Upward Bound family members as they transition from senior high school students to college freshmen.

This year we are returning to a tradition of the Senior Merit Dinner which will be held on Monday, May 7th at 6:30 PM (immediately following the last tutoring session of the academic year). To qualify seniors must submit all of their required paperwork:
- FAFSA confirmation which includes the EFC,
- College acceptance letters,
- Scholarship submission and/or award letters.

There are many things the Upward Bound family wants the class of 2012 to know. First and foremost, so long is not goodbye. The Upward Bound program will always be here for you. The second thing is that from the day of graduation and beyond, remember you are moving forward, onward and upward because…. Nothing is Beyond your Reach, You are Upward Bound!

“Graduation is only a concept. In real life every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you’ll make a difference.”
-- Arie Pencovici
We are very excited about the great events we have lined up during Summer Academy, and especially excited about our Merit Trip to Chicago! Students who successfully the Academic Year and Summer Academy components have the opportunity to visit Chicago the week of July 23rd! Some of the things you have to look forward to are:

- College visits to Valparaiso University, Northeastern Illinois University, and Northwestern University
- Famous Chicago sites such as Willis Tower, Navy Pier, Shedd Aquarium, The Art Institute, Millennium Park, and the Magnificent Mile
- Unique cultural experiences such as an Architectural Boat Tour, Chicago’s Chinatown, and Medieval dinner theater

As we work to confirm the agenda, some of these sites may change, but we will have lots of awesome things in store for you this summer!