2014 has brought new faces to the UB program. As we ended 2013, we added a new cohort to our existing family. The application process presented the UB staff with an unprecedented amount of students interested in the program. And unfortunately, we had to turn away at least 50 students that ended up either on our waiting list or non-admittance but with the encouragement to reapply the following academic school year during our prime recruitment season. This is something UB has never experienced in its previous years at this kind of magnitude. After various weeks of interviewing and even a new component to the recruitment process, a meet and greet mixer, we added our new group of students to the UB program. The process was not easy by any means. But the entire UB staff took part in this season’s recruitment process from start to finish with a wonderful group of new students eagerly waiting to begin a new chapter in their lives with UB along for the adventure.

We are very pleased to have our new students with us! The spring semester offers our new and seasoned students extensive opportunities to learn more about the transition into the college experience through various workshops, cultural events, college preparation programs, SAT and ACT preparation, tutorial services, college tours, and leadership programming.

Along with our new students has come a season of challenging proportions due to the unexpected and unpredictable winter weather. Many of our Monday and Wednesday tutoring sessions had to be cancelled due to the amount of snow we got this season. One of the things we make sure to provide is to accommodate our students when weather takes its toll on programming. With numerous cancellations, we were forced to cancel cultural activities and tutoring sessions. In order to make up for them, we made sure to add many more cultural activities and even extended our tutoring Monday hours to 6:30pm instead of 6:00pm. With this change, we know that the rest of the school year will be an easier transition into summer academy.

We have had an excellent 2013-2014 academic school year. Even with the challenges we all faced, our students are still motivated. The UB staff is eagerly awaiting the new experiences we will have during our summer academy component.
This year, 12 of our UB students attended our 10th annual Indiana TRIO Student Leadership Conference at Ivy Tech in Indianapolis. Each year, committee members create a conference that our TRIO students could attend and leave inspired. The objectives this year consisted of bringing together young emerging leaders to give them an opportunity to build relationships and have meaningful interactions with each other; to conduct workshops that focus on improving leadership skills and increase understanding of how to take Continued…
ownership of one’s future, and to enhance the confidence, communication skills, and leadership skills of our students.

Our students even had the opportunity to experience their very first Pacer's game, live, the evening of the conference. The pre-game activity consisted of a meet and greet with the Pacers staff and management. This dialogue assisted in giving students an idea as to what their job functions are and what it takes to get there.

Overall, students had a great time learning.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Got Fleas? Workshop
- Team building
- Interactive leadership activities
- Facing adversity through authentic leadership
- First-gen college student panel
- Pacers game
12th Annual Student and Parent Leadership Conference at the University of Notre Dame

This year, the University of Notre Dame hosted the 12th annual student and parent leadership conference with the theme of Born To Soar, Dare To Dream. The conference offered various workshops that ranged from topics like relationships, motivational strategies, to information about school, and things you will need to know for the future.

Our BLUE Stars were hard at work for a number of weeks putting together their presentation and topic that they would present at the conference as a workshop entitled: “Information Over-Share,” for students, parents, faculty, and staff. Their presentation gave an overview of the Do’s and Don’ts of proper Internet and social media use to better prepare our students for admission into schools and even jobs after college etiquette. We are so proud of our Blue Stars: Staisy Cardenas, Helena James, Htet Lin, Elaha Rahimi, and Sydney Shepherd for a job very well done!

HIGHLIGHTS

- BLUE Star Presentation
- Information Over-Share
- Do’s and Don’ts of social media
- Motivational Strategies
- Leadership and Development
- Relationships
Cultural Activities; Cooking Series and More!

Our cultural activities have kicked off full-force for the spring as we start our new UB student cohort. We continue with our monthly cooking series sponsored by IPFW’s Health and Wellness Department. Our students have enjoyed the cooking classes, as well as the many other cultural events we have offered, which include the theater, musicals, and other activities.
A Message From UB: What Has Upward Bound Taught You?

“Upward Bound has taught me to be responsible for my own education, to have fun in learning and to challenge myself in my abilities and also to take the opportunity I have been given. UB has also taught me to find my path in the future. I have a passion for my education.”

- Thamay Paw, 11th grade, Northside

“UB has taught me to truly believe “nothing is beyond my reach,” despite my life and background indicating otherwise. Upward Bound taught me what it means to be a family without blood and that hard work will always result in success.”

- Ismael Aldave, 12th grade, South Side

“UB has taught me to expect more of myself than the world (people) expects of me. You need to push yourself and respect yourself in order to flourish and grow.”

- Thae Htay, 11th grade, North Side

“Something that Upward Bound taught me was that we can do anything we put our mind to. With the proper planning, proper tools, proper resources and proper thinking, all your goals can be achieved.”

- Ana Niño, 10th grade, South Side

“Upward Bound has taught me many things socially and academically. I have been able to advance in my studies in school and I have gained necessary experiences that will help in my life and career.”

- Nathaniel Johnson, 12th grade, New Haven

“Upward Bound has taught me every person is like a book. They all are written in different perspectives and all have different story to tell. I have gotten to know so many different people with different lifestyles. Upward Bound is more than college prep, it’s life prep.”

- Sydney Shepherd, 11th grade, South Side

“Upward Bound has taught me to be independent. They give a variety of opportunities that expose me to new things. With these opportunities, I gain skills and experiences that I can use in the long run. For example, during sessions, I am put in a position where I have to speak which is a little difficult for me because I am shy. This can help me be more open and not be afraid of asking questions or speaking.”

- Erika Vazquez, 11th grade, South Side

“Something I, Lorenzo Catalan, have learned was that college is an option and no matter where you come from, you can achieve anything. Also, if you don’t know how to get where you’re going, there will always be help available, you just have to ask.”

- Lorenzo Catalan, 11th grade, New Tech

“UB has shown me how to be more involved and how to be a leader and has progressed my leadership skills even further.”

- Clarence White, 11th grade, New Tech

“UB has taught responsibility, which is a great factor in life. It’s taught me to prioritize and to work hard for what I want and what I strive to be.”

- Alex Rodriguez, 10th grade, South Side
UB Academic Programming

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 9:00-11:45 a.m.

Attending ATS will count for 2.5 hours of academic programming.

Tutoring Opportunities

Tutoring will be available every Monday afternoon at the downtown Fort Wayne ACPL from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Individual tutoring will be available beginning on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. in the Upward Bound office.

Tutors are available in:
- Math
- English
- Science
- Spanish

Attending tutoring will count for one hour of academic programming per session.

School Tutoring: Students can receive programming hours for school tutoring. This can only count for up to 5 hours of academic programming credit. Speak with your advisor.

Skills Workshops

SAT Prep workshops will be available on Wednesdays from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Study skills workshops will be held on ATS Saturdays from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Kettler Hall.

Attending these workshops will count for one hour of academic programming per session.

Online SAT Prep

Students can sign up for the online SAT/ACT prep website www.number2.com. Please make sure you enter graynw01@ipfw.edu as your coach’s email so that UB can count it towards your academic programming credit.

This can only count for up to 5 hours of academic programming credit.

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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