

Step UP the Knowledge!

Kilgore College Upward Bound Newsletter

End of 1st 6 weeks = Time for Tutoring!

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It is hard to believe that the first 6 weeks of the 2012—2013 academic year have come and gone. The Upward Bound staff at Kilgore College are very proud of the hard work our students have put forth already, but this is just the beginning.

It should be no surprise

that classes will become more challenging over the next five 6 weeks as content material builds up and teachers continue to challenge our students to push themselves scholastically. We must also remind all Upward Bound parents and students that, per our 2012-2013 parent/guardian/student contract, students who receive below an 89 in core classes (English, Math, Science, Foreign Language) are required to attend 2 hours of tutoring each week. Transportation for students staying after school is the responsibility of parents and guardians.

Please consider tutoring as an opportunity for Up-

ward Bound students to work not only with our staff on challenging assignments, but also a time for group studying and project completion on school computers.

Our staff will meet in high school libraries the following days each week:

KHS: Tues./Thurs.
3:30pm-5:30pm

PTHS: Tues./Thurs.
3:00pm-5:00pm

LHS: Mon./Weds.
4:05pm-5:00pm

We will check grades every 3 weeks and determine tutoring referrals. Remember: A's = no tutoring & academic stipend earned!

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Tracking your Tutoring Time

Earlier this month, we rolled out our new, blue tutoring forms. Students will complete these when they attend after-school tutoring with UB.

Many of our students have after-school extra-curricular activities, but with Upward Bound, academics is the priority. We can provide UB blue tutoring forms for students to

take to their teachers if they attend tutoring before or after school, so be sure to track your meetings with your teachers! We will count the time documented on the form for stipends!

Did You Know...?

- Attending Academic Saturdays earns stipend money
- Earning all A's means no after-school tutoring referrals AND academic stipend earned
- You must attend tutoring in order to earn the academic stipend

Success at the SWASAP Student Leadership Conference October 5-7, 2012



From left to right:
Monica Mojarro, Nancy Ramirez, Ivon Abeldano

On Friday, October 5, 2012, three of our seniors (Ivon Abeldano- HHS, Monica Mojarro- KHS, Nancy Ramirez- HHS) traveled with UB Project Advisor Ms. Breslow and five students from the KC TRiO FastTrack program to the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs: Student Leadership Conference at the Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose, Texas.

This 3-day Leadership Conference was themed “Unleash the Beast”, and focused on increasing and redefining the students’ leadership skills while including lessons learned from wildlife.

Our KC students met other students from around Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas from Upward Bound, Student Support Services (college level) and Talent Search TRiO programs.

On Sunday, before the

conference concluded, students were recognized for their leadership skills while attending the conference.

Monica Mojarro was recognized as an Honorable Mention for the leadership skills she demonstrated throughout the weekend, and received a prize-filled tote bag. Our students also competed in a leadership scholarship contest, and **Nancy Ramirez** was awarded a \$200 scholarship for her scholarship essay. Congrats!

KC Homecoming with UB on Saturday, Oct. 20th

We told you in August that we’d be supporting Kilgore College at the Homecoming Football Game, and it’s nearly here!

On Saturday, Oct. 20th, our Rangers (W-6, L-1) will take on Southeast Prep. We are able to provide FREE

tickets to our UB students who want to attend—all they have to do is make sure Mr. Dubois or Ms. Breslow have them on the list by Friday, Oct. 19th.

Students will need to arrive at KC by 2:15pm at the Student Support Build-

ing. We’ll walk over and sit together, and we will leave the stadium by 6:30pm to beat the rush at the end. **Students can be picked up from Student Support at 6:45pm. Transportation will not be provided by UB for this event.**

Attend a college football game for FREE and see our KC Rangers at the Homecoming Game on October 20th!

Wear blue & white!



Time Change for AES on Oct. 27th (8:30am-3:30pm)

The schedule for the Oct. 27th Academic Enrichment Saturday (AES) will include a trip to the **Multicultural Festival** at Maude Cobb!

Bus pick up at PTHS and LHS will **remain** the same for this Saturday morning. All students should be at KC by 8:30am. We will have

study hall and tutoring in the morning, so students should come prepared.

At 11:00am, we will travel by bus to “Little Mexico”, a Longview Restaurant on McCann Rd, where our students will have a chance to practice their Spanish from this summer! (Lunch is pro-

vided by UB). Then, we’ll travel by bus **at 12:30pm to Maude Cobb for the Multicultural Festival. The bus will drop off at PTHS and LHS between 2:30pm-3:00pm. The bus will return KHS and HHS students to Kilgore College by 3:30pm.**

Campus Visit to UT—Tyler Nov. 10th: Patriot Preview Day

Our Academic Enrichment Saturday (AES) schedule for Nov. 10th will include a trip to the University of Texas at Tyler for their Fall Semester Patriot Preview Day. All students are invited to attend, and attendance is necessary in order to earn stipend money for November.

The planned events at UT-Tyler are scheduled from 8:30am—1pm, with lunch included. **Students**

will need to be transported by parents/guardians to the Kilgore College Campus by 7:00am on Saturday morning.

We will check students in and load the bus and will leave by 7:15am, to allow for any unforeseen traffic or road issues.

During Patriot Preview Day, our students will have an opportunity to hear from advisors within the academic department of their intended

majors. The discussion will include general information about various degree offerings, and requirements. We will have lunch with UT Tyler faculty and student leaders from campus organizations, and spend time at the Bookstore before loading back on the bus at 2:00pm.

We should return to Kilgore College between 2:45pm-3:00pm, when parents/guardians can arrive to pick up students.



Our staff is proud to announce that one of our UB alumni, **Jaret Wilson** (Class of '12) of Gladewater High School, received a \$300 scholarship (Representing Upward Bound) from the Southwest Assoc. of Student Assistance Programs in August. He is currently enrolled here at Kilgore College!

The last AES of 2012 is Dec. 1st: Living History Christmas

We will spend our final Academic Enrichment Saturday (AES) on Dec. 1st. We will visit the Gregg County Historical Museum, which will be celebrating “Living History Christmas” on this day, a free event open to the public. Men and women will be dressed in time period

attire throughout the museum. Our students will also get to view the “Holiday Village and Model Train” exhibit.

Morning bus pick up at LHS and PTHS will be as scheduled. All students should be at KC by 8:30am

for tutoring and study hall. We will depart from KC at 10:15pm for Downtown Longview and enjoy the Museum until the event closes at 12:30pm. **We’ll have lunch together before bus drop offs at LHS, PTHS, and Kilgore College between 2:00pm–2:30pm.**

Project Advisor’s Corner: Ms. Breslow

Greetings, students and families! I wanted to personally thank you all making my first four months with Upward Bound so wonderful!

This semester I am working closely with our PTHS and LHS students. I typically meet with my students during elective periods once a

week, every week, for grade reviews, academic tips, and completing activities from the CollegeBoard CollegeEd workbook series.

We are heavily focused on recruiting more students right now because we are funded to serve between 50-60 students total, and we’re

not quite there yet. There are application packets located in the Counseling/Career centers at LHS, PTHS, and KHS, so please encourage students who are interested in attending college someday to pick one up tomorrow!

Thanks for reading!



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Letter from the Director: Mr. Dubois



Jude Dubois,
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and students,

I want to take this time to express my appreciation to you for allowing Upward Bound to be a part of your child's educational journey. It is so important that your child understands the importance of education. Upward Bound's mission and goal is to ensure that your child is receiving the support and guidance they need to be successful in high school and

to ensure they are prepared for college by collaborating with their high school counselor. Furthermore, working together as a team (parent/guardian, student and Upward Bound) we can ensure that your child is doing their very best in school.

As we all know, education opens many doors that might normally be closed.

Upward Bound was refunded and is beginning its 5th

year at Kilgore College. We are so fortunate to have been refunded due to the highly competitive grant proposal year. Of the 1200 grants submitted only 780 programs were funded throughout the U.S. 171 programs were either not funded nor refunded in this year's grant proposal cycle. So it is very important that we all stay politically active in keeping TRIO programs alive!