Welcome Back to Upward Bound!

We are excited to begin a new year with all of our Upward Bound students who are returning to the program and our new students who will be joining us for the first year. I hope all of you had a great summer. We had a great summer program this summer and a wonderful trip to Washington D.C.

I want to encourage all of the students to begin the year with a positive note and to remind them to keep up with their tutoring requirements each month. Parents, we also need your help to encourage and remind your students to strive for their best with their academics and tutoring. We had many students whose grades improved a letter grade by the end of the year.

We are looking forward to another full year with Saturday academies, campus trips and cultural activities. We have seven seniors who will enter this last year with us as they prepare for college next fall. We will also be recruiting twelve new students to join us this year. Let the Upward Bound staff know if you have any referrals for the program.

Again, welcome to a new year with Upward Bound!

Cheree L. Smith, Director

Reminder...

UB Tutoring is every Tuesday & Thursday at Midland College 6:30-7:30

It’s Recruiting Time Again!

Recruiting time is here! LaUrsra W hite, Brittany Miller, Jeremy Rodriguez, A. J. Natividad, Justin Esquivel, Omar Rosas, Javier Dominguez, Manuel Corona, Donald Mitchell, and Tyrone Jackson graduated last year and went on to bigger and better things. We need to recruit new UB students to fill these empty positions.

Upward Bound is currently accepting applications. Recruiting time ends October 31st. We have twelve spots open. However, if twelve qualified applicants apply and are accepted, the positions could be filled before October 31st. Time is running out.

If you know someone who would be interested in joining our Upward Bound family, give us a call at 686-4215.
Four full days of fast and furious fun to Washington D.C. ended this year’s summer program! The summer trip began Tuesday night, July 13th and ended Saturday night, July 17th. The Upward Bound staff and students loaded and rode a charter bus to DFW Tuesday night and continued their travels with a plane ride at 8 a.m., Wed. morning to Washington D.C. Day one began as soon as the plane landed. We grabbed a bite to eat at Baltimore Harbor. On full tummies, we scooted on over to Ford’s Theater, where President Lincoln was shot. After hearing the tale, we walked across the street to the Petersen House, where President Lincoln was taken, weak and wounded. In the evening, UB dined in and explored Alexandria, VA.

Day two came quickly. By mid-morning, we were smiling pretty in front of the U.S. Capitol taking a group photo. Afterwards, we went to the Holocaust Memorial Museum. That experience has forever changed me. After ingesting that brutal history, we went to the Smithsonian: Air and Space Museum, Natural History Museum, and American History. To end a day of learning, we shopped, shopped, and shopped some more at the Pentagon City Mall.

Day three was awesome! It began with a trip to Arlington Cemetery. We visited the grave site of John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Elisa Suarez, Zach Chavez, John Higgins, and Perla Castillo participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of the unknown soldier. We ate lunch at Union Station. Then we rode the subway. After riding the subway, the bus picked us up and took us to the National Cathedral. It took our breath away. That evening we visited the Lincoln Memorial, where Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his “I Have a Dream” speech. We also visited the two Jima, Korean, Vietnam, WWll, and Jefferson memorials. After a full day of sightseeing, everyone was exhausted.

Before we knew it, day four was here. Prior to our flight home, we visited a statue called the “The Awakening” and The Navy Museum. We toured a navy ship and saw where sailors bunk, eat, sleep, and train. This tour ended our fascinating and memorable trip to Washington D.C.
Outstanding Students

The following students received an academic award for outstanding work in their studies during the 2004 Summer Program:

**Science**
- Adrian Lopez
- Adriena Perkins

**Reading**
- Ben Rodriguez
- Tim Parks

**Writing**
- Rashad Ahamad
- Lety Gabaldon

**Math**
- Ben Rodriguez

**ACT/SAT Prep**
- Adriena Perkins
- Zach Chavez

**Computers**
- Darius Anders
- Adrian Lopez

**Sign Language**
- Isai Gomez
- Shawna Turpin

**Spanish**
- Isabel Carrillo

RA Awards

This summer program Upward Bound hired two female resident assistants and two male resident assistants. The female RAs were Savannah Orona and Lindsay Loftin. The male RAs were Pedro Falcon and Brent Armbruster. Each RA mentored and supervised a group of eight same-sex students. The RAs spent a lot of time with their UB students, as well as the entire group. They gave their own awards.

- **Funniest Girl:** Jasheka Roberson
- **Most Talented:** Isabel Carrillo
- **Funniest Guy:** Shane Neuser
- **Most Talented:** John Higgins & Adrian Lopez

- **Best Hair:** Lety Gabaldon
- **Best Smile:** Ashley Ervine
- **Best Hair:** Ben Rodriguez
- **Best Smile:** A.J. Natividad

- **Best Attitude:** Brenda Vasquez
- **Doobie Award:** Donna Kollar
- **Best Attitude:** Rashad Ahamad
- **Doobie Award:** Zach Chavez

- **Best Dressed:** Perla Castillo
- **You’re So Vain Award:** Adriena Perkins
- **Best Dressed:** Tim Parks
- **You’re So Vain Award:** Jeremy Young

- **Biggest Sweetheart:** Chaloin Mitchell
- **Biggest Sweetheart:** Darius Anders

**Best All Round Summer UB Student Award:** Elisa Suarez
**Best All Round Summer UB Student Award:** Ben Rodriguez

All the computer students were exceptional this summer. These students were the best I have ever had, and they truly made my summer rewarding and unforgettable. Good luck to all of you. Be all you can be.

Mrs. Cockrell

All the students did a great job; they are all wonderful young adults who strive for excellence. Likewise, all showed a marked improvement on their ACT/SAT scores and their vocabulary.

Ms. Loftin

It has been an enjoyable summer session. Students showed enthusiasm and were willing to work hard.

Mrs. Howell
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