Forty three (43) students participated in the UB Summer Program 2010. The first five weeks were spent taking classes on the Midland College campus. Classes included English-Writing, English-Reading, Math, Science, Spanish, Multimedia/PR, Performing Arts, Multicultural Diversity, and Community Service. Not only did students dissect pigs, write poetry, brush up on Spanish, and solve algebraic equations, but they had an opportunity to work with live professionals in the fields of Media and the Performing Arts. Students toured a local news station, the Museum of the Southwest, and the Globe Theater. Multimedia students worked with staff from MC’s Public Information Department to create their own feature page that was printed in the Midland Reporter Telegram (7/18/2010). Performing Arts students designed and presented individual performance pieces and performed a group salsa dance routine at the Summer Banquet. Through the Diversity class, students explored race, ethnicity, and culture in American society and its implications for them as young people. Community service projects were done with Meals on Wheels, Bynum School, Midland Children’s Rehab, and Lone Star SPCA. Recent high school graduates participating in Summer Bridge were given the opportunity to earn 6 hours of college credit before transitioning to college in the fall semester.

Most students also stayed in the dorms to experience campus life to the fullest extent, including fun activities such as flag football, volleyball, skating, swimming, drive-in movies, and a Rockhounds game. Participants spent Monday evenings in leadership training seminars conducted by the Business and Professional Women of Midland (BPW) and by the Black Leadership Council (BLC). Each organization recognized most outstanding students and presented them with an award or scholarship at the banquet. Teachers and Resident Assistants also presented awards to students at this time. Students were joined by their families, MC staff/faculty, and community supporters during the elegant Summer Banquet. MC’s Dean of Enrollment Management and former UB Director, Dr. Michael Chavez was the keynote speaker. We celebrated student success and bid farewell to recent graduates and to two staff members, Ta- neekwa Ross (Coordinator - relocated) and Jennifer Cooper (Counselor - retired) who announced that it was their last year with the program. The sixth and final week of the Summer Program was spent in the mountains of Denver/Colorado Springs, CO.
New Mexico State University/UTEP Trip

On the afternoon of Oct. 8, 2010, UB students headed West en route to El Paso, Texas with the excitement of visiting the campus of New Mexico State University and the University of Texas at El Paso. Upon their arrival, students got to enjoy the beauty of nature on their scenic mountain drive into El Paso.

Bright and early the next morning, students ventured out to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico to attend the “Aggie Experience.” Students were able to tour the campus, meet with staff professionals from different departments, enjoy lunch on site, and explore the housing units on campus.

After their informative “Aggie Experience”, students drove back to El Paso for some shopping and later attended the UTEP vs. Rice “Homecoming” game at the UTEP Sun Bowl. Filled with excitement and spirit, students cheered on their team with the hundreds of fans surrounding them in the Sun Bowl stadium.

After an informative and eventful weekend of college tours, students shared their stories on the ride back home to Midland. Overwhelmed with excitement, students said they had a great time and enjoyed learning about some of the opportunities available to them west of the Permian Basin.

Christmas at Helping Hands

This year’s annual charity event took place at Helping Hands (a non-profit organization that assists those in need), where UB students joined together in helping provide food boxes for families. Students came full of energy, wearing their Santa hats, ready to work! Students arranged thousands of donated canned goods, pastas, beans, etc. in preparation for food boxes.

Students created a working assembly line, each with a designated food group. Each student made sure each box contained all the necessary food items. In a matter of a couple of hours, the students completed 126 boxes of food. These food boxes provided food for 300 families, over 600 individuals. Students had a great time in preparing the boxes for the family and being a part of giving back to their community.

“It felt good to know we helped so many families in such a short time!”
Omar Madrid
MC Upward Bound Exceeded Our Goals...Once Again!

Upward Bound programs across the country are required to submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) to the U. S. Department of Education for the previous project year. This report measures the success of our current and former UB students as it relates to their participation in our program. I am pleased to announce that, once again, Midland College Upward Bound exceeded its objectives for project year 2009-10. Below is a table that compares our target objectives (on the left) with our actual outcomes (on the right). We could not continue to make such progress without such an outstanding group of staff, students, parents, and program partners. Thanks to all contributions made toward the success of this program and its student participants!

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<td><strong>Academic improvement on standardized test:</strong></td>
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<td>90% of all UB participants who at the time of entrance into project had an expected high school graduation date during the school year will have achieved at proficient level during high school on state assessments in reading/language arts and math.</td>
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<td><strong>Project retention:</strong></td>
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<td>85% of 9th, 10th, and 11th grade participants served during each school year will continue to participate in the UB project during the next school year.</td>
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<td><strong>Postsecondary enrollment:</strong></td>
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<td>70% of all UB participants who at time of entrance into project had an expected high school graduation date during the school year will enroll in postsecondary education by fall term immediately following expected high school graduation date.</td>
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<td><strong>Postsecondary persistence:</strong></td>
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<td>60% of all UB participants who enrolled in postsecondary education during the fall term immediately following high school graduation will be enrolled for the fall term of the second academic year.</td>
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Greetings from the desk of Ms. Kim! (New Academic Coordinator)

Hello UB! I am honored to have been given the opportunity to work with and serve the students, staff, and families of the Upward Bound Program of Midland College. I am ecstatic about guiding and joining the students on their journey to success.

I, myself, am a first generation college student and know the struggles first hand of getting through high school and continuing onto college. With the help of mentors and support of family and friends, I earned my Bachelor’s in Social Work from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Then, I continued forward onto my career path. I was a former Campus Coordinator for Communities in Schools and prior to this position a Forensic Interviewer for the Midland Rape Crisis and Children’s Advocacy Center for the past four years.

All my life, I dreamed about serving others; that is my passion! With both personal and educational experience, I hope to assist the students in achieving their goals and making their dreams a reality. The students will succeed and TOGETHER we can make this possible!
Highlights from the Fall Semester

Spring 2011 Calendar

January
8 (Sat)    UB New Years Breakfast @ 9AM
11 (Tues) Tutoring begins @ MC PE Bldg 114
17 (Mon) MLK Day **UB Office Closed**
          MLK Celebration @ 7pm
22 (Sat)  Saturday Academy
31 (Tues) TUTORING HOURS DUE

February    Black History Month
1 (Tues)    LHS Pizza Lunch
5 (Sat)     Discover ASU Angelo State Univ.
10 (Thurs)  MHS Pizza Lunch
18 (Fri)    End of Six Weeks
19 (Sat)    Saturday Academy
26 (Sat)    TRiO Day
28 (Mon)    TUTORING HOURS DUE

March       Women's History Month
3(Tues)     LHS Pizza Lunch
5 (Sat)     Saturday Academy
10 (Thurs)  MHS Pizza Lunch
14-18       ***Spring Break***
26 (Sat)    Saturday Academy
31 (Thurs)  TUTORING HOURS DUE

April
5 (Tues)    LHS Pizza Lunch
8 (Fri)     End of Six Weeks
9(Sat)      Saturday Academy
14 (Thurs)  MHS Pizza Lunch
29 (Fri)    TUTORING HOURS DUE

May        Asian/ Pacific Heritage Month
2 (Mon)    Russian National Ballet
          "The Sleeping Beauty" @ 7pm
3 (Tues)   LHS Pizza Lunch
          Senior Meeting Location TBA
7 (Sat)    Saturday Academy
12 (Thurs) Summer Program Orientation
          (Mandatory for all Summer Participants!)
          MHAB Lecture Hall @ 6 pm
14 (Sat)    Saturday Academy
17(Tues)   MHS Pizza Lunch
26 (Thurs) Tutoring Ends
27 (Fri)   End of Six Weeks
28 (Sat)   GRADUATION!