Midland College

After an extensive applicant review process, Pervis Evans was named as the new Director for the Upward Bound project at Midland College. Evans has served children and families in the fields of education and social services for over twelve years. He has held positions with various organizations, colleges, public school systems, and state agencies throughout Northwest Texas and beyond. Of those twelve years, he served as Academic Advisor for a Talent Search program for five years. Evans, a native of Lubbock, TX, earned his Bachelor of General Studies and Masters from Texas Tech University. He recently earned a Masters of Education degree from Sul Ross State University.

Mr. Evans has presented numerous presentations on stress management, anger-management, multiculturalism, and other mental and social health related topics. He is a Certified Facilitator of the multicultural competency curriculum, Knowing Who You Are. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions for his community involvement. Most recently by Midland Independent School District (2009) and by the Midland African American Roots Historical Cultural Arts Council / Midland African-American Chamber of Entrepreneurs (2010). Mr. Evans was instrumental in helping organize the Abilene community group, Citizens United to Address Disproportionality. In addition to serving as an organizer and educator, he is a singer, lyricist, and actor.

Mr. Evans the proud husband and father of wife, Michelle, and son, Jaden.

Greetings! It is my pleasure for the opportunity to partner with and to serve the students, staff, families, and stakeholders of the Upward Bound Program of Midland College. The sustainability of our TRiO programs is a result of the tireless efforts of committed individuals, like you, working together to ensure that higher education is accessible to all. As a servant leader, I join you in this commitment, and I challenge us to not only make higher education accessible to all, but to make it an attainable reality for all who choose to pursue it.

This will require us to think beyond the status quo, toward endless possibilities. Especially after having met this dynamic group of Upward Bound students, it is my personal belief and expectation that they will attend college. They will successfully earn college degrees, and they will achieve their personal dreams and serve our larger society in profound ways. I say to you, Upward Bound students, that we believe in you because you daily demonstrate faith, dedication, and drive, just by your participation in this rigorous academic program. You WILL succeed! Our collective faith, dedication, and drive will not allow for otherwise. TOGETHER, let’s make this happen!
The Upward Bounder

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Each year, program staff identify opportunities for Upward Bounders to explore various cultural activities, visit college campuses, exercise their leadership abilities, and gain appreciation for community services; all as a means of holistic development. The fall 2009 proved to be a busy semester, as students committed just about every weekend to such efforts.

Cogdell Fall Fair

In the first annual Induction/ Pinning ceremony, Upward Bound recognized veteran participants for their commitment and dedication to the program through a pinning ceremony. Students recited the UB pledge and were pinned. The incoming class of 2009-2010 were initiated into the program during this ceremony as well. These student received their pledge and charge from the UB Student Council. “New Bees” were inducted after having successfully completion of their probationary period:

Elizabeth Ayala– Lee Freshman
Ariel Cadena– Lee Freshman
Jacob Gomez– Midland High
Chelzi Gonzales– Midland Freshman

New Entrants Awaiting Induction:
Sabrina Castillo– Midland Freshman
Eduardo Diaz– Lee Freshman

Christmas Charity Event

The Emeritus at Saddleridge Lodge was designated as the agency to devote volunteer efforts for this year’s annual Christmas Charity Event. Upward Bound decorated doors of the residents, facilitated a craft project in which candy cane reindeer were made, and hosted a cookie and punch reception.

UPWARD BOUND INDUCTS “NEW-BEES”

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Josh Hernandez– Lee Freshman
Amanda Olgin– Lee Freshman
Marissa Rodriguez– Midland Freshman
Angel Saenz– Midland Freshman
Heather Saenz– Midland
Wynter Thurman– Lee High
Mykel Warrick– Midland Freshman

Front row: Amanda Hernandez, Andrea Alvidrez, Melissa Perez, Abbey Madrid, Adrianna Chavez, Ms. Taneekwa, Chelzi Gonzales
Second row: Mrs. Cooper, Brenda Gaytan, Amanda Olgin, Khailinn Williams, Alyssa Chavez, Omar Madrid, Angel Saenz, Heather Saenz
Standing: Mrs. Lovelia, Andrew Alexander, Brandon Goya, Corri Castaneda, Jacob Gomez, Jesus Siqueiros, Elizabeth Ayala, Natalie Carrillo, Salena Carrillo, Resident, Luis Gabaldon, Tevin Simmons, Jerrod Quintana, Ryan Leyba, Annika Nuex, Marissa Rodriguez
### WALL OF FAME

**UB “A” Listers (“A” Honor Roll)**
- Andrew Alexander– LHS 10
- Skeesha Bowers– MHS 10
- Luis Gabaldon– LHS 12
- Olga Chavez– LHS 10
- Amanda Hernandez– LHS 11
- Juan Porras-LHS 11

**PTA “Reflections” Fine Arts Competition**
- Tevin Simmons LHS– Regional Finalist advancing to State Competition

**UIL Math and Sciences**
- Mykel Warrick MFHS:
  - Andrews Invitational-1st Math, Science, Chemistry Biology
  - 2nd Calculator and Number Sense
  - West Texas Invitational-3rd Calculator

**NCAA National Signing Day**
- Brandon Govan LHS:
  - Cisco Jr. College- Football

**Cogdell Fall Fair Step Competition**
- UpStep: 3rd Place
  - Captains: Paislyn Chambers, Jacklyn Pinal
  - Members: Andrew Alexander, Skeesha Bowers, Travae Jackson, Brendon Wallace, and Khailinn Williams

### SPRING 2010 CALENDAR

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