We had an awesome summer program! Students got to dissect pigs in Science, incorporate their favorite tunes into their creative writing in English, learn about the amazing history of New Orleans in Social Studies, collaborated biblical aspects into Math, experienced hands on learning with basic skills of daily life duties in Life Management Skills, interacted in new sports in P.E. and learned about personal boundaries in Upward Boundaries! Let’s not forget, the hard work we gave back to the community. We were able to help out at: Midland Fairhavens, Lonestar SPCA, and Keep Midland Beautiful. Good Job Guys!

We also enjoyed trips to Green Arces Putt-Putt, Hollywood Theatres, Balmorhea State Park, YMCA and everyone’s favorite, Ms. Love’s house for a swimming party! At the end of the Summer Program, we took our BIG trip, to New Orleans, Louisiana. It was great! We had a blast learning about the incredible history of New Orleans.

As we begin the new academic year, we will be adjusting to a couple of changes. Some of our students have finally made it to Sr. High School, Congrats!!! For others, it’s a BIG year, their SENIOR YEAR!!!! Our May 2011 graduates are starting their first year at college! (See GRADUATES below to see where they are enrolling.) Either way, we must remember to stay focused this year and try our BEST at everything that is at task.

We look forward to another great year and have great activities planned for the students. We have 12 seniors this year and know they are excited about their last year in high school and we will be working with them to plan for college.

**2011 GRADUATES:**

**CONGRATULATIONS**, to all our 2011 Graduates who are now College Freshmen. Look where they all went:

- **Andrea Alvidrez**-Midland College
- **Danielle Carrasco**-Midland College
- **Salena Carrillo**-Midland College
- **Bianca Castro**-Midland College
- **Brenda Gaytan**-Midland College
- **Amanda Hernandez**– University of Houston
- **Abby Madrid**-Midland College
- **Omar Madrid**-Midland College
- **Erica Maynez**-Midland College
- **Melissa Perez**-Midland College
- **Jacklyn Pinal**-U.S. Naval Academy
- **Juan Porras**-Angelo State
- **Jerrod Quintana**-Texas Tech
- **Jesus Siqueiros**-Midland College
- **Brendon Wallace**-Midland College
On the afternoon of July 13th, a charter bus with 36 Upward Bound participants and 6 staff members headed out to New Orleans, LA. Eager and excited to experience something new, the students were anxious to arrive at our destination.

After 14 hours on the road, we arrived in the early hours in New Orleans. With only a few hours of sleep, students were up and ready for their first adventure, a grand tour of New Orleans, where they saw the French Quarters, Garden District homes, cemeteries, Lake Pontchartrain, Jackson Square and many other historical landmarks. Our last stop of the tour was at the Riverwalk mall, where the students enjoyed lunch at the food court and time to check out the shops.

On a full tummy, we toured beautiful Tulane University. Students definitely experienced the New Orleans weather while on campus. Throughout the entire tour, students walked in the pouring rain and cherished every bit of it, since it had been many months since West Texas had seen rain. Later that evening the students went back to the hotel for a pizza party.

After a few hours of shopping, we dashed to Musee Conti Wax museum where the students learned an extensive history of New Orleans. Seeing the live like figures in the museum made it that much real to visualize all the events that took place many, many years ago in New Orleans.

On Friday, we started our day on the campus of Dillard University and learned about the history and opportunities available at the university. The students then ventured out to the French Quarters for some shopping.

After an eventful day, we had dinner at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., where the students enjoyed quality time with the staff and gift shopping. That night, the students experienced the French Quarter Ghost tour. We visited sites of documented hauntings, such as the mansion of Delphine LaLaurie. After our tour, we headed to the famous Cafe Du Monde for beignets and hot chocolate.

Early Saturday morning, we ventured out to the swamps of Louisiana and took an adventurous tour at Zam’s. We saw alligators, swamp turtles, snakes and even raccoons.

We enjoyed lunch at their diner, where some of the students got to eat alligator. The humble owners of Zam’s Swamp Tours were amazing and very generous. They shared incredible stories with us and even let the students hold alligators and snakes. It was an awesome experience, our students will never forget.

From the swamps we took a short drive to Baton Rouge where the students enjoyed half a day at the Dixie Landin & Blue Bayou Theme/Water Park. Although it was raining and cloudy, that didn’t stop the students from enjoying roller coasters, water slides and many other rides.

Sunday morning, exhausted and eager at the same time, the students loaded up the charter bus and prepared for our 14 hour ride back home to West Texas. Students shared their stories and experiences all the way home.

Overwhelmed with excitement, students said they had a great time and enjoyed learning about some of the opportunities available to them in New Orleans. For most of them, this was their first time out of state. This experience will be a cherished memory forever.
**SUMMER BANQUET AWARDS**

~Instructor Awards~

**Science:**
- Outstanding Student: Kristina Ho
- Most Improved: Billy Sandoval
  - Alexandra Galindo

**Math:**
- Outstanding Student: Reynaly Dominguez
  - Homer Hinojos
- Most Improved: Cameron Hurd
  - Mark Tijerina

**P.E.:**
- Most Improved: Heather Saenz

~English Awards~

**Outstanding Students:**
- Sabrina Castillo
- Kristina Ho

**Most Improved:**
- Ryan Leyba
  - Desiree Peterson

~Social Studies Awards~

**Outstanding Student:**
- Kristina Ho
- Homer Hinojos

**Most Improved:**
- Desiree Peterson
  - Josh Hernandez

~Community Service Awards~

**Outstanding Students:**
- Billy Sandoval
  - Marissa Rodriguez

~RA Awards~

**Funniest Boy:**
- Cameron Hurd

**Funniest Girl:**
- Desiree Peterson

**Other Awards:**
- Best Hair: Ashley Pina
- Best Attitude: Kristina Ho
  - Mark Tijerina
- Most Helpful: Billy Sandoval
  - Adriana Chavez
- Biggest Sweetheart: Josh Hernandez
- Most Athletic: Nick Jimenez
  - Valeria Gomez
- Best Smile: Jacob Gomez
- Doobie Award: Marissa Rodriguez
- You’re So Vain: Wynter Thurman
- Pokey Awards: Sabrina Castillo
  - Chelzi Gonzales
- Best All Around UB Student: Homer Hinojos

**FALL CALENDAR 2011**

| September          |  | October          |  | November        |  |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 10 (SAT)           | Saturday Academy 10 am -12pm @ MHAB | Pizza Lunch LHS Rm 401 12:20 pm | Pizza Lunch LHS Rm 401 12:20 pm | Celebrations of Light 2011 MISD Storytelling Festival |
|                    | (Orientation MANDATORY!) |  | (Orientation MANDATORY!) | Pizza Lunch MH Conference Rm 11:15 am | ***December Break*** |
|                    | Class sessions, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores! |  | ACT Test (register by Aug 12) | Saturday Academy: Annual Christmas Charity Event (specific details TBA) |
|                    | ACT Test (register by Aug 12) |  | Pizza Lunch MHS Conference Room 11:25 am | ACT Test (register by Nov 4) |
| 13 (TUE)           | Pizza Lunch LHS Rm 401 12:20 pm |  | 20 (SUN) | Pizza Lunch MH Conference Rm 11:25 am |
| 15 (THU)           | Pizza Lunch MHS Conference Room 11:25 am |  | 24-25 | Last Day of Tutoring for the Semester |
| 24 (SAT)           | Saturday Academy 8:30 am -12pm |  |  | ***Christmas Break UB OFFICE CLOSED*** |
| September          |  | October          |  | November        |  |
| 1 (SAT)            | SAT Test (register by Sept 9) |  | 3 (SAT) |  |
| 4 (TUE)            | Pizza Lunch LHS Rm 401 12:20 pm |  | Saturday Academy |  |
| 5 (WED)            | College Night: Chap Center 7 pm - 8:30 pm |  | SAT Test (register by Nov 8) |  |
| 8 (SAT)            | Saturday Academy |  | Pizza Lunch LHS Rm 401 12:20 pm |  |
| 11 (WED)           | Tutoring Begins @ MC (5:00 pm- 6:30 pm) |  | Saturday Academy: Annual Christmas Charity Event (specific details TBA) |  |
| 12 (WED)           | PSAT (for Sophomores and Juniors) |  | ACT Test (register by Nov 4) |  |
| 13 (THU)           | Pizza Lunch MHS Conference Rm 11:25 am |  | Celebrations of Light 2011 MISD Storytelling Festival |  |
| 20 (THU)           | Barroge present “Animado” @ MC Chap Center @ 7pm |  | Pizza Lunch MH Conference Rm 11:25 am |  |
| 22 (SAT)           | Saturday Academy |  | Last Day of Tutoring for the Semester |  |
| November           | ACT Test (register by Sept 16) |  | ***Christmas Break UB OFFICE CLOSED*** |  |
| 5 (SAT)            | Saturday Academy |  |  |  |
|                    | SAT Test (register by Oct 7) |  |  |  |
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SPRING & SUMMER