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Supporters of Upward Bound Students

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Special points of interest:

- Junior night— Wednesday, April 21st from 6:30—7:30 pm. Please RSVP as soon as possible!
- April 1st is deadline for MO residents to submit their FAFSA
- Start thinking about summer date conflicts so we may note your student's absence

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UB Update

Although the spring is here, the weather is proving to have a mind of its own! Here in the UB office, spring has definitely come in like a lion! We are currently very busy planning for the upcoming summer session and our week long cultural trip to Wisconsin Dells, all the while trying to plan for our last two Saturday sessions in April! YIKES!!!

There are many things going on right now for UB, that we wanted to update you on where things stand right now. SAC members have been diligently helping Phil come up with ideas for our Thursday trips as well as activities for our large group trip to the Dells. In addition to these duties, SAC members also recently conducted the student portion of interviews for our Resident Assis-

tant candidates for the summer. This was a new experience for our students and they did a fantastic job representing their peers! This was not a job they took to lightly and we really appreciated their input and suggestions. After all, they are the ones who will be directly effected by those that are hired!

I have been in contact with all of our Seniors regarding the FAFSA and where they should be at in that process. If you feel uncomfortable completing the application on your own, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with our office! The same goes for any aspect of their college application process. All applications should now be submitted, and you should have been contacted regarding your status at your chosen institution.

With our summer staff finally in place, we have selected which courses will be offered and students will choose their class schedules at one of our two April sessions. If your student is struggling in a given subject, we encourage them (strongly) to select classes in that field. If students are on supplemental tutoring, they WILL be placed in a class in that area so they can be better prepared for what they will face next year. Our enrichment classes will continue to be a tough choice for all of our students, as we are once again offering a variety of fun, creative opportunities for students to take part in.

Just as in summers past, we will be having a parent orientation for our summer session some time in May. Please be looking for an invitation for this event in your mail soon!

Junior Night Set For April 21st, 2010

Parents of Upward Bound Juniors should have all received an invitation to our annual 'Junior Night' on Wednesday, April 21st.

This event is mandatory for all Juniors and their parents, as we will be discussing many important aspects of their upcoming senior year of high school and Upward Bound.

Topics will vary depending on questions you have, but generally we cover important issues like financial aid, the FAFSA, scholarships, and a timeline for what to expect during the upcoming year.

This event will be held on the third floor of the Administration Building beginning at 6:30 pm.

We are asking that everyone RSVP to this event either by email or by calling the UB office at 660-562-1630.

More information can be found on the invitation on page 3 of this newsletter. Please call if you have any questions regarding this event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer Planning



Just as we need information from you to plan our summer session, we understand you also need information from us so you can plan activities for you and your family.

Our summer dates have been set, and students will move in on Sunday, June 6th. This summer we are in a different dorm as last year's location is closed for remodeling. For the first time we will be staying in Roberta Hall, which is beside where we stayed last summer (north of Hudson-Perrin). Students will begin classes on Monday, June 7th (this is also

when Bridge students will begin their college classes through Northwest). The last day of the summer session will be Thursday, July 8th which will also be the date for our end of summer awards banquet.

Following the 5 week session of classes, we will be taking our trip to Wisconsin Dells from July 12-15th. More information regarding the trip will be shared during our summer orientation in May. Please be looking for your invitation to that event.

Classes will NOT be in session July 5th (campus is closed for

4th of July holiday).

If you currently are aware of any summer camps, vacations, or absences for your student, please let our office know as soon as possible. We have to start buying tickets early for many of our events, and need to plan accordingly.

We plan on sending weekly updates through email again this summer as the updates were so positively received by parents. Be sure we have your email address on file so we can let you know what your student is doing! See you in June!

REMEMBER:

***April 1st is the
deadline for
Missouri
Residents to
submit the
FAFSA***

WWW Website

I hope that by the time you are reading this, you have already checked out the Upward Bound website at least once! Recently our website underwent some changes and improvements that we know you will appreciate!

On our website, there are links that both students and parents will find useful. One of the most interesting for parents will be the College Planning section that is linked to our homepage. Under this link you

will find **MANY** resources to make the transition to college easier for you and your student. There are links for finding scholarships, completing the FAFSA, even ACT and test taking tips.

We have also provided a link to college planning with *Debt Free U*, a company that helps parents and students become more comfortable with their financial responsibilities and opportunities for college. At this site parents can find a cal-

culator that will help them determine how much money to take out for college, and how long it will take them to pay back loans. We will be using this site a lot with our seniors this summer as we focus on financial literacy with them.

There are many other great features to the website that I hope you take the time to see! As always, we welcome any feedback you may have.

www.nwmissouri.edu/dept/upwardbound

FAFSA: What Does it Really Mean?

One of the biggest misconceptions about the FAFSA is that many think they will not qualify for grants, so they choose not to fill out the FAFSA. This could not be further from the truth.

You should file the FAFSA even if you don't think you'll qualify for need-based aid. If you want to take out a federal loan of any type—including the unsubsidized Stafford Loan, which isn't based on financial need—then you'll need to file the FAFSA.

The earlier you get started, the

better; not only will you feel better that you've got this crucial step checked off your to-do list, but you'll be at the head of the line for many of the first-come, first-served aid programs.

After you file your FAFSA, your student will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) that contains your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). If you provided a valid e-mail address as part of your FAFSA information, then you'll receive your SAR by e-mail, or you can view it online.

Your SAR and EFC will be sent to the schools you indicated on your FAFSA, and these schools will offer you financial packages based on this data.

Upward Bound will also need a copy of these forms to keep in your student's files. As always, we are here to help if you are confused about any of the results or numbers that you see on any of the reports you are given. Individual appointments can also be made with Brenda if you want one-on-one assistance.





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Upward Bound *presents:* Junior Night 2010

**Wednesday, April 21st from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
3rd Floor Administration Building NWMSU**

PLEASE R.S.V.P.
to this event by
April 14th

to:

660.562.1630

Or

brendaj@nwmissouri.edu

Upward Bound central staff would like to invite all Juniors and their parents to join us for our annual Junior Night event. This event is mandatory as families will gain valuable information covering topics such as:

- The college application process
- Meeting important college deadlines
- Financial Aid and the FAFSA
- Being a Bridge student
- Everything else you will need to know for your senior year of Upward Bound

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To the Parent(s)/Guardian of:

Important Dates:

- April 1st - Deadline to submit your FAFSA for all Missouri Residents. (Iowa deadline was March 1st)
- April 10th - Next ACT date (Deadline was March 5th)
- Saturday Session
- April 14th - Deadline for RSVP to Junior Night
- April 21st - Junior Night
- June 6th - Move-in day for Summer session
- July 8th - Last day of summer session
 - Awards Banquet
- July 12th - 15th - Summer trip to Wisconsin Dells

