



S.U.B.S.

2010-2011

Supporters of Upward Bound Students

October/November

2010-2011
Parent Newsletter

Welcome to another year with UB...

And, we're off! Another school year begins and so does our 25th year of Upward Bound! All of the staff are really looking forward to what we have in store this academic year and we hope you are too!

Recruiting is now complete and our applications have been flying off the shelf! This is such great news as we have 15-20 openings this year that we need to fill.

We were welcomed at each school with MANY excited and interested students. That is such a great reflection of our current students and their families. The word is getting around

that our students have a great time and are really focused on their post-secondary education.

In this newsletter, we have included a schedule of our Saturday sessions for 2010-2011.

We encourage you to attend a Saturday session whenever you can, but especially want to extend an invitation for **Saturday, November 6th—UB Parent Day!**

This is also a day our recruits and their parents will be in attendance, and we would like to have a parent panel made up of current UB parents to help those that are going through this for the

first time.

I am sure you remember how overwhelming and confusing it was when your student first mentioned our program!

We will have plenty of snacks and coffee for those who can make it!

So here's to another great year and to your continued support of your student's educational goals and pursuits. As always, please feel free to contact me or the UB office at any-time. We are always looking for feedback and more ideas to put in the S.U.B.S. newsletter. Be Upward Bound!!!

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ACT Testing Schedule

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 11, 2010*	August 6, 2010	August 7 - 20, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	Sept 18 - Oct 1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6 - 19, 2010
February 12, 2011**	January 7, 2011	January 8 - 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5 - 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7 - 20, 2011

Special points of interest:

- ♦ *UB Parent Day, Saturday, Nov. 6th*
- ♦ *Guidance and Grub Wednesday, Dec. 8th*
- ♦ *Summer Dates for 2011: June 5th—July 7th*

***Remember: UB Students receive 2 ACT fee waivers. If your student needs a waiver, just call the UB office and we will send one to you.

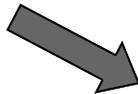
***All UB Juniors are REQUIRED to take the test on or before April 9th

Saturday Session Dates
2010-2011
Bus Schedule

“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

Upward Bound Saturday sessions take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the third floor of the Administration Building at Northwest Missouri State University.

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| <p>September 18 College Visit – UNO</p> <p>October 16 Regular Session / Visitors Welcome</p> <p>November 6 Regular Session / Visitors Welcome
(UB Parent Day)</p> <p>November 20 Regular Session / Visitors Welcome</p> <p>December 4 Regular Session
(New Members Announced)</p> | <p>January 15 Regular Session</p> <p>February 5 Regular Session</p> <p>February 26 Regular Session / TRIO Day</p> <p>March 12 Regular Session</p> <p>April 2 Regular Session</p> <p>April 23 Regular Session</p> |
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Bus Schedule (October 16 – April 23)

School	Pick Up Time	Drop Off Time	Location
King City	7:30 a.m.	1:40 p.m.	High School
Stanberry	7:45 a.m.	1:25 p.m.	High School
Northeast Nodaway	8:05 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	High School
Rock Port	7:30 a.m.	1:50 p.m.	High School
Tarkio	7:45 a.m.	1:35 p.m.	Elementary School
West Nodaway	8:10 a.m.	1:10 p.m.	High School
Arrive NWMSU	8:30 a.m.		Administration
Leave NWMSU	**12:15 p.m.		

Get Connected With UB...Visit Our Website

The Upward Bound staff is constantly looking for ways to keep our students and parents more connected with our program. The easiest way we have found to do that is through our website.

The Upward Bound website provides a wealth of information for you and your student regarding our program and the transition to post-secondary education. On the site, parents can find everything from FAFSA information and links to ACT help, a calendar of important dates, and ALL Upward Bound forms relevant to the program like

handbooks and absent forms.

We often get many questions from students regarding dates, paperwork, and events. Although we



*Upward Bound is on the web!
Visit: www.nwmissouri.edu/dept/upwardbound*

don't mind answering those questions, we are trying to encourage and direct both students and parents towards checking the website first!

Along with academic information, we enjoy posting pictures from some of our Saturday sessions and cultural events. If you would like to see something added to our site, please let us know. We welcome your feedback! The Upward Bound webpage can be seen by visiting:

www.nwmissouri.edu/dept/upwardbound

Some ABC's of Federal Loan Programs

If your student is a Junior or Senior, you have probably seen a lot of information about loans, scholarship and other financial terms. It is important that you take the time to understand the terms and acronyms or it could come back to haunt you later. One of the biggest questions we have from parents and students are over loans.

At first, most parents are VERY hesitant to take out loans for their students education. In reality, over 75% of students receive government aid in the form of grants or loans. However, if you ever were to take out a loan, a school loan is the best investment one can make. Not only are they very low in interest, but the

end result of a college degree will pay back ten-fold.

Here are some things we feel are the most important:

Subsidized Loans: These loans are based on financial need. These are the first types of loans you want to take out when paying for college. The government pays all interest on these loans until you begin repaying the loan. Payments don't need to begin until 6 months AFTER a student graduates OR 6 months after the student stops going to school full-time.

Unsubsidized Loans: All students are eligible for these loans. Interest starts being paid immediately or it

will be capitalized (added to the principal loan balance) and this loan is not based on income or assets.

FAFSA: The Federal Application for Federal Student Aid is an application that ALL students need to complete if they wish to receive any type of financial aid from the government. Many schools make all applicants apply. There is no cost to fill out the application, but if you don't, you are definitely missing out on many opportunities for aid.

If you have any questions about financial aid, please call our office.

What Should My Student Be Doing NOW???

SOPHOMORES:

- Begin looking at colleges of interest and what degree they may want to pursue.
- Complete the assignments in their portfolios at field tutoring that will help with the college transition process.

JUNIORS:

- Register for the ACT now! Enroll in ACT prep and begin practicing for the test. You can use 2 waivers through UB so you don't need to pay to take the test.
- Begin to narrow down your college search by looking at websites and taking a college visit.

SENIORS:

- Take the ACT again. Raising your score even 1 point will mean a lot of extra scholarship money.
- Get college applications sent in. UB provides application fee waivers so don't pay to fill one out! Most deadlines are Dec. 1 so they have time to put together financial aid packages.

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Northwest Missouri State University

To the Parent(s)/Guardian of:

NEED MONEY???

Guidance and Grub Dec. 8th, 2010

I am pleased to announce that we will once again be hosting our Guidance and Grub session this fall for all parents of Junior and Senior Upward Bound students.

The first session of the year will be on Wednesday, Dec. 8th from 6:30—7:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building on the campus of Northwest. We have a large group of Seniors this year, and it is imperative that we make sure everyone is ready for the transition from High School to College.

During this session we will cover the FAFSA and scholarships. I have spent a large portion of the summer creating a new scholar-

ship list for our students to apply for. Each year, however, I still have many students coming to me in April needing more money to go to school. By April, it is too late!

Even if you've gone through the college process before with another child, we would LOVE for you to come and share your experience and suggestions. **BRING YOUR STUDENTS WITH YOU!!** It's critical that they take an active part in the financial aid process as they will be the one's handling the bills once they graduate!

There will be a representative from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships from Northwest Missouri State University on hand to

answer any questions as well as discuss any individual special circumstances you and your family may have.

We hope to have each student represented, so mark your calendars now!! We will be mailing our reminders and RSVPs next month.

In the meantime, start a discussion with your student as to what your expectations are in terms of paying for college. Many families wait until its too late, leaving unwanted pressure on both students and their families. More information and college planning resources can be found on the Upward Bound Website under 'College Planning Resources'.