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Parent Newsletter

2011-2012

Supporters of Upward Bound Students

Greetings!

Season's Greetings from Upward Bound!

It is hard to believe the holiday season is upon us. The past few months have flown by! The Upward Bound central staff is gearing up for the Spring Saturday Sessions and will begin planning for the summer with the start of the New Year.

Recruitment for the new Upward Bound members ended a few weeks ago and letters of acceptance have been mailed. This year, Upward Bound had over 60 applicants! This was a huge number which made it very hard to make a decision due to so many great candidates!

On Saturday, January 14, 2012, Upward Bound will have a New Student/Parent Orientation. If you are a parent or guardian of a new student to Upward Bound we would like to see you there. More information will be mailed out to you, so check your mailboxes!

For parents and guardians of seniors, please give a helpful reminder that Upward

Bound will still require them to complete two new scholarships by every Saturday Session. It is our hope that this year's seniors will receive more scholarship money than previous classes. The more free money the seniors receive for their postsecondary plans, the less they will have to pay out of pocket! Along with a helpful reminder about scholarships, another reminder about following the due dates on their checklist is vital to their success as a senior with UB! The checklist can be found online through our website and each student has been given a printed copy as well.

Parents and guardians of juniors and seniors can give a helpful reminder to their students about taking the ACT. Upward Bound gives each student two fee waiver forms to take the ACT. If your student still needs to take it this year, remind them to contact the UB office for the fee waiver form. The ACT dates are below as well as the UB code that should be added to their

registration.

As a parent or guardian it seems that the checklists and to-do lists never end. Upward Bound keeps every student updated with what to expect in the coming months, what is coming due and items they should be working on. It is our hope to make it easy on not only the student but to their families. If you or your student has a question, do not hesitate to contact a UB central staff member. We always look forward to talking with our parents and guardians.

As for now, I want to wish you a great Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year. May your holiday festivities be filled with joy, laughter and great company. We look forward to seeing you very soon!

Best Regards,
Jackie



ACT Test Dates 2011-2012 The UB Code is :9713

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011	August 13-26, 2011
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	Sept. 17-30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5-18, 2011
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	January 14-20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10-23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012



College Tours



Whether your student is ending their first semester of their high school career or about to begin their last semester as a senior it is a good time to discuss when and where college tours will fit into the family calendar.

Sure, you and your student can take a tour online these days. But there's nothing better than a campus tour when you're trying to get a feel for the college or university. In order to make the most of the college tour you have to be prepared. Follow these steps and you and your student will be a college tour pro!

Be prepared. Research its outstanding programs, faculty-student ratio, educational mission-even its mascot. Know the competitive sports teams and major rivals. Prepare yourself with all of the pertinent, public info about the college. Visit or call Jackie and she has many college materials from all over to get you started!

Read while you wait. Once you and your student arrives on campus, check out the bulletins, pick up a copy of the college newspaper or magazine and don't forget to grab a few brochures from the admissions office. This will help familiarize you with the campus basics, so you can focus on more in depth questions while touring.

Ask questions. Sometimes the excitement of the tour can lead to lots of distractions, which means you and/or your student may forget to ask questions. Be sure to create a list of questions before the tour and keep them handy the day of. Reference it regularly to make sure you've got all the answers. If a question hasn't been addressed, ask it!

Talk to students. Some of the best feedback will come from students who are actually at the college! They are living the life your student may live everyday, so who better to give you insight on the day-to-day

activities on campus? Visit the campus coffee shop or commons and ask students what campus is really like.

While on the tour. The tour guide will be an actual student or employee at the college you are visiting, so be prepared to ask questions. They will have plenty of information to answer your questions.

After the tour. Sit down with your student and write down five impressions of the school. Consider the campus personality, diversity of the student body, the size of the lecture halls and student interaction. These little mental reminders will help compare colleges later.

Information gathered from "Take a college tour" NeextStepU

Upward Bound is more than happy to also take your student to a college visit at no cost to you. Just let them know and they can set everything up for you and your student!

Resources Created with YOU in Mind

There are many resources on the web and in print for you to use as you help your student plan for their future. Below are just a few to get you started on the right path!

www.college.gov

This site is intended to be the go-to source for information and resources planning, preparing and paying for postsecondary education. A great resource for you is the *Parents/Family* link on this site. It will help you answer and understand three vital pieces to the postsecondary puzzle:

1. "Why they should go."
2. "What you can do."
3. "How to deal with cost."

www.collegetoolkit.com

This is a valuable resource for everyone involved in the scholarship process.. The site has created an extensive database of scholarship opportunities as well as information about colleges across the nation as you and your student begin to research post-secondary options.

www.careonecredit.com/debt-free-u

This website, Debt Free U, is an excellent resource when working with your student about financial literacy. It supplies you with resources that empower your students to take an active role in their finances right from the start. Tools available are online calculators, worksheets and forms, self assessment tests and quizzes and a large resource guide.

Don't forget the UB website for all of your up to date information about the program!

It's beginning to look a lot like... FAFSA

If your student is a senior this year, it's the holiday season which means you both will be able to apply for the FAFSA very, very soon! Below are common questions and answers about the FAFSA!

What exactly is the FAFSA? The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required to apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, loans, and work study. It also is used to apply for most state and college aid and some private financial aid.

When can we apply for the FAFSA?

Submit the FAFSA on the Web (fafsa.ed.gov) from January 1, 2012 until

June 30, 2013 for the 2012-2013 school year.

What do we need to apply for the FAFSA? You may need to refer to various forms of identification, such as your Social Security card and driver's license and financial documents, such as your federal income tax return.

What happens after I submit the application? You will get a Student Aid Report (SAR) by e-mail or by snail mail. The colleges that you listed on your FAFSA will also receive a copy of your information. Your SAR will include your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

Your college uses the EFC to determine the amount of federal grants, loans and work-study you're eligible to receive. If your application is incomplete your SAR will display any issues that need to be resolved. Make a necessary corrections on the FAFSA website.

Information gathered from "FAFSA 411" NextStepU & www.fafsa.ed.gov

Upward Bound will be hosting another Guidance & Grub night following the New Year. Look for information to come!

If you have any further questions about the FAFSA process, contact Jackie at (660) 562-1638 or jackiec@nwmissouri.edu.



Spring 2012 Saturday Session Dates

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.

- January 14** Regular Session
(New Student & Parent Orientation)
- February 4** Regular Session
- February 25** Regular Session
(TRIO Day)
- March 10** Regular Session
- March 31** Regular Session
- April 28** Regular Session

**Keep This
Schedule**

Saturday Session Bus Schedule

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.	High School
Nodaway-Holt	8:10 a.m.	1:10p.m.	High School
Arrive NWMSU	8:30 a.m.		Administration Building
Leave NWMSU	** 12:15 p.m.		Administration Building

**** Busses typically stop at McDonald's after session from 12:15-12:45 p.m.**

SPECIAL POINTS OF



Upward Bound will notify students of any cancellations due to potential bad weather the Friday morning before a Saturday

UB Summer Session 2012

June 3rd - July 5th

Summer Trip 2012

July 9th-13th

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~Happy Holidays~

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SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST:

Do you have a student who has recently been recognized for great accomplishments either academically or in their extracurricular activities? Please let us know and we'll include them in the monthly student newsletter.

We love bragging about all of the awesome achievements!

Do you have a topic that you would like covered in a SUBS article? Let us know! We are always looking for ideas from our parents and guardians!