

# UB Scoop

December 2017



## Greetings from Upward Bound!

Winter is coming....that now-popular phrase usually implies cold, darkness, and trouble ahead, but that's not UB style! Instead, we'll focus on the cheerful and joyful Holiday time approaching. We'll think of hot cocoa and cookies or maybe a family treat. There's also time with family and friends.

Speaking of friends, we will soon be officially welcoming many new Upward Bound friends! Acceptance letters will soon be going out and we are very excited to expand our UB family once again to include bright-eyed, excited new participants. In our usual UB style, we will welcome them with smiles and congratulations as they begin working toward a brighter future.

Upward Bound Central staff is hard at work. We're finishing up selecting new participants, and we have also been working hard to prepare for our Spring Saturday Academies and even thinking ahead toward our Summer Session! Believe it or not, summer will be here before we know it! Until then, we have to bear the cold as we push forward toward a successful semester. Upward Bound is committed to providing resources that will assist you in being successful. With those resources, your dedication, and your desire to succeed, you will go far in achieving your goals.

One of these resources is our Student Checklist. This year we've implemented a new system of tracking Checklist items, our Canvas online Classroom. This classroom provides you with descriptions and directions for

each Checklist assignment, as well as a simple submission process.

This resource is a great way to keep track of tasks for the Academic year, as well as helping you to keep track of Checklist due dates. We are very excited to stream-line and simplify one of Upward Bound's vital components, which will help us go even further toward assisting students as they progress toward future success!

We know you've been working hard this semester. Luckily, you've got a nice break just around the corner to look forward to. We hope that all Ubers finish the semester smoothly and that you all have a wonderful break. Don't forget the Hot Cocoa!



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### Special Points of interest:

- Saturday, January 20, 2018  
*Regular Saturday Academy & New Participant Orientation – 8:30-12:30 PM*
- Friday, February 23, 2018  
*National TRiO Day Celebration – 5:30-7:00 PM (families encouraged to attend)*

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## Looking to the Future

### -College Visits

Juniors and Seniors are a busy crowd. They are keeping up with their grades, playing sports, being active in clubs and organizations, etc. While all of this is going on, they are also working hard to prepare for the next step: College!

All the way back in Summer 2017, Seniors were working on choosing which colleges they would eventually apply to. Though research

was conducted extensively, it can be very difficult to know if a school is the right choice until we actually walk the campus and see first-hand what it is like. That's exactly what these students did.

Rachel, who coordinates the college visits, polled Seniors to see which colleges students were most interested in visiting. The top three most popular choices were then selected. A lot of planning and organization took place, and off we went!

#### University of Missouri-Columbia

In October, seven Juniors and Seniors traveled over four hours to Columbia, MO to see MIZZOU. This made for an early morning, but the excitement and energy everyone shared kept them all going.



#### Iowa State University

Later in October, three Juniors and Seniors traveled to Ames, IA to see

Iowa State. It turns out that the Rice Crispie Treat was invented at this institution, and so they were given out for free to visitors! We may have had more than one each...it was a windy, chilly day, but it turned out to be a great visit.



#### Missouri State University

Our last college visit took place at the beginning of November. Seven Juniors and Seniors traveled to Springfield, MO to see Missouri State. It was a dreary, wet day, but a great time was had by all.



## UB Spotlight!

### -Paxson Haws-

After graduating in May 2016, I moved to Norman, Okla. to attend my dream college, the University of Oklahoma. Coming in to college, I was nervous being so far from home. All my worries went away when I was hired on as a photographer for our school's student newspaper, The OU Daily. I made friends with a wonderful group of people and am gaining experience in the career field I want to work in.

Since joining The Daily, I have been promoted to the Assistant Visual Editor and am one of the main sports photographers. This year, I am one of two football photographers. I have had the opportunity to shoot all the home football games and split the away game with my co-worker. I covered Oklahoma/The Ohio State game in Sept. and it's an experience I'll never forget. Last semester, I was given the chance to cover the NCAA Women's Gymnastics National Championship in St. Louis. My job comes with so many opportunities and I am so blessed to be at OU.

By the end of this semester, I'll be considered a junior. This semester has been quite difficult because I am starting the classes for my journalism major. My grammar skills were weaker than I anticipated but my teacher has worked me outside of class to catch me up. I went from failing the first few assignments to receiving a 96% on the most recent one. Despite what some may say, college professors are great about working with you. I also have Upward Bound to thank for my progress over this semester. The program does an amazing job encouraging students to work hard and never give up.

Although being nearly seven hours from home is a challenge, I will never regret my decision to come to OU. I have Upward Bound and my family to thank for encouraging me to chase my dreams and for helping turn them into my reality. Boomer Sooner!

# 2018 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The Winner Receives \$50!!!

Deadline to submit entries is Saturday, March 17.

- The design must be a maximum of 3 colors and must be for one side of a shirt.
- Screen Print Only.
- Design entries must be submitted in JPEG format only (no hand drawings accepted).
- Voting will take place at your school within the first two weeks of April.
- Winning design will be announced April 21 at our Saturday Academy.
- If you have questions, please contact Jackie or Rachel.



## JOB-SHADOW/WORK-STUDY SUMMER 2018

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors that have participated in at least one summer session are eligible to apply for a Job-Shadow or Work-Study experience during our 2018 Summer Session.

Applications are on the UB Website. The due date to submit applications is **February 23, 2018**. Contact Rachel with any questions.



# IMPORTANT DATES

## SPRING 2018 SATURDAY ACADEMY DATES

Upward Bound Saturday Academies take place from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Building at Northwest Missouri State University

January 20	Regular Session (New Student/Parent Orientation)
February 23 (Friday) 5:30-7:00 PM	Regular Session/TRiO Day (families encouraged to attend: transportation not provided; mileage reimbursement available)
March 17	Regular Session
April 21	Regular Session

## New Student Orientation Saturday, January 20, 2018

All new Upward Bound students (and their families) will attend a New Student Orientation at 11:30-12:00 PM in Garrett-Strong 2550, during our Saturday Academy.

\* Parents/Families are more than welcome to ride the bus with students, or choose to only attend the New Student Orientation. Mileage Reimbursements are available.

## Saturday Academy Bus Schedule

School	Pick Up Time	Drop Off Time	Location
King City	7:30 a.m.	2:10 p.m.	High School
Stanberry	7:45 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	Elementary School
Northeast Nodaway	8:05 a.m.	1:35 p.m.	High School
Rock Port	7:30 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	High School
Tarkio	7:45 a.m.	2:05 p.m.	High School
West Nodaway	8:10 a.m.	1:40 p.m.	High School
Nodaway-Holt	7:50 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	High School
Arrive NWMSU	8:30 a.m.		Admin. Building
Leave NWMSU	*12:45p.m.		Admin. Building

\*\* Busses typically stop at McDonald's/Taco Bell after session from 12:45-1:15 p.m.

## ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Feb. 10, 2018	Jan. 12, 2018	Jan. 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	Mar.10-23, 2018
June 19, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

**Always use the NWMSU code: 2319**

\*\*Remember: Each UB participant can utilize 2 ACT fee waivers. Forms are available by contacting the UB office.

2018 UB Summer Session  
June 3-July 6

2018 Summer Enrichment Trip  
July 9-13

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