

UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM
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Parent Club News

The Upward Bound Parent Club continued to meet their goals of encouraging and motivating the parents of the Upward Bound Program participants to actively participate in the mission and help to fulfill the goals of the program. The Parent Club elected officers, sponsored the UB holiday celebration and actively participated in the UB Community Service Project. Parent Club meetings are held monthly. Contact Ms. Tracie Thomas for additional information.

UB News & Views

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XU Upward Bound Program

FALL 2011 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Xavier University Upward Bound Program began its Fall Semester with our Parent /Student Orientation. Over ninety percent of the UB parents and students were in attendance and they were eager to get started.
- As we began our Saturday Classes, we looked forward to a great academic year.
- Our college tour to Dallas/Louisiana was informative and aided the Upward Bound participants in making some college decisions. We visited Southern Methodist University, Grambling State University and Six Flags.
- The Fall community service project included Thanksgiving Baskets and clothes for needy families.
- We ended the Fall semester with a Holiday Celebration. The Parent Club sponsored this festive occasion. Along with the UB Staff, over 100 parents and UB participants attended the holiday event..

In the past five years, Ninety Percent of the former XU Upward Bound Participants were enrolled in College!

Spring Events

Spring Class Meeting Dates

January—21, 28

February—4, 11, 25

March—3, 10, 17, 24

April—14, 21, 28

TRiO Day

February 25, 2012

Senior Seminars

February— Financial Aid

April - College Selection

Cultural Activity

The Lion King

March 17, 2012

Spring College Tour

New York/Washington

March 31-April 4, 2012

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Fall 2011 Scholarship Recipients

Troy Simon c/o 2012
Full Scholarship to Bard College
from Posse Foundation

Greysawn Kelly c/o 2011
LASAP Scholarship at Tuskegee

Director's Corner

A new calendar year brings new plans, new priorities and many times a new attitude. As we enter 2012, we must enter with a positive attitude and a clearly defined focus on the future. As we plan for the future, we must set attainable goals and devise a plan to fulfill those goals. By fully engaging in the academic and cultural activities at the site school and in the Upward Bound Program, our participants will be taking the necessary steps to new and exciting opportunities after high school. As all of our participants prepare for college, we especially encourage our juniors and seniors to focus on their studies. The Upward Bound Staff remains committed to assist in any way we can. Ultimately, it is up to each student with the support of their parents to fully engage in their academic pursuits to help define a productive future.

Valerie V. Hicks, Director