A message from the Upward Bound Director

Dear Upward Bound Students, Families and Friends:

Welcome to the Fall 2014 semester. We are entering our third year of operation and have many activities planned to help you reach your goal of a college education. At the end of 2013-14, we graduated 16 students - all of whom are now attending a college or university. We are very proud of their accomplishments and wish them well on the next step of their journey. We will miss you all!

We will begin our Saturday Academy starting Sept. 27. All sessions will be held from 9am – 12 noon in Hasley Hall, rms. 302 and 303. Please make sure to attend the first session and all sessions thereafter to maintain your status in good standing. After-school tutoring is at GVHS as usual Monday – Thursday. Please consult with Mr. Anthony Morris for subject areas and locations.

Lastly, as we begin this school year, I would like to thank our Upward Bound parents for all their support and participation. Your active involvement helps your children to be successful, and is greatly appreciated. Working together in partnership, we build the road to success.

Belinda
Upward Bound Banquet Celebrates Student Achievements

The difficulty in holding back tears could clearly be seen on many faces as 16 graduating high school seniors from Golden Valley High School were celebrated in the Upward Bound Program's Award Ceremony at College of the Canyons on Friday, August 1, 2014.

The Upward Bound Program is an educational opportunity program for low-income students, with the goal of providing help to students in overcoming class, social and cultural barriers to higher education. Students were honored at the event for their outstanding successes in both high school and the program itself, and for their successes to come.

“They were a very special class. They were dedicated, willing to do whatever we asked of them. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our Upward Bound graduates. These students have worked very hard and will now be able to pursue their dream of a college education,” said Belinda Acuna, COC Upward Bound project director. “Our goal is to graduate and place all of our students at institutions of higher education, and this year we realized that goal with 100 percent of our graduates enrolling in college for the fall 2014 semester.”

In addition, the awards ceremony honored the academic achievement of continuing students who participated in and excelled in the seven-week Summer Academy. Fourteen awards were presented for outstanding achievement in Physical Science, Algebra 2, Geometry, College Writing, Creative Writing and SWAG (Scholars With Academic Goals). Two director’s awards were given: one for an outstanding overall student, the “Spirit of Upward Bound”, and the second award is a new category of award recognizing an outstanding, involved UB parent, the “Parents as Partners” award. The “Spirit of Upward Bound” was awarded to Teresa Marcial, and the “Parents as Partners” award was given to Jake Zaragoza, father of Brandon Zaragoza.

Congratulations to all of our students for successful completion of the Summer Academy, and to our award winners for their accomplishments!!
Information for the Class of 2015

This fall, we are going to be working with you early to begin the college application process. Since most campuses only open to accept applications from Oct. – Nov. 30, 2014, you must have your information prepared and ready for submission before the last day to apply.

Toward that end, Mr. Morris will be at GVHS every Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am – 3 pm. In addition, we will hold special senior meetings on late start Fridays to give you extra attention.

Recruitment of new students

Now that we have completed 2013 - 2014 and our graduates have moved on, we have a limited number of spaces available for new students. Anyone interested in applying for admission to Upward Bound is encouraged to do so as soon as possible. We will be admitting students quickly for the fall semester, and want to have everyone in for the start of the Saturday Academy.

You may download an application from the COC Upward Bound website (www.canyons.edu/upwardbound) or pick one up in the Counseling office at Golden Valley High School.

How to apply

- Download an application from the COC Upward Bound website or pick one up from the GVHS Counseling office.
- Complete the application including the essay.
- Provide copies of mandatory information including: copies of parents’ taxable income, and proof of citizenship or permanent residency.
- Submit the completed application to the GVHS Counseling Office.

UPCOMING SAT & ACT TESTING INFORMATION

Please remember to pick-up testing fee waivers from the Upward Bound office inside the GVHS Counseling Office. Our office hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30am until 3:00pm. Test prep booklets will also be available.

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**COC UPWARD BOUND GRADUATES 2014**

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Summer Academy 2014 Award Winners

College Writing
Brandon Zaragoza
Regina Bryant

Creative Writing
Angel Diaz
Fatima Khanum

Algebra 2
Achievement
Diamante Estrada

Algebra 2
Effort and improvement
George Gomez

Physical Science-AM
Achievement
Fatima Khanum

Physical Science-AM
Hardest worker
Angel Diaz

Physical Science-PM
Achievement
Nereida Meza

Physical Science-PM
Hardest worker
Dalila Mancilla

SWAG
Melina Almazan
Sade Easterling

SWAG
Teresita Peregrina
Ryan Diaz

Spirit of Upward Bound
Teresa Marcial

Parents as Partners
Jake Zaragoza

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