Upward Bound will kick off the 2011-2012 school year with a trip to the WVU Challenge Course on September 17, 2011.

The Challenge Course uses a variety of outdoor activities to build team spirit, cooperation, and communication skills.

After participating in last year’s Challenge Course adventures, UB participant Megan Asbury shared that her favorite part of the day was pushing herself to accomplish things she never thought were possible: “I learned that I can achieve anything I want to as long as I put my mind to it and strive to achieve my goal.”

Sandy Lipscomb, an 11th grade UB participant from Clay-Battelle, enjoyed working together as a team with her UB peers. Sandy says, “My favorite part was watching everyone accomplish their goals, try something new, and seeing my brave friends make it.”

We’re looking forward to welcoming all of our new participants into the UB Family during this fun-filled Saturday program! Don’t forget to fill out your permission forms and return them to the UB office by September 2.

New participants can pick up their UB tie-dye shirts at the first tutoring session!

Wear your UB Tie-Dye T-Shirt and closed-toe shoes.
It’s Tutor Time!

Tutoring begins the week of August 29

Upward Bound’s weekly tutoring sessions are a great way to stay ahead in your classes and to get homework help from our friendly UB Tutors. Remember—you are required to attend two tutoring sessions each month!

Clay-Battele: Tuesdays, 2:15pm—3:15pm, Room 145 (first session is August 30)

Preston: Wednesdays, 3:30pm—4:30pm, Room 123 (first session is August 31)

Grafton: Thursdays, 3:10pm—4:10pm, Room 108 (first session is September 1)

Can’t make it to tutoring one week? Read below to learn about Study Island as a tutoring option...

Welcome Newcomers!

Upward Bound would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new participants. We are thrilled to welcome you into the UB Family, and we’re looking forward to helping you reach your college goals!

Our New Participants:

Grafton: LaDonna A., Erin B., Kaylee F., McKenzie M., Monica M., Morgan S., and Randi T.,


Preston: Cassandra C., Zoe D., Bethany F., Charity S., Jackie S., Nathan S., and Linzy T.

Introducing Akeya!

Akeya (above, right) was UB’s Resident Community Coordinator this summer, and she will be staying with Upward Bound as a tutor at Preston High this Fall. She is getting her Masters in Social Work at WVU, and is a former UBer herself! She is pictured here with new participant, LaDonna A.

Study Island

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SUCCESSFULLY PASS ANY 2 TESTS ON STUDY ISLAND, AND RECEIVE CREDIT FOR A TUTORING SESSION AND $10 TOWARDS YOUR STIPEND!

Your Study Island ID and Password are attached to this newsletter. Login and begin exploring the site—choose a subject you’re interested in and try out some practice tests. You’ll be warmed up for the new school year before you know it!

STUDY ISLAND has ACT and SAT prep tests, study guides for AP classes, and lessons and practice questions for all of your core high school classes, including Biology, Chemistry, English, U.S. and World History, Civics, and several different Math Classes (from 9th grade Developmental Math through AP Calculus).

STUDY ISLAND is designed to prepare WV students for the WEST-Test state assessment. Remember—UB strives to help all participants achieve mastery on the WEST-Test, so take advantage of Study Island today!

Contact the UB office if you lose your username or password.

WVU Upward Bound would like to acknowledge Sheetz, our Partner in Education. Sheetz has generously donated subs, chips, cookies, and soda for our Saturday programs. The students and staff at Upward Bound are grateful for the staff and management at Sheetz and their dedication to education.
Several UB participants joined us on WVU’s campus for 6 weeks of summer fun this year. Students worked hard in their classes so they could play hard afterwards! Some of this year’s activities included:

- Weekly trips to the pool
- Square dancing
- Zumba dance class
- Movie nights
- Outdoor theater production at Prickett’s Fort
- A planetarium show
- Creation of the UB GLEE Club
- Open Mic Talent Night
- July 4th fireworks and parade
- UB Olympics in Charleston, WV
- WVU campus scavenger hunt
- Cookouts
- Anime drawing lessons
- Frisbee Golf

Needless to say, our summer was busy, but also educational, fun, inspiring, and touching. We made new friends, rekindled old friendships, and learned so much about ourselves and others.

UB Banquet 2010-11

The UB Banquet was a great time for celebration and reflection this year. We honored our graduating seniors with happiness for their future successes, and good luck as they pursue their dreams in college. We also honored a number of other students, volunteers, and UB staff and instructors. Congratulations to everyone!

Seniors in Attendance:
- Sarah F.
- Kristi K.
- Erika L.
- Samantha L.
- Paul S.
- Faith S.
- Jessica T.

Summer Peer Mentors:
- Sarah F.
- Faith S.
- Jessica T.

Perfect Attendance:
- Faith S.

Citizenship Award:
- Ethan M.

Academic Excellence:
- Sarah F.

College Summit Peer Leaders:
- Kassie H.
- Brittany L.
- Ashley P.

Trinity K., Randi T., and Nicole G. arrived at the banquet together.
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The Upwardly Mobile Student Spotlight

**Randi T.**  
Grafton High School  
11th Grade  
**Favorite Part of UB/Summer Program:**  
Getting to meet new people and learning about other places in the world  
**When I graduate high school:**  
I want to be a psychologist.

**Jonathon B.**  
Clay-Battelle High School  
11th Grade  
**Favorite Part of UB/Summer Program:**  
Getting to know all the people and getting experience for college.  
**When I graduate high school:**  
I want to go to either WVU or University of Advancing Technology

**Nicole S.**  
Preston High School  
12th Grade  
**Favorite Part of UB/Summer Program:**  
Getting to know new people and having fun  
**When I graduate high school:**  
I want to be a doctor.