September Saturday Program

UB kicked off the 2012 school year with a fun-filled Saturday program on September 8. Friends from summer program reunited, and new friends were made as we welcomed several new members into the group.

The day was highlighted with games and icebreakers, a trip to the new planetarium in White Hall, and “The Great College Application Challenge.”

“The Great College Application Challenge” gave participants the opportunity to research colleges and universities in West Virginia, and then follow a series of challenges designed to prepare them for the college application process. In small groups, students completed actual college applications, decided on housing options, learned about the FAFSA, and obtained forms for application fee waivers.

Chelsey C. and Erin B. were the first group to complete all seven challenges. When reflecting on the challenge, Chelsey noted that “The process of filling out applications isn’t that bad. This opened my eyes to some colleges I might apply to.”

New participants Amy E. and Salena K. explore their college options in West Virginia.

Charity S., Emily S., and Christina R. display their group mascot during the “Great College Application Challenge.”

ACT and SAT Information

Who takes the ACT and SAT? Juniors and Seniors. It is recommended that Juniors take their first test during their Spring semester, and Seniors take the test preferably in the Fall or Winter.

How do I register? Go to www.actstudent.org to register for the ACT and http://sat.collegeboard.org/register to register for the SAT. Stop by UB tutoring for registration assistance.

How do I pay for it? UB will provide you with TWO fee waivers for each test over the course of your high school career. Contact UB staff to request a fee waiver.

How can I prepare for the tests? Login at www.studyisland.com, click on “College Readiness,” and choose “ACT” or “SAT.” (Bonus: Complete two tests and get $10 credit for one UB tutoring session!)
College Spotlight: West Liberty University

Apply online to West Liberty at www.westliberty.edu

West Liberty is a small public university located near Wheeling, WV. With only 2,790 students, West Liberty has a student to faculty ratio of only 18 to 1 and an average class size of 25 students. The small class size allows for plenty of individualized attention from instructors and tutors! There are 60 degree programs and majors at West Liberty and a variety of on-campus housing options, including residence halls, apartment complexes for upper-class students, and even on-campus houses. This school also has a laptop program in which all freshmen pay a one-time fee to receive a University laptop which students keep for the entire time they attend the school. West Liberty also offers 15 NCAA Division II sports for both men and women. To learn more about the West Liberty “Hilltoppers” and/or to apply, visit www.westliberty.edu

West Liberty Fast Facts
- $4.5 million awarded annually for scholarships
- Established a Master of Science program in Physician Assistant Studies in 2012.
- West Lib has a State-of-the-Art media production program, including their own student-produced TV and radio stations.

New UB Participants

UB welcomed 20 fabulous new participants into our program this year:

**GRAFTON**
Amber G., Brittany M., and Danny W.

**CLAY-BATTELLE:**
Blaze T. and Kerri T.

**PRESTON:**
Ashley C., Amy E., Michael G., Denzil G., Carly K., Salena K., Avery M., Lena M., Christina R., Rylee R., Jacob S., Logan S., Katelyn S., Emily S., Melissa S.

Study Island

Can’t make it to UB tutoring? Need to bring up your ACT or SAT score?

**STUDY ISLAND IS THE ANSWER!**

⇒ Get your login info from UB staff
⇒ Login at www.studyisland.com
⇒ Get started!
⇒ Successfully pass TWO tests on Study Island and receive $10 and credit for one UB tutoring session.

New participants Ashley C. and Lena M. test their DNA for the “Zombie Factor” at the October Saturday program.

The “Amber G.’s!”
New participant Amber G. partnered with returning member Amber G. during the September 8 program.

WVU Upward Bound would like to acknowledge Sheetz, our Partner in Education. Sheetz generously donates 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.
College scholarships are a valuable financial resource for many UB students heading off to college. It requires hard work to earn these merit-based awards, including locating the scholarships you’re eligible for, writing essays, obtaining letters of recommendation, and meeting deadlines.

Explore the following resources to learn about scholarships you may qualify for:

* Visit your school guidance counselor’s office and ask about local scholarships available.
* Explore the UB Scholarship Binder at after-school tutoring.
* Create an account at http://www.fastweb.com and apply for eligible scholarships.

**Sam Walton Community Scholarship**
Amount: $3,000  
Deadline: January 31, 2013  
Eligibility: High School Senior, ACT/SAT Score, minimum GPA of 2.5

**Zinch’s Weekly Scholarship**
Amount: $1,000  
Deadline: Varies  
Criteria: Write a three sentence “essay” on the weekly topic.

**Foot Locker Scholar Athletes Scholarship**
Amount: $20,000  
Deadline: December 19, 2012  
Eligibility: High School Senior, Involved in Athletics, minimum GPA of 3.0

Dear UB Participants,

Working with you for the past 2—1/2 years has brought me such joy! Anyone who knows me knows that my favorite part of being the Educational Counselor with UB is when I’m in the high schools with you. I feel so fortunate that you have shared yourselves with me from the very beginning, whether the topic is hopes and dreams for life after high school, success at a cross country meet, or seeing pictures from prom or the Band Spectacular.

In November 2012 I will be starting a new chapter in my life as the Educational Outreach Counselor with the WVU Student Support Services (SSS) program. I will certainly miss seeing you all on a weekly basis, but I hope you will keep in touch as you continue your journeys to college. And for those of you who attend WVU, hopefully I will have the chance to work with you as SSS participants!

THANK YOU for all you have taught me. I can’t wait to see where the future takes you!

~Kylie
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The Upwardly Mobile Student Spotlight

Blaze Tate
Clay-Battelle High School
11th grade

Favorite Part of UB:
It’s very helpful and fun at the same time.

When I graduate high school:
Go to college for computer graphics and game design.

Ethan Marshall
Preston High School
12th grade

Favorite Part of UB:
The fun times and great people.

When I graduate high school:
I would like to go to college and major in computer engineering.

Brittany Marcavage
Grafton High School
10th grade

Favorite Part of UB:
Meeting new people and getting to know different people and personalities.

When I graduate high school:
I want to go to college, but which I don’t know yet, but I have to play sports.