A SWEET SEMESTER
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Welcome to our Fall 2019 issue! This semester was an eventful one filled with excitement and many fun adventures and opportunities! Read more to find out what made this semester so sweet!
ADVENTURE RETREAT

To kick off the fun, new students were welcomed with group activities that focused on communication and teamwork as they tackled the low ropes course and participated in multiple ice breakers.
The next day included more low ropes but also some new challenges. With the hope of partaking in "challenge by choice" the students were able to reach great heights by climbing the alpine tower and taking a trip on the giant swing. The students wrote "goal letters" to their future selves with goals they want to achieve this school year.
The students participated in a citizen science restoration project at Decker’s Creek led by WVU Faculty and the MHS Water club. This experience was a perfect way to interact with peers and faculty and learn about environmental science.
The students attended sessions and an information fair where they learned about the different clubs, organizations, and majors at WVU. They gained familiarity with the campus by attending a tour of campus, including visiting a residence hall.

During this time, UB seniors received help with their FAFSA and college admissions items!
FUN FACT

WVU OFFERS OVER 350+ MAJORS!
"It has helped me make new friends."
- Lily, 10th grade

"Helped me become a better person, helped me find out the possibilities of different colleges. Upward Bound has become very supportive like a family."
- Brittany, 10th grade

"They have helped me become better as a person and student and with grades that will help me strive academically."
- Isabel, 11th grade

"In what ways has UB helped you thus far?"

"They have helped me become more confident as a student and person."
- Jake, 12th grade
"What is your favorite thing about Upward Bound?"

"Meeting people and experiences"
-Daisy, 9th grade

"What has UB given you in order to feel more prepared for college?"

"Information about everything college related. I feel well prepared because of UB"
-Jada, 12th grade
Wrapping up the semester, the students attended a chemistry magic show presented by WVU's Chemistry Department which included hands-on activities and many fun demonstrations. In the afternoon, the students participated in activities that were based on problem-solving and working through situations with help from their peers. They ended the day by learning how to build their very own computers and discovered what exactly Raspberry Pis are and how they are used to do everyday tasks!