“Community service is important because it helps those in need.”
Alex Rifflle
Senior, Preston High School

“I swallowed two bugs, and now, I feel one with nature.”
Isaiah Hardy
Senior, Preston High School

“I learned that doing work can be fun, sometimes.”
Eleanor Cerra
Sophomore, Clay-Battelle High School

“I learned how to dig up mulch and put it in the back of a Ranger.”
Austin Tracey
Sophomore, Preston High School

On September 23, students traveled to the Outdoor Education Center in partnership with Adventure WV to have fun doing community service. The students mulched the grounds, collected and stacked wood, and cleaned the yurts. Later, they traveled to Coopers Rock to have a sight-seeing adventure and have fun on the playground.
Why Did You Join UB?

Ashley DeDominicis
“I joined Upward Bound to learn more about college and get to do things I probably would’ve never done.”
Junior, Preston

Cierra Wilfong
“I thought it was a good program for career readiness.”
Junior, Preston

Felicia Barto
“It seemed cool to be able to have something that helps you get ready for college in fun and weird ways.”
Freshman, Preston

Aaron Teter
“Because....”
Freshman, Preston

Leah Fisher
“I thought it would be cool to join and have a good, interesting experience.”
Freshman, Preston

Sierra Adams
“I was interested in getting help with math.”
Freshman, Preston
On October 7, students visited the WVU downtown campus on Discover WVU Day to learn about WVU’s campus, academic programs, and student activities. In the morning, students participated in team building exercises. Also, the underclassmen decided on their wants and needs for their college selection while the seniors had a workshop involving the application process for the FAFSA and the PROMISE scholarship. Afterwards, everyone went on a campus tour to view the downtown campus. Students then stopped at the Mountainlair to eat lunch in the food court. They got to view presentations for Adventure WV trips and housing as a freshman in college. To end the day, everyone walked around the upper and lower levels of the Mountainlair, asking questions to WVU staff about different programs at WVU and receiving souvenirs to take home.
Fran truly lived up to her nickname “Fran-Mom.” She’s inspiring, caring, and will forever be in our hearts.
- Abby Sine

Fran is a mentor, a teacher, and a friend. She has taught me a lot over the 6 years that I’ve known her. She will always have a place here in Morgantown, WV. I will always have her as a friend. She will be greatly missed, but I’m glad she is expanding her horizons and helping other students. I thank her greatly for everything.
- Brittany Marcavage

Fran was helpful in every way possible. She was a teacher, a mentor, a counselor, and a mom to all of us. I’m sad to see her go, but I know she’ll still be there for us.
- Jay Baker

I hope you do well in whatever you do and I know you will do the best at your ability. Good luck! And hope to see you soon!
- Christina Rodgers

Farewell Fran!!

Good luck with your new job at Virginia Tech. Everyone here at WVU thanks you for all of your hard work and dedication to helping students throughout West Virginia. We will miss you dearly.

Fran, Thank you so much for all of your hard work and dedication to the Upward Bound program here in West Virginia. I remember being hesitant about joining the program in high school, but you helped solidify the decision by being your warm, caring self, providing me the assurance that I would gain so much from joining. You were right, of course.

I remember traveling from Grafton to Morgantown for Saturday programs in high school, tie-dying and talking to various campus leaders, and engaging in the classroom, even on the weekends. In college, I worked as a tutor with Upward Bound and worked more with you. I witnessed your interactions with students, showing just how much you truly cared about each and every one of them. You helped make my undergraduate career memorable and enjoyable, and I will forever be grateful. I wish you all the luck on your next adventure. Although I (and the rest of West Virginia) am sad to see you leave, I know that you will continuing impacting students’ lives for years to come. Thank you, for everything.
- Brianna Hickman
On December 9, underclassmen started their day by learning about the ACT/SAT. Upperclassmen went to sign up for the ACT/SAT and complete other related tasks. Then, all of the students went to see a planetarium show called Season of Light at the WVU Planetarium. Afterwards, everyone had a farewell party for Fran that had pizza, bowling, billiards, and games. There were also community service stations where the students created holiday and Christmas cards for those at the Make-A-Wish Foundation as well as snack bags for a 5K run for Girls on the Run.
West Liberty University
- Located in West Liberty, WV
- 76 undergraduate programs, degree programs, and areas of study
- In-state tuition: $7,380
- westliberty.edu

Exploring Colleges

West Virginia University Potomac State College
- Located in Keyser, WV
- Over 50 degree programs
- 67 majors
- In-state tuition: $5,208
- www.potomacstatecollege.edu
DON’T FORGET

**Saturday Program**
- February 24: National TRIO Day
- March 24: Tie-Dye Day
- April 28: Adventure WV

**Summer Program**
- June 24 - July 6: STEM
- July 8 - July 20: English and Literature
- July 22 - August 3: Foreign Language and Cultural Studies

**Student Leadership Conference:** April 6 - 8, 2018 (see Landon for details)

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**Below are trivia questions that can be solved to win UB prizes.**
**Answers have to be turned in by the March 24th Saturday Program**
**to Landon via email or text. You must answer both to win.**

When was WVU Upward Bound founded?

You must sign a _____ and complete _____ in order to receive your federal student loans.