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www.careervoyages.com

This website provides information on career options, wages, and job growths.

www.bls.gov/k12

This website allows you to explore career options based on your personal interests.

Recognizing Leadership and Academic Success: UB TRIO Achiever 2006

By Ayanna M. Jordan, Director

As educators we will undoubtedly encounter students that just stand out—see the world from a different perspective with little to no coaxing or prodding from us. They live their lives with commitment and determination to succeed not because we said so, but because they just want to.

This is the essence of a TRIO Achiever; it's not just about academics, volunteerism, or extra-curricular activities because it'll look good on their resume, it's simply because they want to. These type of students have spirits that move forward in spite of difficult circumstances or challenges they face, spirits that possess a certain something- an "intangible tangible", so to speak. There's no particular word to describe "it" but you know "it" when you see it or rather you feel it exude from them. They shine so bright you can't help but notice.

The young lady that Upward Bound chose to honor as its National TRIO Day Achiever 2006 mother passed away just as she was beginning high school. We all know that high school years are very critical in self-development and it is usually our mothers or fathers

that significantly mold and shape our understanding of the world or just give us the encouragement to get back up when we've fallen. Many of us do not have large extended families to take on the responsibility if our mother or father is not present – such is the case for this UB student.

When she joined the Upward Bound family almost three years ago, not only did *she* make a commitment but *we* made the commitment to be a part of that village that helps to raise her.

We have watched her growth and also listened to her tell fellow Upward Bounders during the six week summer component about her mother and how she uses her experience as strength to persevere. Her positive attitude about it inspires her peers who say, "If she can make it, I know I can too!"

I asked our TRIO Achiever how she keeps going in the midst of adversity and this is what she said: "I stay positive because I know that there are still good things to come. Sometimes I do think that I can't go on, but I have people that tell me that I will make it. I tell myself

that I will make it. You have to know that something horrible happening is not the end of the world because the Creator has something beautiful in store for you too. My mother is the reason why I succeed now. I look up to her intelligence. She taught me to stay strong. She taught me unconditional love; she had unconditional love for her children. With her living in me, I am able to accomplish my goals that will further who I am destined to be. I know that I will be someone because she was someone."

Our TRIO Achiever's statement reminds me of one of my favorite quotes:

Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we react to what happens, not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst, a spark that creates extraordinary results.

Upward Bound recognizes Simone Savannah as our TRIO Achiever 2006.

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Upward Bound TRIO Achievers 2006

“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land among the stars.”

- Les Brown

ACT TESTING DATES

April 8, 2006

June 10, 2006

LOCATIONS

ATHENS, OHIO

Ohio University

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Bishop Hartley High School

Bishop Watterson High School

Capital University

Columbus State Community College

Eastmoor Academy

Fort Hayes Metro Education Center

Independence Senior High School

Jewish Community Center of Greater Co.

Linden McKinley High School

Northland High School

Ohio State University

Upper Arlington High School

Wellington School



Simone Savannah carries a 3.9 accumulative GPA, is the valedictorian of her class, and is involved in so many activities we can't name them all, she possess the “it” factor – that spirit that moves forward in spite of difficult circumstances.

Upward Bound is proud to honor Simone Savannah, Senior, at Columbus Africentric Early College as our National TRIO Day Achiever 2006. It is recognition that is well deserved. Simone will be attending Ohio University in Fall 2006, majoring in Journalism.



Samantha Leffler currently holds a 3.48 cumulative GPA and is involved in an array of diverse extra-curricular and leadership activities. Some of her Senior Year Achievements include: Senior Class Treasurer; Co-President of the Future Teachers of America chapter; Elks Student of the Month for February 2006; Actor in the Athenian Players Theatre production *Oliver!*; Second place in the Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship Essay Competition.

Samantha is a very scholarly student, positive leader, and tremendous asset to her high school, Upward Bound, and the larger community. Samantha received the OAEOPP (Ohio Association of Educational Opportunity for Program Personnel) TRIO Achiever Award. In the fall, Samantha will be attending Ohio State University majoring in Forensic Science.

Advising Corner

For some **sophomores**, the ACT will seem to be in the distant future and something that you don't need to worry about right now. This is not the case, you will be taking it sooner than you think and will need to make sure that you are not putting it off!

Juniors, Don't forget that April and June are your last opportunities to take the ACT in order to get your scores back in enough time to take it again, if necessary. Almost everyone will want to take the ACT twice before applying to colleges. This will ensure that you are getting the best score you can. To take the ACT **June 10, 2006** make sure you get registered by **May 5, 2006** to avoid a late fee. If you do need to register late those dates are May 6-19, 2006.

Seniors, I know you have already taken the ACT so make sure to bestow your wisdom about the testing process on those who are getting ready to take it. Tell them how important it is to give themselves two chances to take it!

A great site for learning about the ACT and preparing to take it is:

<http://www.actstudent.org/index.html>

It offers great tips for test taking, registration dates, and options for registering for the test.



Kudos To Our Upward Bounders!



“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”

-Colin Powell

Upcoming Workshops and Activities

Saturday, April 7-9
OAEOPP Student Leadership Conference
 Columbus, Ohio

Saturday, May 20
Aviation Exploration & TAP Testing
 McCracken Hall
 Athens Campus

And

College Prep 101: What Every College Student Needs To Know (Seniors ONLY)
 McCracken Hall
 Athens Campus

Saturday, June 3
Summer Residential Phase Orientation
 Ping Center Lounge
 Athens Campus

Africentric High School

Simone Savannah won the Ohio Academic Scholarship! There were 1,000 scholarships of \$2,205 that have been offered. Each high school in the state was guaranteed at least one Ohio Academic Scholarship each year. The scholarships are renewable for each of the four years of undergraduate study, provided that satisfactory academic progress toward a degree is maintained. Individual applications to the State of Ohio are submitted through the students high school. The students high school record and the American College Test were used to select the winners of the scholarships.

Tricounty Vocational High School

Alexandra Niceswanger won a Skills USA competition for the Tech Prep showcase and she will be going to Kansas City for nationals!

Nelsonville-York High School

Emily Brown is a member of the *Quiz Bowl Team* at Nelsonville York. This season the team went undefeated!



Students With All A's and B's This Quarter

Sharell Anderson
 Tara Barton
 Emily Brown
 Miranda Burcher
 Sarah Crouch
 Megan Cutright
 Deanna Dotson
 Brianna Edwards
 Michael Fennell
 Chelsea Freeman
 Autumn Fly
 Tabitha Gibson
 Roxieann Gilbraith
 Olivia Holiday
 Ashley Huffman
 Samantha Jordan
 Alicia Lawhorn

Tyler Lee
 Samantha Leffler
 Ashley Lewis
 Brittany Lowe
 Kayla Lowery
 Amber Mayle
 Krystal Payne
 Sylvia Perry
 Anna Pierce
 Kaylyn Spradling
 Simone Savannah
 Danielle Shearer
 Jennifer Smith
 Santana Snyder
 Krysta Stitt
 Pamela Wilson

ATTENTION PARENTS & STUDENTS!

On Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m. Washington State will host a **FREE** session in Graham Auditorium for parents and students to help them learn about financial aid, debt and what questions to ask.

The event will include advice from parents and students who have worked their own way through this often confusing process, along with expert advice. The session is open to the public and no registration is required.



“ There is not one giant step that does it. It’s a lot of little steps.”

- Peter A. Cohen

Celebrating Latino History

March 22

Emancipation Day

- In 1873, Puerto Rico slaves were freed.

March/April

La Semana Santana

- The Holy Week. One of the highest holy days of the year is Easter for Latino Catholics.

April 30

Dia de los Ninos

- A holiday that recognizes children as the center of the Latino family.

May 5

Cinco de Mayo

- This holiday commemorates the Mexican Army of 4,500 men’s victory over the 6,500 French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.



Celebrating Latino History

Famous/Influential People in Latino History

Roberto Clemente

Baseball player, Humanitarian

Caesar Chavez

United migrant farm workers, advocate for Latino rights

Che Gueverra

Fought for people’s freedoms

Robert Rodriguez

Film-maker and composer

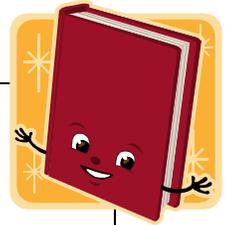
To learn more about Latinos, consider reading the following books:

Buried Onions by Gary Soto

American Chica: Two Worlds, One Childhood by Marie Arana

Anna in the Tropics by Nilo Cruz

Yo Soy Latina by Linda Nieves-Powell



Alumni Updates



Michelle Roley, UB Alum

Reciting her poem from English class at the 2003 Summer Award Ceremony

I'm a sophomore at Kent State. I'm majoring in Psychology, minoring in Pan-African Studies, and getting a certificate in Non-Profit Human Service Management. My grades have been pretty good; I have been maintaining a 3.5 cumulative GPA. I was teaching Kent State University Orientation for our incoming freshmen students, but I only could do it for one semester as I have a full load and cannot fit it into my schedule. It was a lot of fun, not to mention very rewarding. New to my education is that I am getting ready to start some undergraduate research in the area of Neuro Psychology. This is very exciting for me. Although Neuro Psych is not my specific field of interest I will get some experience in lab research. And I am one step closer to Grad school. I also recently applied for a scholarship/internship through the Department of Homeland Security, and now I am anticipating a reply from them.



Ohio University TRIO Programs Celebrate National TRIO Day !

“Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind.”

-Emily P. Bissell

What To Bring This Summer

- Towels/Washcloths
- Shower Shoes
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hair Care Products
- Soap
- Pillows
- Razor
- Shaving Cream
- Lotion
- Cosmetics
- Twin size sheets
- Blanket
- Casual Wear
 - Shorts/Jeans
 - Slacks
 - Sporting Wear
 - Sneakers
 - Swim Suits
 - Umbrella
- Dress Clothes
 - Skirts/Dresses
 - Slacks/Shirt/Tie
 - Dress Shoes
- Alarm Clock
- Desk Lamp
- Radio/Stereo
- Laundry Detergent
- Quarters for Laundry
- Posters/Decorations
- Musical Instruments
- Bikes & Bike Lock
- Board Games
- Pictures of loved ones



Provost Kathy Krendl gives keynote speech



Michael Spencer
CAP TRIO Achiever/Alum



Upward Bound
Staff and Students

On Saturday, February 18, 2006, Ohio University’s three TRIO Programs (Upward Bound, College Adjustment Program (CAP), and McNair Scholars Program) joined together in celebrating National TRIO Day. Annually, National TRIO Day is celebrated as a day of recognition for the Federal TRIO Programs and their achievements.

TRIO Programs were established almost forty years ago as a means of assisting first-generation, low-income, disabled, and other underrepresented students in overcoming class, social and cultural barriers to higher education. TRIO programs across the nation have assisted over ten million students’ further their educational goals and improve their quality of life. Ohio University TRIO Programs, in particular, have provided service to approximately five thousand first-generation and low-income students.

Provost Kathy Krendl and Michael Spencer (CAP Alum/TRIO Achiever) brought forth words of encouragement and support for our current students. Ohio University’s TRIO staff and students, were also supported by President and Mrs. McDavis and a host Ohio University staff and faculty. On behalf of Senator Mike Dewine, Karen Sloan presented a proclamation honoring the Ohio University TRIO Programs.

TRIO services include, but are not limited to, tutoring, assistance in applying to college, academic advising, college visits, assistance in applying for financial aid, career counseling, along with special instruction in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and study skills.

This Summer’s Red Carpet Fun!



Save The Dates

June 3rd @ 12Noon	Student/Parent Summer Orientation
June 17th @ 1pm	Student Move-In Day
June 17th @ 4pm	Student/Parent Assembly
June 19th	Students’ First Day of Classes
June 25th	Parent Visitation Day
June 30th @ 3pm	Parent Pick-up/Students Home for weekend
July 9th	Parent Visitation Day
July 14th @ 3pm	Parent Pick-up/Students Home for weekend
July 29th @ 1pm	Summer Awards Ceremony/ Students Return Home
August 3-6	End of Summer Trip



Upward Bound Birthdays!

Upward Bound is a successful pre-college program of rigorous academic instruction, tutoring, and counseling. The program provides high school students with the opportunity to enhance the academic skills necessary to successfully complete high school and enter college.

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April		May	
Samantha Jordan	26	Jacklyn Bechtol	17
Rachel Gulley	9	Barbara Christian	13
Visuelle Hayes	1	Breeanca Madison	1
Jessica Lehman	11		
Carter Smith	30		
June			
Christopher Laudermilt	27		
Roxieann Gilbraith	15		
Amber Mayle	26		
Krystal Payne	15		
Katlyn Pleshaw	14		
Jennifer Smith	7		
Sarah Williams	27		



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