Hello UB students, families, and community partners!

It is with great excitement that I announce that I am now serving as the new Director of the Upward Bound program at UWL! I have enjoyed working with you all over the past two and a half years as your Assistant Director. I am truly honored to lead this amazing team and program.

Working with youth is one of my passions. I have had many years working with students in the La Crosse and Monroe counties both within educational and programmatic settings, so I am ecstatic to continue working in this field. The students that we serve are nothing short of amazing, which is why we try our hardest to not only prepare them for the college application process, but we give them tools on how to continue to strive for greatness even after college is done.

As your new director, my hope is to be a leader alongside the amazing Upward Bound Administrative team as well as a supportive figure for the UB students, guardians, and community partners. If we all work together diligently, we can help our youth achieve their wildest dreams!

I am so excited for what the school year will bring in Upward Bound. We have a lot in store for you, so make sure to read the newsletter thoroughly so that you are all up to date on what we have planned. Feel free to reach out to me anytime if you all have questions or concerns. Welcome back to another school year and welcome back to UB!

Ms. Jazz
Summer 2021 was a fun period for UB students, staff and partners as it was held in person! It was 6 weeks which included many events and educational opportunities. These events included volunteering at the Juneteenth celebration in La Crosse, watching Shakespeare's Tempest in Winona's outdoor theater, as well as college visits in the Milwaukee Area that included University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and Marquette University.

Students stayed at Eagle Hall this summer and while taking core and elective classes to earn extra credit towards graduation in high school. These classes included Algebra, Geometry, Chemistry, Language Arts, Spanish, Senior Seminar, Photography and Poetry & Hip Hop. Upward Bound adopted a summer theme of environmental justice. This was clear during our games of Amazing Race and Food Wars. The students volunteered through Habitat for Humanity visit, and a half day with Wiscorps to understand how conservation efforts are made at the local and state levels.

Summer UB wrapped up with a celebration to highlight our outgoing seniors, recognize outstanding students and transfer of authority for our new Student Planning Board (SPB). Summer UB 2021 overall was a time in our new reality of COVID to reconnect and have the students experience college life.

*Upward Bound observed COVID-19 Protocols to highlight safety to hosting all students and staff in person per UWL Guidelines and policies.*
LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL 2021
What does Upward Bound have in store for the fall

UBELONG!
Upward Bound will be visiting each of our schools to visit with students and their families to let them know what we have in store for the fall session! This will also be a recruiting night, invite any classmates you think would be interested in joining UB!
Keep a look out for UB posters with dates when the events take place at your school.
We look forward to seeing you at the end of September.

TUTORING
Tutoring will begin the week of October 5th on every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday unless shared otherwise. Upward Bound will be offer a virtual choice for students that need extra support or cannot make it to their assigned night.

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Remember if your GPA is 2.5 or lower you must come to 2 nights of tutoring each week to get that extra support! You can earn a complete stipend of $40 a month by coming to all activities so make sure you plan ahead and let us know of any absences.
UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

**ACT Prep:** Upward Bound will be hosting another virtual ACT prep course for Juniors this fall in time for the springtime ACT tests. These will take place online with our partners at Extended Learning on Saturdays for 6 weeks. Classes will be recorded and posted to Cyberbound. This will be mandatory for Juniors – unless you are in AVID then you can opt out- and open to other cohorts to partake. The class will begin October and go until December. Specific dates will be announced soon.

**College Application Workshop:** College Application workshops will take place virtually on Monday October 11th and Monday October 18th. This is the perfect time to get a jump start with the application process. Time: TBA

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshop:** College is not free but we will help you get started with a plan! FAFSA workshops will take place virtually on Monday November 1st and on Monday November 8th. Time: TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER!

**October 2021**

"Saturday Event"
Event: Walk to End Hunger
Date: Sunday October 11th
Location: Myrick Park

**College Visit**
UW- Stout University
Friday October 29th
RSVP by: October 22nd

**November 2021**

Saturday Event
Tentative
Date: Saturday 13th

**College Visit**
UW-Platteville University
Date: Friday November 19th,
RSVP by: November 12th

**December 2021**

**Saturday Event**
Event: Sound of Music Tour & Play
Date: Saturday, December 4th
Location: La Crosse Community Theater

**College Visit**
Viterbo University
Friday December 10th
RSVP by: Friday December 3rd
"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

Get an application
From our website:
https://www.uwlax.edu/upward-bound/
By calling us at 608-785-8539
By emailing the director at:
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