

# SCHOOL UPDATE

Spring 2018



Upward Bound is funded by the United States Department of Education and sponsored by the University of Wisconsin– La Crosse. It's a pre-college program that helps high school students develop academic skills, build self-confidence, and prepare to enter and succeed in college.

Upward Bound students are four times more likely to earn a college degree than students from similar backgrounds who aren't in Upward Bound.

Upward Bound at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse works with students to:

- Improve their personal and academic skills.
- Explore many college and career options.
- Make new college-bound friends.
- Broaden their vision and experience.

Upward Bound may consists of:

- \* Special programming like Community Service, Career Day, College Visits, Job Shadows and Financial Aid and Scholarship Application Workshops.
- \* Weekly tutoring with UWL students to not only tutor but help with test taking, time management, and study skills.
- \* Get a chance to live in the dorms and take classes on a college campus with our summer program.

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# A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Hello! Can you believe it is spring? Thankfully, we all got through the winter and are ready to finish out this academic year.

With this spring semester not only are we back up and running with tutoring, Saturday Events, and college visits but we are still in transition in the UB office. Our advisor, Lee Xiong, joined us this past October and is getting familiarized with the high schools we serve as well as the student participants. She is a UB alumna from the UW-Manitowac/Sheboygan program and just completed her MA degree from Michigan State University. Lilly Zou will now join the UB team as the Program Assistant where she originally was hired on a temporary term. As an undergraduate student, Lilly served as a Chinese tutor and eventually as a tutoring site supervisor. Our Graduate Assistant, Lindsey Artymiuk will be finishing up her spring semester with us and her advising at Tomah High as she graduates from UWL this spring. We will surely miss her!

This spring, students will get a chance to visit the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, University of Minnesota Mankato State, and Western. In February, our Saturday Event will focus on *Surviving and Thriving: Transitioning into New Opportunities* where our first and second year college student UB alumni will come and share about their transition from high school to college; participate in large group activities focusing on time management, organization, and prioritizing; and a second panel of college student UB alumni who recently have or will graduate and will share about their experiences transitioning into their career profession or graduate school. In April, UB alumna, Mai Chao Duddeck, who is now the Multicultural Recruiter for the School of Education at UWL, will be our keynote speaker for our April Saturday Event: *Skills of a Master Student*.

While we are busy with tutoring and programming for the academic year we are also busy planning for our summer program as well. We are currently hiring academic instructors for Bio/Advanced Sciences, Language Arts, & Spanish. If you know of someone or are interested please visit our website for the application and more information.

Spring is typically busy as a bee but let's hope for warm weather soon and a great semester! Thank you for your partnerships and continued support and services to all students. Together we are all a vital tool to their success!

In partnership,

*Lisa Yang*



Our Chinese class on a field trip to the Tea House downtown La Crosse during our summer program.

Drove these two students to their orientation day at UW-Stout.

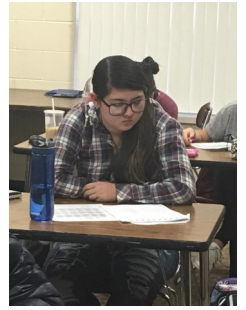


UB knows how important stewardship is. On this day students were doing some service work with the Mississippi Valley Conservancy.

# IS YOUR STUDENT ELIGIBLE?

We are currently seeking applications from high school **freshman** and **sophomores**. New applicants would join 73 other college-bound students from six area high schools to participate in programming that will prepare them for post-secondary success.

Students are eligible if they meet our **low-income guidelines** or if **neither parent in their home has a four year college degree**. Upward Bound students are four times more likely to earn a college degree than students from similar backgrounds who are not in Upward Bound.



We would like your help in helping us meet our goal of serving 95 students. If you know of any students who are interested please refer them to apply online on our website. Once we receive their application, Upward Bound staff will request additional information from parents and school counselors.

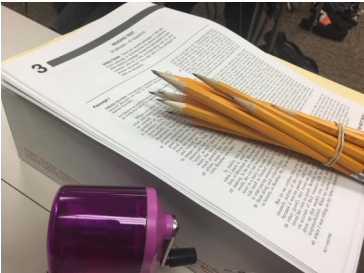
## Eligibility Guidelines:

<http://www.uwlax.edu/Upward-Bound/Learn-about-Upward-Bound/>

## Apply Online:

[https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV\\_1ENsO7cAovAYhXn](https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_1ENsO7cAovAYhXn)

# PSAT & AP EXAM FEE WAIVERS



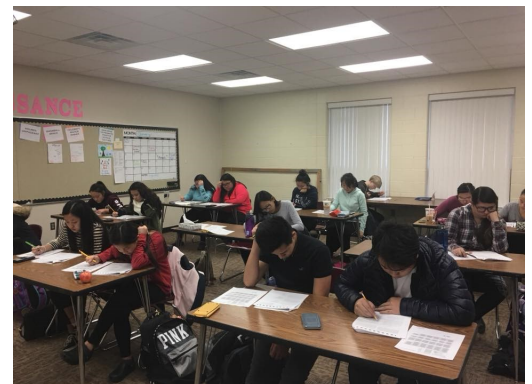
All Upward Bound juniors qualify for a PSAT fee waiver, and all are required by Upward Bound to take the PSAT. To assist you with your planning, see our numbers of rising Upward Bound juniors at each school. (See our “Current Enrollment” on page 7).

All Upward Bound students are eligible for a \$22 fee reduction per exam. Additionally, students who are eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches can take each AP exam for free in Wisconsin.

The College Board provides a \$28 fee reduction per exam for students with financial need. For each eligible student, schools should also forgo their \$8 rebate. Thus, eligible students pay \$53 per exam.

A student is eligible for a fee waiver if he or she is an enrollee in a program for the economically disadvantaged, such as Federal Free or Reduced Lunch program or **Upward Bound/TRIO after-school programs**. More information is available here: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/ap-coordinators/exam-ordering-fees/exam-fees/reductions>

Additionally, state law in Wisconsin (Wisconsin State Statute 120.12(22) requires each school district to pay the AP Exam fee for public school students who are eligible for free or reduced – cost lunches in the federal school lunch program under 42 USC 1758.



# Alumni Spotlight

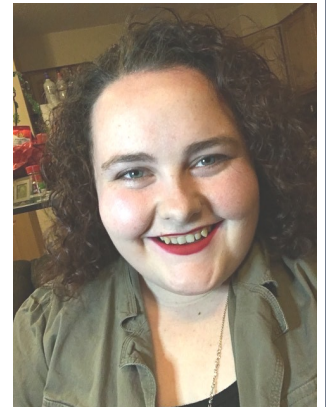


**Toua Yang** (OHS '12) who not only completed his service in the National Guard this spring semester but will be graduating from UW-Platteville with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation he has been fortunate enough to obtain a job in Holiday City, OH where he will be the new Plant Manager at Midwest Manufacturing ; working hand and hand with staff in running their newly built facility. Toua has sat on several Career Day panels for UB in sharing his experience as an intern at Trane Company. Toua is one out of seven siblings who have all been a participant in UB.

Toua credits his success and transition to college with his summers at Summer UB and the Summer Bridge program. It enabled him to be comfortable and confident in navigating a college campus as well as taking college courses. He also believes UB helped him form better social and networking skills.

**Hannah Kaehler** (LHS '14) is graduating from UW-River Falls this spring semester with a BA in International Studies. She is excited to be done and ready for what lies ahead. As she is soon to transition out of college she is looking at internships at Disney World in Florida. She is also contemplating law school or going abroad to study at the University of Amsterdam. We were lucky enough to have Hannah work in our office for two summers as an office aide.

Hannah enjoyed her time in UB and is thankful for the program. She got additional assistance with her Geometry course with extra tutoring and support from both tutors and staff in UB as well as her counselors at her high school which was crucial to her graduation requirements.



“It was easier for me to make friends here because of the friends I made in the summer and at tutoring. I also never would have found this school (UW-RF) without UB. UB was definitely one of my best decisions. TRIO is a great program and I hope it sticks around. “ -Hannah Kaehler



**Mai Nue Lor** (HHS '13) will also be graduating this spring semester from UWL with a BA in Communication Studies with an minor in Ethnic Racial Studies. She is also a student of the TRIO Student Support Services program and serves on their Student Leadership Council. In addition, she is a TRIO Mc Nair Scholars student, which is a TRIO program similar to UB that helps undergraduate first-generation and/or low-income students prepare for graduate school. Mai Nue is looking forward to graduate school as she is hoping to pursue her M.S.Ed. in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education. She is currently waiting to hear from UWL or Ball State University. Mai Nue has sat on alum panels numerous times and has siblings who she has mentored and inspired to participate in the program.

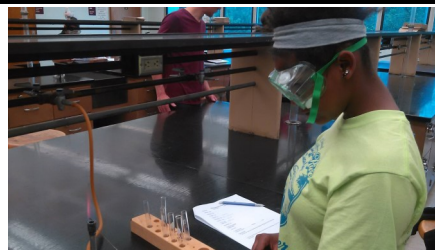
Mai Nue is thankful for UB in providing guidance and support with advisors and tutors in helping her not only build strong study skills and how to be resourceful but also in her college and career exploration. UB has also helped her build confidence in advocating for herself as well as others.

## CONGRATS AND BEST OF LUCK ALUMNI!

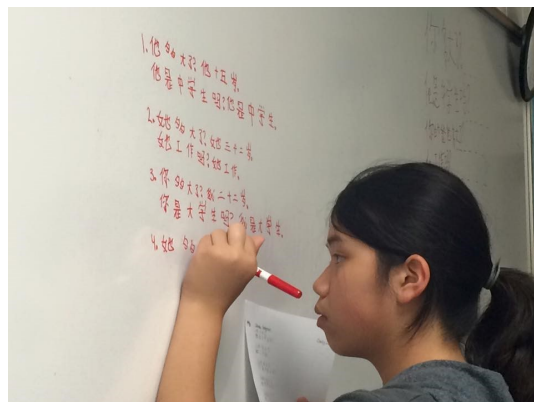
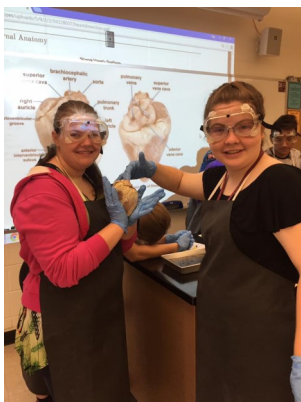
# 2018 SUMMER UB: HIRING TEACHERS

Summer planning has begun and we are currently looking to hire academic instructors for our residential summer program. The classes are designed to provide students with concepts and practice through interesting, challenging lessons and activities.

We prefer applicants with a minimum of three years successful teaching experience and demonstrated ability to develop innovative, humanistic, academically rigorous courses in which each student can achieve success. Successful candidates must be able to establish rapport with rural, minority and disadvantaged students. A Bachelor's degree is required. A Master's degree and fulfillment of teacher certification standards for state of Wisconsin in secondary education is preferred. For more information visit our website.



To apply go here: [https://uwlax.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6s3i1rsLZiUktEx](https://uwlax.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6s3i1rsLZiUktEx)



# WHAT'S COMING UP

## SPRING EVENTS

UW-Green Bay College visit	Mankato State University College visit	Feb. Sat. Event Survive & Thrive	Western College visit	April Sat. Event Skills of Master Student	Last week of tutoring	End of Year Awards Banquet	First Day of Summer UB
Fri. Feb. 9th	Fri. Feb. 16	Sat. Feb. 17	Mon. April 2	Sat. April 21	April 30- May 3	Sat. May 19	Wed. June 13

# *Congratulations Graduates!*

We are very proud of our seniors and wish them nothing but the best as they embark on their new journey as college students!

Ian Evans-Cloud	UW-Eau Claire	Chee Meng Vang	UW-Milwaukee
Diana Cruz-Valesco	Winona State University	Yee Xeng Vang	UW-La Crosse
Marqes Fielding	Iowa State University	John Vue	UW-La Crosse
Gally Lee	UW-Eau Claire	Stevie Vue	Western Technical College
Amy Lor	UW-La Crosse	Kao Xiong (Holmen)	Western
Davee Lor	UW-Green Bay	Kao Xiong (Logan)	UW-La Crosse
Natalie Stoikes	Winona State University	Kheng Yang	Western Technical College
Ya Thao	UW-Whitewater	Soua Yang	UW-La Crosse
Zoua Pa Thao	UW-Green Bay		

# Current Enrollment

## MONDAYS

### BROOKWOOD

**3:30pm—5:30pm**  
@ BHS

12th: Diana Cruz-Velasco  
Natalie Stoikes

11th: Brenda Tinoco-Mendoza

9th: Iriabeth Cruz  
Benjamin Retzlaff

### HOLMEN

**5:30pm—8:30pm**  
@ HHS

12th: Ya Thao  
(Ka) Zoua Pa Thao  
James Vang  
Kao Xiong

11th: Michael Hinman  
Eleanna Johnson  
Choua Lor  
Mandy Vang  
Mai Der Vue  
Delilah Xiong  
Neng Xiong  
Gao Yer Yang  
Seana Yang

10th: Tong Thao  
Vang Pao Thao  
Mai See Xiong  
Meng Xiong

9th: Chai Chang  
Trevan Thomson\*\*  
Cindra Ntxhim Hlub Vang  
Sofia Vang  
Kayhannali Vue  
See Yang  
Tshaibci (Angel) Yang

## WEDNESDAYS

### SPARTA

**3:30pm—7:30pm**  
@ SHS

12th: Haley Ludke  
Marely Sanchez- Rodriguez

11th: Jared Gruber  
Sam Matias-Escalante

10th: Cristina Matias-Escalante  
Madison Rabideau  
Arely Sanchez  
Hailee Zimmerman

### WEST SALEM

**3:30pm—7:30pm**  
@ SHS

11th: Jessica Aldama

### TOMAH

**3:30pm—7:00pm**  
@ THS

12th: Kelsey Benson  
Ian Evans-Cloud  
Hanna Fritz  
Joy Joseph  
Ava Sovereign

11th: Emma Franks  
Ethen Jewell  
Samantha La Porte  
Lorabeth Luebchow  
Kaitlyn Thomas\*\*

10th: Shelby Hawes  
Devon Kelley

9th: Alissa Moake  
Connor Eirschele

## THURSDAYS

### ONALASKA

**5:30pm—8:30pm**  
@ UWL

12th: Amy Lor^  
Davee Lor\*\*  
Stevie Vue^  
Kheng Yang^

9th: Shaylyn Elloit  
Elijah Deffate\*\*

^: Students who attend Monday night tutoring at Holmen High instead of Thursday night at UW-La Crosse.

\*\*Tier 2 students: Students with a 3.0 GPA who are involved in other extra-curriculars are exempt from tutoring and Saturday Events upon approval from UB staff.

### LOGAN

**5:30pm—8:30pm**  
@ UWL

12th: Dani Duong  
Galatea Lee  
Mai Pa Thao  
Chee Meng Vang  
Yee Xeng Vang  
John Vue  
Kao Xiong  
Soua Yang

10th: Orion Lee

### CENTRAL

**5:30pm—8:30pm**  
@ UWL

12th: Marqes Fielding

11th: Christa Hutchison\*\*

10th: Ashtin Rittenhouse  
Calli Fielding  
Zena Xiong



**Target enrollment: 95 students**

\*Number of participants is subject to change.\*

# Meet the Upward Bound Staff

## Lisa Yang Director



A local, Lisa is an UB alumna (Central '99) and a two-time alumna of UWL (BA in Sociology & M.S.Ed. in Student Affairs Administration). She has been teaching Chinese for UB since summer of 2007 before sitting as the Student Advisor in 2010 and now the Director since 2016.

Lisa is the site supervisor on Monday nights at Holmen High school.

You may contact her if you have questions about the program or if you want to refer a student to the program.

## Lee Xiong Student Advisor

Lee joins the UWL UB team this fall as the new Student Advisor. She recently graduated with a MA in Student Affairs Administration from Michigan State University.

As a first-generation student, UB alumna (UW-Sheboygan/Manitowoc UB), and refugee, Lee understands the importance of student service and the need for accessibility for first-generation and low-income students.

She is the site supervisor for Thursday night tutoring at UWL. Please introduce yourself to her when she is at your school during her advising sessions.



## Paul Krause Assistant Director

Paul has been with UB since 1990. Paul works closely with our seniors assisting them with college applications and also coordinates our ACT preparation workshops and college visits.

Paul is a UW-L graduate Paul currently chairs the Ho Chunk Constitutional Reform Task Force.

Paul is the site supervisor on Wednesday nights at Tomah High and as the recruiter, visits 8th grade classrooms each spring to recruit new students.



## Lindsey Artymiuk Graduate Assistant

Lindsey is a second year student in the School Psychology program at UWL, originally from Antigo, Wisconsin. (UWL alumna with a BS in Psychology minored in At-Risk Child/Youth Care in May of 2016 & M.A.Ed. in May of 2017.)

She is the president of the School Psychology Student Society on the UWL campus. Lindsey currently resides in Winona, MN where she enjoys running and hiking with her

husband in her spare time.

She is the site supervisor for Wednesday nights at Sparta High and will be at Tomah High on Fridays for advising.



## Need to contact us?

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Linli (Lilly) has been with UB since summer 2016. A Chinese native, she is a two-time alumna of UWL (BS in International Management and M.S.Ed. in College Student Development and Administration. As an undergrad, she also has been a Chinese tutor and a site co-supervisor on Thursday nights for UB.

Lilly assists staff in managing the office, grant, annual performance reports, budget, payroll, and other tasks.

Most times she will be the lovely voice you hear on the phone or face you see when you walk in our door.



## Lilly Zou Program Assistant