

Upward Bound News

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UB Senior Honored

On Monday, February 21st, Delores Richards, a senior at Dickinson High School, was the recipient of the first Excellence in TRIO award. She received the award during the Excellence in TRIO awards ceremony at the Delaware Technical and Community College campus in Dover. This is the first time this award has been given, and it is designed to honor those students who represent the best of Upward Bound and TRIO. In total, 17 students from 17 TRIO programs were honored. Other TRIO programs include Upward Bound Math/Science, Student Support Services, Talent Search, and McNair Scholars.

Delores entered the Upward Bound program at the end of her sophomore year of high school. She is currently a senior at John Dickinson High School in Wilmington where she is taking honors classes and will graduate in June in the top ten percent of her class. Delores has applied to John Hopkins University, Richmond University, Washington College and the University of Delaware. She has already been accepted to both Washington College and UD.

In addition to her studies, Delores has participated in numerous clubs and activities, including International Club and the school newspaper. She is a volunteer at a local daycare and is dedicated to making a difference in our world. She has proven herself a leader and sets an excellent example for the students in our program, as well as in her school.



Delores was one of seventeen students who were honored



Class of 2005 Prepares for College

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Seniors are hearing from colleges
- ✓ Senior receives the Excellence in TRIO Award
- ✓ College tour coming in April
- ✓ Study Center Update
- ✓ Staff Updates

The college application deadline has passed, and it is time to wait. Most of our senior class is waiting on pins and needles for that packet of information to arrive from the college of their choice. Not all of our seniors have heard from colleges yet, but here are a few of the Upward Bound grads who have received acceptance letters:

Tiphane Purnell—Messiah College

Shyla Surratte—UD

Shekita Hughes—Drexel University, West Virginia University and UD

Ebony McMillan—West Chester University

Japhia Walker—West Chester University & Temple University

Dejah Tolliver—West Virginia University

Delores Richards—Washington College and UD

Many of our seniors have applied to schools, including University of Delaware, and have not received a response. Have no fear, many schools, including UD, continue to send letters out until April. When you do hear, let us know. We would like to know where you have been accepted. Good luck to all our seniors.

Study Center Update

During the month of March, please check your schedule before coming to study center. There are a limited number of days that the study center will be open due to DSTP testing. Snow has also been an issue—please listen to the radio for study center closings. We post our notices with WJBR (99.5 fm), WILM News radio (1450 am), WDEL and WSTW. If you are still unsure, call our offices at 831-4102.

While you are at the study center, you are expected to work quietly and not disturb other students. The study center staff is available to help you with any problems you may be having; however, you need to ask for help. The staff does not have copies of your report cards or midterm reports, so you need to let them know what subjects you are struggling with so they can help you. This is not time to socialize, this is time to work. This means that you need to bring enough work for two hours if you plan on staying for two hours. Over the last month, attendance at study centers has dropped, and we are becoming concerned. As we are visiting schools and talking to parents and students, it is obvious that many of you are having aca-

ademic issues, but are not coming to the study center for help. This help is here for you.

If you need help that you aren't getting at the study center, contact Ms. Deb at 831-4103 and let her know. This study center is here to help you. We can only improve it with input from you. We listen: many of you needed current events, and so we started a subscription to the News Journal. Newspapers are now available during study center hours for use with your homework.



Snow has been a problem for our study center recently



Schedule of Activities (March—June)

March 2005

- 3 Tutoring 6:00—8:00
- 7 Tutoring 5:30—7:30
- 21 Tutoring 5:30—7:30

April 2005

- 4 Tutoring 5:30—7:30
- 7 Tutoring 6:00—8:00
- 11 Tutoring 5:30—7:30
- 14 Tutoring 6:00—8:00
- 15 APPLICATION DEADLINE (all new applications must be received by this date to be considered)
- 18 Tutoring 5:30—7:30
- 21 Tutoring 6:00—8:00
- 23 COLLEGE TOUR (all Sophomores and Juniors are required to attend)
- 25 Tutoring 5:30—7:30
- 28 Tutoring 6:00—8:00

A college tour allows you to experience different types of college environments, so you can make the best decision for you.

May 2005

- 2 Tutoring 5:30—7:30
- 5 Tutoring 6:00—8:00
- 9 Tutoring 5:30—7:30
- 12 Tutoring 6:00—8:00
- 16 Tutoring 5:30—7:30
- 19 Tutoring 6:00—8:00
- 21 MANDATORY SUMMER ORIENTATION—returning and new participants and their parent/guardian must attend in order to participate in the summer program
- 23 Tutoring 5:30—7:30

June 2005

- 26 MOVE-IN DAY for summer program

Remember . . . You must attend 50% of the scheduled activities for the month in order to be eligible for a stipend. Your participation during the academic year may have an impact on whether you are invited to participate in the summer program.

Good News from Dr. G . . .

Hi, everyone! I hope that your school year has been going well and that you are working hard.

While I don't usually write to you, I have great news to share. Miss Deb, who has been our Upward Bound counselor is moving into the Program Coordinator position. She is very familiar with the program, and with all of you. She is working hard to identify the best teachers around (She was awarded a teacher excellence award in 1999.) and to identify new program participants. We are very pleased that she has accepted the new position.

At the end of March, Upward Bound will have a new Counselor, Mr. William Marshall. Bill was a participant in the Summer Enrichment Program in 1994. He got his Bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware and has a Master's degree in Business Administration. For the past five years, he has been an Officer at the Department of Probation. He is very excited about working with the program and with you, and we are very pleased to have him join the staff.

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What's it like in college?

Should I choose a college close to home or far away? Live in a dorm or live at home? Pick a major or undecided? Greek life or not? There are so many things to consider as you select your college and start your college career. This is the biggest reason why the Upward Bound Program takes the time to visit many different types of colleges while you are still in high school.

Last summer, we visited Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. This is just one type of college that you may want to consider as you start to research schools. In April, we will be visiting two different types of colleges.

Temple University is a large city school that has a diverse population of students. Temple offers over 100 different bachelor degree programs, with an average class size of 24 students. It is a great example of a prestigious school with a long history of success. While we are on campus, we will visit classrooms and dormitories, and have lunch in the freshmen dining hall.

Swarthmore College is located only a short distance from Temple University, but is vastly different. Swarthmore is a private college that focuses on liberal arts and engineering degrees. It is located in a suburban setting and is an officially

designated arboretum. Most classes at Swarthmore have less than 20 students. It offers approximately 50 different bachelor degrees— half the number available at Temple. While on campus, we will visit classroom buildings and tour the campus with a tour guide.

The reason that we visit different types of colleges is to let you decide which type of college you are interested in attending. Once you have decided on the type of college, we can work with you individually to help you find colleges that meet your interests. All our juniors and sophomores should plan on attending this college tour. If you are a senior and have been accepted to either of these colleges, feel free to join us. Please contact Ms. Karen at 831-4102 to let her know if you will be attending.

When: April 23, 2005
Depart: 8:15 a.m. Trabant Circle
Return: 4:15 p.m. Trabant Circle
Parents should plan to be there
NO LATER than 4:15 for pick-up

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Important Program News . . .

In February, President Bush submitted his annual budget to Congress. In his budget, President Bush has proposed to eliminate all the Upward Bound programs, as well as the Talent Search program. If this happens, our program would end in August of 2006.

It is important to let our Congressman and Senators know how much these programs have helped the students in Delaware. If you wish to share your story of how Upward Bound has helped you to prepare for college, please feel free to write to Congressman Castle, as well as Senators Carper and Biden. The only way our representatives will know if this program works is if we tell them. If you choose to write to our representatives, please forward a copy of the letter to our office. Here is the local address for our representatives:

Senator Tom Carper	301 N. Walnut St Suite 102L-1	Wilmington, DE 19801
Senator Joseph Biden	1105 N. Market St. Suite 2000	Wilmington, DE 19801
Representative Mike Castle	201 N. Market St Suite 107	Wilmington, DE 19801

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Check out our new
website at
www.aec.udel.edu

We are very proud of our students and what they accomplish. We encourage each of you to continue to pursue your dream like these Upward Bound students:

 **Will Freidman earned a spot at the National Business Professionals of America conference in Anaheim, CA after winning 1st place at the State Conference in Financial Analyst Team.**

 **Nicole Heath is in the choir for the Mt. Pleasant High School performance of 'Funny Girl'**

If you are involved in something that you would like to share with the rest of us, call Ms. Deb at 831-4103 and let her know. We would love to hear from you.