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**Upcoming Events:**

May:

- 13th– Mother’s Day
- 15th– Summer Orientation 7-8pm
- 28th– Memorial Day
- 29th– Bridge Students Begin Classes

June:

- 3rd– UB Summer Program Begins
- 17th– Father’s Day
- 25th– Bridge Banquet 6-8pm
- 29th– Bridge Finals

July:

- 1st– Summer Banquet 6-8pm
- 2nd– Move-out of Dorms
- 4th– Independence Day
- 9th-12th– Summer Trip to Dallas
- 12th– Summer Program Ends

# UB TIMES

## UB MISSION STATEMENT

*Odessa College Upward Bound is a federally funded TRIO program with one goal: to increase the rates at which participants enroll in and graduate from institutions of higher education.*

## UB STUDENT CENTER STAGE



Elizabeth Rodriguez–  
 Freshman @ Andrews  
 High School

**What are your hobbies?** I like to swim and sing.

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?** Being a doctor.

**Why do you want to get a college education?** Because I want to be a doctor and be independent.

**What is something that no one else in UB knows about you?** My middle name is Karla.

**What colleges or universities would you like to attend?**  
 Odessa College or Texas Tech University.



Cassandra Mata–  
 Junior @ Pecos High  
 School

**What are your hobbies?**  
 Reading and swimming.

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?** Graduating

from medical school.

**Why do you want to get a college education?** So I can have a good job.

**What is something that no one else in UB knows about you?**  
 That I am a flag girl.

**What colleges or universities would you like to attend?**  
 Baylor University.

Guadalupe Carrillo–  
 Sophomore @  
 Permian High School

**What are your hobbies?**  
 Playing X-Box.

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?** In college or in my chosen career.

**Why do you want to get a college education?** To get good money.

**What is something that no one else in UB knows about you?**  
 I am right-handed.

**What colleges or universities would you like to attend?**  
 UT Austin.



Victoria Prieto–  
 Senior @ Andrews  
 High School

**What are your hobbies?**  
 Choir, scrap-booking, and taking pictures

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?** Not sure.

**Why do you want to get a college education?** So that I can achieve my goals.

**What is something that no one else in UB knows about you?** That I am very shy.

**What colleges or universities would you like to attend?**  
 Angelo State University.

## SOME UB SENIORS WERE ASKED: WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL?

All of the sports and extra-curricular activities.-Victoria Prieto, Andrews

I will miss the little high school get togethers and seeing friends everyday. I will especially miss watching the Bronchos beat all the other high schools in every sport! GO BRONCHOS!-Julie Lujan, OHS

My friends and teachers! We had a lot of good memories together and I just know after HS things will never be the same.

-Joye Boyd, Permian.

The teachers that helped me most, all my friends, and the pep rallies.-Chy Burrola, Permian

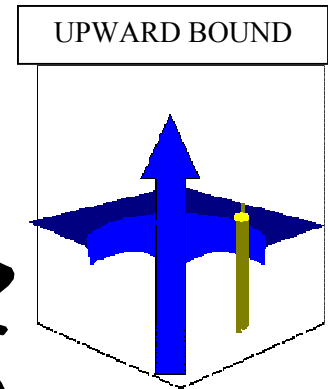
I will miss everything about high school. Well except for all the tests and hard stuff like that of course! I will miss all of the fun times with friends, football games, band concerts, and just having not to be in the “real world” yet. I will especially miss being a Permian Panther...GO MOJO!-Mireille Carrillo, Permian

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HIGH FIVE TO STUDENTS!  
 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS- CLASS OF 2007!

Joye Boyd-Odessa High  
 Chyquesta Burrola-Permian High  
 Mireille Carrillo-Permian High  
 Albert Chambers-Permian High  
 Jenny Covos-Odessa High  
 Julie Lujan-Odessa High  
 Xenia Martinez-Odessa High  
 Paul Nunez-Permian High  
 Cassandra Ponce-Odessa High  
 Victoria Prieto-Andrews High  
 Elizabeth Salgado-Odessa High



SOME UB PARTICIPANTS WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:  
 DO YOU THINK ENOUGH IS BEING DONE TO KEEP YOUR CAMPUS SAFE?  
 WHY OR WHY NOT?

*Yeah. I mean there hasn't been anything bad happening so someone's doing a good job keeping this campus safe. - Desi Alvarez: Junior @ Pecos High*

Yes!- Jimmy Martinez: Junior @ Pecos High

No because there is not enough police to help everyone out.- Victor Ybarra: Sophomore @ Odessa High

*Yes because the teachers help out too. - Brandon Sanchez: Freshman @ Hood Junior High*

Yes. The campus is very strict on the rules.- Cedric Irby: Sophomore @ Permian High

Yes because we have police officers.-Heather Wood: Sophomore @ Odessa High

Yes because we have cameras, principals, and officers.-Elthasheia Thomas: Sophomore @ Odessa High

Yes because nothing has happened and there has not been any fights. - Alyssia Taylor: Freshman @ Kermit High

**YES, IN ANDREWS IT ISN'T REALLY DANGEROUS SO THERE IS NOT MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT, AND THEY KEEP IT SAFE FOR US BY KEEPING TRACK OF EVERYTHING.- JESSICA ALVAREZ: JUNIOR @ ANDREWS HIGH**

*Yes. I think so cause I haven't seen any fights or anything bad happen here.- Rebecca Davis: Junior @ Odessa High*

## ODESSA, MIDLAND, AND WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE UPWARD BOUND PROGRAMS MEET



MC, OC, and WTC UB Programs

On February 28, 2007 Midland, Odessa, and Western Texas College Upward Bound personnel met at the Barn Door in Odessa, TX to become familiar with one another and exchange good

practices ideas. This is the Third Annual Upward Bound Regional Meeting where Upward Bound programs unite to discuss and exchange ideas for the program in an effort to provide better services for our Upward Bound participants. Odessa College Upward Bound Director Daniel M. Regalado stated: "This is a great opportunity for area Upward Bound staff to meet one another



and exchange ideas. It is a lot easier for a UB Staff member to pick up the phone and call a fellow UB employee at another institution with a question if they have already met in person." In the past, area Upward Bound programs have collaborated their schedules in order to hold a combined event with other programs so that UB participants have a chance to meet one another as well. The Fourth Annual Regional UB Meeting is scheduled for early Spring 2008 in Snyder, Texas.



## OC UB CELEBRATES TRIO DAY



National TRIO Day was on February 24, 2007, and Odessa College Upward Bound celebrated by having three great individuals come speak to the participants: Abraham Franco, UB Alumnus and current OC student, talked to the students about how UB helped him prepare for college and the benefits of joining OC Student

Support Services (Another OC TRIO program); Chip Carlson, OC Career Advisor, discussed career outlooks with the students; and the Honorable Reeves County Judge Sam M. Contreras talked to the students about his road to becoming a judge. Afterwards, the students ate dinner at Logan's Roadhouse in Odessa and then went to the movies to watch *Norbit*. Special thanks to our guest speakers for taking time out of their Saturday to speak with our students!



Brandon Sanchez, Freshman at Hood Jr. High, presents the Honorable Reeves County Judge Sam M. Contreras with a Certificate of Appreciation.

## UB BIRTHDAYS

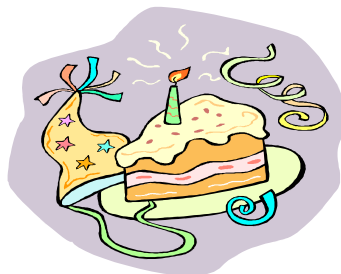
**May:**

- Eloy Juarez                    05/19**
- Desi Alvarez                    05/22**

**June: None**

**July:**

- Cassandra Ponce            07/13**
- Gena Miller                    07/19**
- Domonique Cano            07/20**



**August:**

- Cassandra Mata              08/03**
- Edwardo Hinojos            08/05**
- Karina Estrada                08/17**
- Oscar Machuca              08/20**
- John Mata                      08/22**
- Jessica Alvarez              08/23**
- Devin Brandenburg        08/23**
- Cory Mata                      08/28**
- Elizabeth Rodriguez        08/28**
- Joye Boyd                      08/31**

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## ELIGIBILITY TO JOIN

- \* **Students must be in at least 9th grade from the designated schools to apply and/or**
- \* **Must be low income, according to federal guidelines (Taxable, not gross, income is used) and/or**
- \* **Potential first-generation college student, meaning neither parent/guardian has a Bachelor's degree**

## TARGET SCHOOLS

### Odessa Schools:

- ◆ Bonham Jr. High
- ◆ Bowie Jr. High
- ◆ Crockett Jr. High
- ◆ Ector Jr. High
- ◆ Hood Jr. High
- ◆ Nimitz Jr. High
- ◆ Odessa High
- ◆ Permian High

### Out of Town Schools:

- ◆ Andrews High
- ◆ Crane High
- ◆ Grandfalls High
- ◆ Kermit High
- ◆ Pecos High

## QUOTE OF THE QUARTER:

*"Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality"*  
 -Abraham Lincoln

## UB STAFF CENTER STAGE: TIMOTHY CONTRERAS



I was born in Odessa Texas and I'm a 1995 graduate from Odessa High School. My College journey started at Odessa College. As I attended Odessa College I was tutoring for Odessa College on the top floor of the library. It was there that I began to see the impact I had when tutoring OC students in mathematics. Being a math teacher was not my first career choice; I wanted to become an electrical engineer. I transferred from Odessa College to Texas Tech where I attend for three years. I realized that engineering was not for me so I transferred back to Odessa and attended University of Texas of the Permian Basin. There I pursued my Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and a teaching certificate. While I was attending school at UTPB I worked for Student Support Services as a math tutor

and again I enjoyed the success I had when tutoring students in mathematics. I am currently working at Midland Lee High school and tutoring for Upward Bound at Odessa College. I have a beautiful wife with 2 children and twins on the way. All honor and all glory goes to the Lord Jesus Christ because he blessed me with a gift to teach and tutor mathematics. I also teach marriage classes at Bible Centered Fellowship, which is the church I attend. God has given me a heart to reach kids who struggle with math. As a student in Jr. High and High School I also struggled with Math. I enjoy seeing the excitement in a math student when they finally understand a problem or concept that they were struggling with. My goal is to free a student from fear and build them with confidence in math. If the Lord is willing my ultimate goal is to become a college instructor here in my hometown of Odessa Texas. All thanks goes to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has predestine me this path that I follow.

## WHAT IS UB?

**The Department of Education funds our program to serve 56 students from 13 area schools. All participants receive year-round academic and personal assistance such as:**

- **Tutoring & Saturday enrichment classes**
- **Assistance in applying for financial aid**
- **6-Week Summer Program at Odessa College**
- **Fee waivers for SAT and ACT**
- **Career & Personal Counseling**
- **Stipends provided for attendance and GPA increases**

**Upward Bound is also committed to rewarding program participants for their hard work and devotion towards the success of their academic goals, therefore students are offered the opportunity to participate in several social/cultural events such as:**

- ⇒ **Campus Tours**
- ⇒ **Jackalopes and RockHounds Games**
- ⇒ **Dinner & Theatre Nights, concerts, movies, and the zoo**
- ⇒ **Summer trips to cities like Dallas, San Antonio, Houston and more**
- ⇒ **And various other fun and educational activities**

**All travel, food, hotel, and ticket expenses are paid for by Upward Bound**

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