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Upcoming Events:

May:

- 5th- Last Week of Tutoring
- 11th- Mother's Day
- 19th- Summer Orientation
- 26th- Memorial Day Observed

June:

- 1st- UB Summer Program Starts
- 1st- Move in to Dorms
- 2nd- Bridge Students Start Classes
- 15th- Father's Day

July:

- 1st- UB Summer Banquet 6-8pm
- 2nd- Bridge Classes End
- 2nd- Move out of Dorms
- 4th- Independence Day
- 7th-10th- UB San Antonio Trip



UB TIMES

ODESSA COLLEGE TRIO UPWARD BOUND MISSION STATEMENT

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.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ODESSA.EDU/DEPT/UPWARD

UB ALUMNI UPDATE



Albert Chambers

Jenny Covos

Xenia Martinez

Juan Moreno

Upward Bound Alumni Albert Chambers, Xenia Martinez, and Juan Moreno will all be transferring from Odessa College to Texas Tech this Fall 2008! They will join another UB Alumnus Jenny Covos, who started at Texas Tech last year. Congratulations and Get Your Guns Up!



Julie Lujan

Congratulations to UB Alumnus Julie Lujan on being accepted into the Chemical Engineering Program at Texas A&M University-College Station. Way to go Julie!



US ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY RECOGNIZES CEDRIC IRBY



Cedric Irby,
Junior @ Permian High

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) has recognized our very own Cedric Irby as a National Leadership and Service Award

nominated by a teacher, counselor, coach, or community leader as among the sponsor's top students. "Only the nation's best young people appear within the pages of USAA publications and are recognized on the basis of the following: academics, citizenship, leadership, attitude, and dependability" (USAA, 2008).

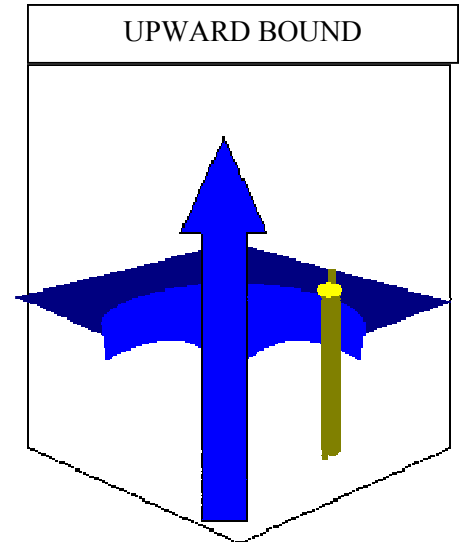
Cedric is a Junior at Permian High and is the son of Gwen Irby. His activities and awards include: Academic Award, Basketball, Choir, Honor Roll, Karate, National Junior Honor Society, and Taekwondo. Congratulations to Mr. Irby!

Winner! The USAA was founded in 1980 with the purpose of recognizing outstanding students in America's high schools. Each student recognized by the USAA has been

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HIGH FIVE TO STUDENTS! CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS- CLASS OF 2008

- Desi Alvarez – Pecos High School
- Jessica Alvarez – Andrews High School
- Joe Brian Anchondo- Kermit High School
- Devin Brandenburg – Grandfalls-Royalty High School
- Oscar Machuca – Pecos High School
- David Marez – Andrews High School
- Alexis Marquez – Pecos High School
- Jimmy Martinez – Pecos High School
- Cassandra Mata – Pecos High School
- Karla Rodriguez – Permain High School
- Elizabeth Santiago- Grandfalls – Royalty High School



WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW UB PARTICIPANTS FOR 2007-2008

- Nicolas Arellano – Odessa High School
- Staycy Arellano – Crockett Jr. High School
- Marilyn Carrasco – Crockett Jr. High School
- Marcos Covos – Ector Jr. High School
- Jose Delgado – Bowie Jr. High School
- Maurillio Gardea- Ector Jr. High School
- Amalia Gutierrez – Hood Jr. High School
- Jesse Gutierrez – Hood Jr. High School
- Thomas Hernandez- Ector Jr. High School
- Bianca Lopez- Odessa High School
- Bruno Lujan – Ector Jr. High School



- Miriah Marquez – Pecos High School
- Jose Martinez – Ector Jr. High School
- Isiah Najera – Kermit High School
- Julia Pequeno – Bowie Jr. High School
- Alexander Ponce – Bowie Jr. High School
- Yessica Sanchez – Crockett Jr. High School
- Brittany Saucedo – Ector Jr. High School
- Jesus Tavarez – Ector Jr. High School
- Valarie Vasquez- Bonham Jr. High School

QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

“Failure is success if we learn from it.” - Malcolm Forbes

1ST ANNUAL REGIONAL COMBINED TRIO DAY CELEBRATION: MIDLAND, ODESSA, AND WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGES



On February 23, 2008, the area Upward Bound programs participated in the First Annual Combined TRIO Day Celebration.

Midland, Odessa, and Western Texas College Upward Bound programs joined together to celebrate National TRIO Day on the Midland College campus. Participants from all three insti-



tution's Upward Bound programs competed in academic and field day events such as: Spelling Bee, English, Debate,



College Jeopardy, Rocket-Launching, Flag football, and various other events. The teams consisted of participants from all three institutions and all events had a point system where the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners were awarded points according to their performance. All three colleges thought the event was a huge success and look forward to making the combined celebration an annual occasion. The 2nd Annual Combined TRIO Day Celebration is scheduled to be held on February 28th, 2009 on the Odessa College campus.



UB BIRTHDAYS

January:

- Alex Marquez- 01/11**
- Jimmy Martinez- 01/17**
- Thomas Hernandez- 01/18**
- Jesus Tavarez- 01/26**

February:

- Kerry Moore- 02/02**
- Bianca Lopez- 02/05**
- Celeste Gutierrez- 02/14**
- Jose Leyva- 02/17**
- Alice Roman- 02/18**
- Guadalupe Carrillo- 02/20**
- Isaiah Najera- 02/23**

March:

- Marilyn Carrasco- 03/09**
- Joe Brian Anchondo- 03/13**
- David Marez- 03/13**
- Alexander Ponce- 03/17**
- Miriah Marquez- 03/19**
- Alyssia Taylor- 03/20**

April:

- Jose Martinez- 04/04**
- Valerie Vasquez- 04/05**
- Valerie Lopez- 04/20**
- Karla Rodriguez- 04/24**

May:

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

June:

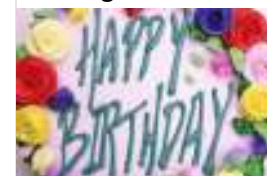
- Staycy Arellano- 06/07**
- Nicolas Arellano- 06/08**
- Amalia Gutierrez- 06/14**

July:

- Jesse Gutierrez- 07/03**
- Gena Miller- 07/19**
- Domonique Cano- 07/20**
- Julia Pequeno- 07/28**

August:

- Marcos Covos- 08/01**
- 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**



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ELIGIBILITY TO JOIN UB

- * **Students must be at least a 9th grader from one of the target 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**
- ◆ **Kermit High**
- ◆ **Pecos High**

UB STAFF CENTER STAGE: ANGELICA SISNEROS



Angelica Sisneros-
Odessa Tutor/ RA

Angelica has lived in Odessa for most of her life. She graduated from Permian High School in 2006 and is currently attending the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. At UTPB she is majoring in Multidisciplinary studies with an ESL endorsement- She plans to graduate within the next two years. After college, she plans to work on her Masters in Counseling while teaching full-time. Summer 2008 will be her second summer working with Upward Bound and she stated that she "Loves every minute of it. I am a very out going social person, always on the go, and if you don't find me with friends I'm usually with my family. My family is a big part of my life and I love being around them." Angelica is a great asset to Upward Bound and we are glad to have her aboard!

MORE TRIO DAY PICS



WHAT IS UB?

The Odessa College Upward Bound program is 100% federally funded at \$287,880.00 annually. The contents of this newsletter were developed under a grant from the Department of Education. However, those contents do not necessarily represent the policy of the Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.

The Department of Education funds our program to serve 60 students from 11 area schools. All participants receive year-round academic and personal assistance such as:

- **Tutoring**
- **Assistance in applying for financial aid**
- **6-Week Summer Program at Odessa College**
- **Fee waivers for SAT and ACT**
- **Career & Personal Counseling**
- **Saturday enrichment classes**
- **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/or RockHounds Games**
- ⇒ **Dinner & Theatre Nights**
- ⇒ **Summer trips to cities like Dallas, San Antonio, Houston and more**
- ⇒ **Concerts, movies, and the zoo**
- ⇒ **And various other fun and educational activities**

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

Upward Bound is authorized and regulated through the Higher Education Act of 1965, 1998 Higher Education Act Amendments Subpart 2-Federal Early Outreach and Student Services Programs, Title IV- Student Assistance, Part A-Grants to Students, Section 402.C(20 U.S.C. 1070a-13)-TRIO Programs/Upward Bound; EDGAR-Title 34, Part 75, Subpart A-General and Subpart B; CFR Title 34, Volume 3, Chapter VI-Office of Postsecondary Education-Department of Education, Parts 645.1-645.43; and OMB Circular A21.

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