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# UPWARD BOUND Fall Edition 2015



This fall, TRIO Upward Bound has made it a mission to provide our students with a wider variety of access to our tutorial services. We have added a new French tutor of our two-day services, to now three. Monday's we are at the ACPL, Wednesday's, we are in locations within Walb student union at IPFW, and Thursday's, we are right in our very own UB Office. The services we provide are crucial to providing our students with the necessary tools in which to be successful.

#### Fall Happenings

Our fall begins with new additions to our tutorial services. Read more to find out our fall happenings. Page 1 Saddlebound 2015

Our annual tradition of saddling up with Noble County Saddle Club.

And we are happy to continue our tutorial services with talented teachers and IPFW students to help facilitate in the growth process of our students with their own studies. Our fall programming continues to provide various opportunities for students to get involved with the community and campus climate, respectively. It is always exciting to collaborate with new businesses within our community as well as build on already established relationships.

#### Pumpkin Patch Party

Our first collaboration with Renaissance Pointe YMCA in our fall community service project.

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# Saddlebound 2015



Upward Bound kicked off their cultural activity series this year with our annual tradition of visiting the Noble County Saddle Club in a day that has been noted as Saddlebound. There, our students were able to learn about horses, grooming, and everything equestrian. Students were able to ride horses for the first time and for many, it was even their first time roasting a hot dog over an open fire. We also

# Day of The Dead with FWMoA

State-wide sporting and academic event hosted. Page 3 ODMA and UB Team Up Mathematics Demystified: A workshop Photo by: Trinity Carter

participated in various activities such as lasso throwing and Corn Hole. These experiences were a lot of fun, and a great tradition to continue in the future. We are looking forward to returning next year.

We are always happy to continue a tradition that so many of our students love to experience, whether it is their first time or students who have returned for the experience again.

The Nutcracker

Fort Wayne Ballet presents, The Nutcracker.

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### **YMCA Pumpkin Patch Party**

This year was the first year that we established a new community friendship and collaboration with Ms. Melisa McCann, who is the Renaissance Pointe YMCA Membership Director, for the annual community Pumpkin Patch Party. Our UB students participated in this well-known event as our fall community service project.

Students joined in the fun for a night of indoor trick or treating, featuring games, face painting, music, stilt walking, dancing, live entertainment, candy, a costume contest, line dancers, a drumming troupe and more. Cinderella and Mickey Mouse were in attendance, with more than 35 organizations, and hundreds of community members. We were happy to contribute to the success of the event and hope to collaborate again in the future!



Photo courtesy of: Renaissance Pointe YMCA

# Day of The Dead at FWMoA



Students and staff of Upward Bound and The Fort Wayne Museum of Art were able to collaborate again this year for the Day of The Dead celebration or Día de los muertos, which is a beautiful and time honored tradition of the Hispanic culture.

Photos by: Jessica Montalvo

We worked very hard to put together a beautiful altar to commemorate our loved ones that have passed. Community members joined in the celebration on Sunday, November 1. We hope to participate again next year.

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### **ODMA Hosts Math Demystified**

Math is a source of anxiety for so many students. The Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and Professor Cynthia Ellis of the IPFW Math department lead an informative and hands-on workshop on the best ways to study math. Professor Ellis explored different learning styles getting for students to get to know their learning style. Our UB students left with information that will help them in their studies.



Photo by: Jessica Montalvo

### **UB** at The Nutcracker



Upward Bound ended the cultural activity season by attending The Nutcracker at the Arts United Center. The Nutcracker was performed by the Fort Wayne Ballet company.

This year, we have participated in a variety of cultural activities throughout the city of Fort Wayne. From the History Center, the Civic Theater, Saddlebound, and the Day of The Dead at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, we have made very impactful relationships with various organizations throughout our community. We are always thankful for the welcoming community members as we expand our relationships to promote cultural awareness for our students.

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### **Diversity Showcase 2015**

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, TRIO Upward Bound participated in the annual diversity showcase in celebrating the many faces of IPFW. Here, we informed students, staff, and community members who participated, about our program and services. This event gives us the opportunity to share what we are doing and where we are headed as a program. It is always important to talk about Upward Bound with the community in hopes to create new opportunities for collaboration as well as enhancing our channels to bring more talented teachers and students to our programming. In the past, we have hired IPFW students as tutors as a result in participating in this fantastic event. We can't wait until next year!



Photo by: Robin Steenman

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### **Upward Bound Welcomes Ms. Robin**



Our new office administrative assistant, Robin Steenman, earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from IPFW and has worked in various businesses in Fort Wayne over the years. "Coming back to work at IPFW was like life came full circle and I came home." She was the first in her family to graduate from college so she has a great sense of appreciation for what the Upward Bound program does for the students. "Upward Bound provides an opportunity to change not only the course of a student's life, but also their family for generations to come."

Robin and husband Eric met when they were both students at IPFW and they have been married for over 20 years. They have 2 girls 17 & 13 and a boy 11 so her house is loud and full of activity. Time with her family is most important to her but settling in with a good book and a cup of coffee is pretty nice, too.

### Holiday Party 2015

This year, we had current UB students and even UB alumni in attendance of our annual holiday party. We offered various activities to entertain students and family members with a gift exchange, crafts and coloring for the younger children to enjoy, and our carry-in dinner. Students took time out of their busy schedules to come to enjoy our final event of the year.

The Holiday Party photo booth is always a hit! Family members and students took the chance to get their photos taken for our annual holiday party photo album. It gives everyone a chance to let their hair down and have a good time being goofy in their pictures.

Something new that we did this year was the napkin ring holders, so everyone was able to take these with them to decorate their table placements this year.



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## **Nothing is Beyond Our Reach!**

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