

# UPWARD BOUND

Spring Edition 2015



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# Career Day 2015



Each year, we kick off our spring activities with the opportunity to learn about different careers that our Upward Bound students are interested in pursuing. This year, we let our students decide which career professionals would be highlighted in our 2015 spring Career Day. Each student voted on which career path would most interest them, and we came to a majority. On Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, we were able to offer an in-depth review of the theater, sociology, medical, and financial careers. We invited Angela Proffit with IU Credit Union, David Bell within the medical field, Sherrie Steiner in the Sociology department at IPFW, and Aaron Mann in the field of theater.

Each professional highlighted various aspects of the field they are in and also talked about what it takes to pursue their interests. Our theater representative even played guitar and sang to our students!

It was a very fun and interesting day to continue to inform and bring awareness of the diversity of each career field. Each professional expressed that there is not one direction that defines one specific set career path. There are many different opportunities within one field of study.

We are continually thankful for our professionals taking the time to educate and inform our students each year about the endless possibilities within a career field.

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## Hats Off To Reading Community Service

Follett's IPFW bookstore celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by having an event for the community, Hats Off To Reading. The event was open to the public and catered to families and children. There were many different events such as a reading corner, face painting, arts and crafts, and coloring for children to participate. TRIO Upward Bound students were happy to spend time by volunteering with kids of various ages that attended this event.





## UB Walks in “Bloody Sunday” Commemorative March



The Fort Wayne community marched together to remember a pivotal point in the civil rights movement and walked arm-in-arm as a connected community working toward improving equality. The march began at 4 p.m. at the Ian Rolland Bridge near North Side High School before moving

toward downtown along Clinton Street past Science Central and finally over the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Bridge and ending at Freimann Square. UB students and staff participated in this very important commemoration march.





## ATS – Academic Themed Saturday



Pi is my guy  
He makes me well rounded  
'Cuz I'm Upward Bounded  
The sun shows us pi  
so high in the sky  
when a bird flies by  
I can see the diameter  
but why does pi matter?  
I'll tell you why  
Pi gives us the ratio  
now go tell Horatio it's  
circumference over diameter  
There is no parameter  
for what pi can do

Pi makes the wheel  
maybe made of steel  
Pi makes life real  
I'm telling you for real  
Don't be afraid  
It might hurt your brain  
but it's ok  
Pi is my guy

ATS on March 14<sup>th</sup> happened to be Pi day, where everything pi was on the mind during our day of instruction.

Students used that time to create poetry in their English classes. Highlighted here are two student's Ode's to Pi.

## Cultural Activities End Season at The Embassy



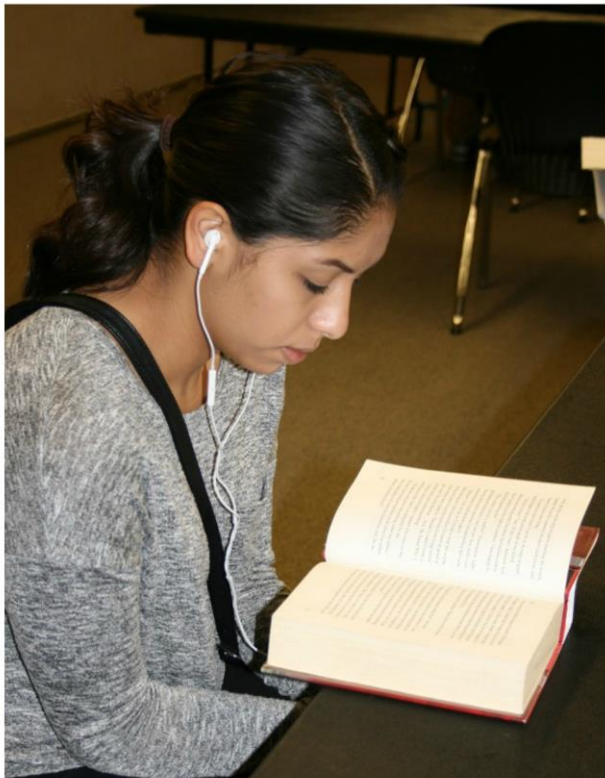
15 students went to see The Jersey Boys on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to end the academic season with a bang! Students enjoyed the classics of the 1960's and experienced The Embassy Theater ambience. We were happy to be able to end our cultural activity season with such a great show for those that were able to attend. Until next year, Upward Bound!

## UB Tutorial Services 2015

Our tutorial services have been outstanding this year. Tutoring was provided in the areas of English, Math, Science, Spanish, and History. We provide tutorial services from certified teachers and current IPFW students that are studying in their field. Each bring a

helpful approach to the teaching processes for our students to understand. We are very fortunate to have our hardworking and devoted tutors.

Students are able to receive assistance from our tutors on Monday's and Wednesday's from 4pm to 6pm.





# STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2015



SLC 2015 was a conference to remember. UB took 22 students this year to learn about leadership with the theme of “Be Heroic, Be Historic, Expect Greatness.” The conference was built around providing students with the tools they need to take into consideration throughout their experiences in school and college.

The conference sessions talked about the various aspects of leadership, and even a breakout session for male only and female only empowerment.

This year the SLC provided students with a mentor fair in which many different topics were covered in a 5-minute increment station rotation. Topics included: Time Management, College Life, Mental Health, Motivation, Procrastination, Study Skills, College Athletics, College TRIO programs, Academic Resources and college vs. high school.

We invited current IUPUI students and staff members to talk about their leadership perspectives. Participants were happy with the results and appreciated learning about the diverse experiences where leadership was involved.



## SPRING BREAK UB COLLEGE VISITS



This year, UB visited both the Purdue and Indiana University college campuses during spring break week. Each campus rolled out the red carpet in hopes to inspire our students to attend their campus for college. Each school made an admissions presentation, had a guided tour of each campus with current students leading

the group tour, and even had us try their dining facilities in their dining halls.

Our students had many of excellent questions. And the discussion varied from admissions questions to programming and financial aid.





# UB Participates in The Big Event 2015



For the third year, TRIO Upward Bound participated in The Big Event. This is the largest annual community service project hosted by IPFW. We were happy to participate!





# The Big Event 2015 Continued...





## HLCNI Awards Two With Scholarships



Each year, HLCNI, Hispanic Leadership Coalition of Northeast Indiana, awards scholarships to its current college students as well as high school seniors for their future college careers. HLCNI seeks to develop and empower the Hispanic / Latino community in Northeast Indiana to become proactive leaders through educational attainment, professional development, and community involvement.

Noche de gala was an opportunity for those that were selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships as an evening of recognition and achievement. TRIO Upward Bound is proud to announce that two of our current seniors won scholarships along with many others. Gabriel Guzman and Lorenzo Catalan were each awarded with \$1,000 scholarships to assist in their future college endeavors.

Students had an application criteria and selection process that they had to fulfill in order to be awarded.

The requirements included: 2.7 GPA or higher, a letter of recommendation, residence in a Northeast Indiana county, community service hours, evidence of financial need, and a detailed essay about education and personal challenges that were overcome.

During the awards ceremony at noche de gala, each representative from their respective place of business awarded their student with their award certificate. There were many scholarships awarded on this night.

We are very proud of all of the recipients that have worked very hard to get to where they want to go. There were a record number of applicants this year and the gala was sold out at record attendance numbers!

We are so proud of all of our students! And for our two Upward Bound students that applied to the HLCNI scholarship and won, we congratulate you!

# BLUE STAR Leadership Conference 2015



We are so proud of the hard work and dedication that our Blue Star's brought to our Leadership Conference 2015! This year, we had our Blue Star's kick off the conference first by being the first presenters of the morning. Our Blue Stars put together a presentation about stereotypes that addressed common issues that we all face regularly. They sought to bring these issues to the forefront and talk about them openly to help to combat the stereotypes that we have all experienced at some point in our lives. Our current blue stars are: Helena James, Thamay Paw, Luis Enrique Arriaga, JoMale Collier, Roberto Medina, and Alexandra Patino-Ramirez. They closed their presentation with the reciting of the new UB pledge.

Our other two presenters during the leadership conference were Dr. Andy Downs, and Vanessa Nichols. Their workshops were designed to inform and assist in the development of our students.





## Senior Recognition 2015



It's that time of year again! And we are so proud of our seniors! What seemed like a road that would never get here, has finally arrived. And we are about to say farewell and best wishes to such a great group of talented students!

Gabriel Guzman, Erika Vazquez, and Thamay Paw all received the Outstanding Academic Performance awards, where they received medals for having a steady increase in their GPA from the beginning of their joining Upward Bound to their graduation. All continued to improve as they moved through their high school experience.

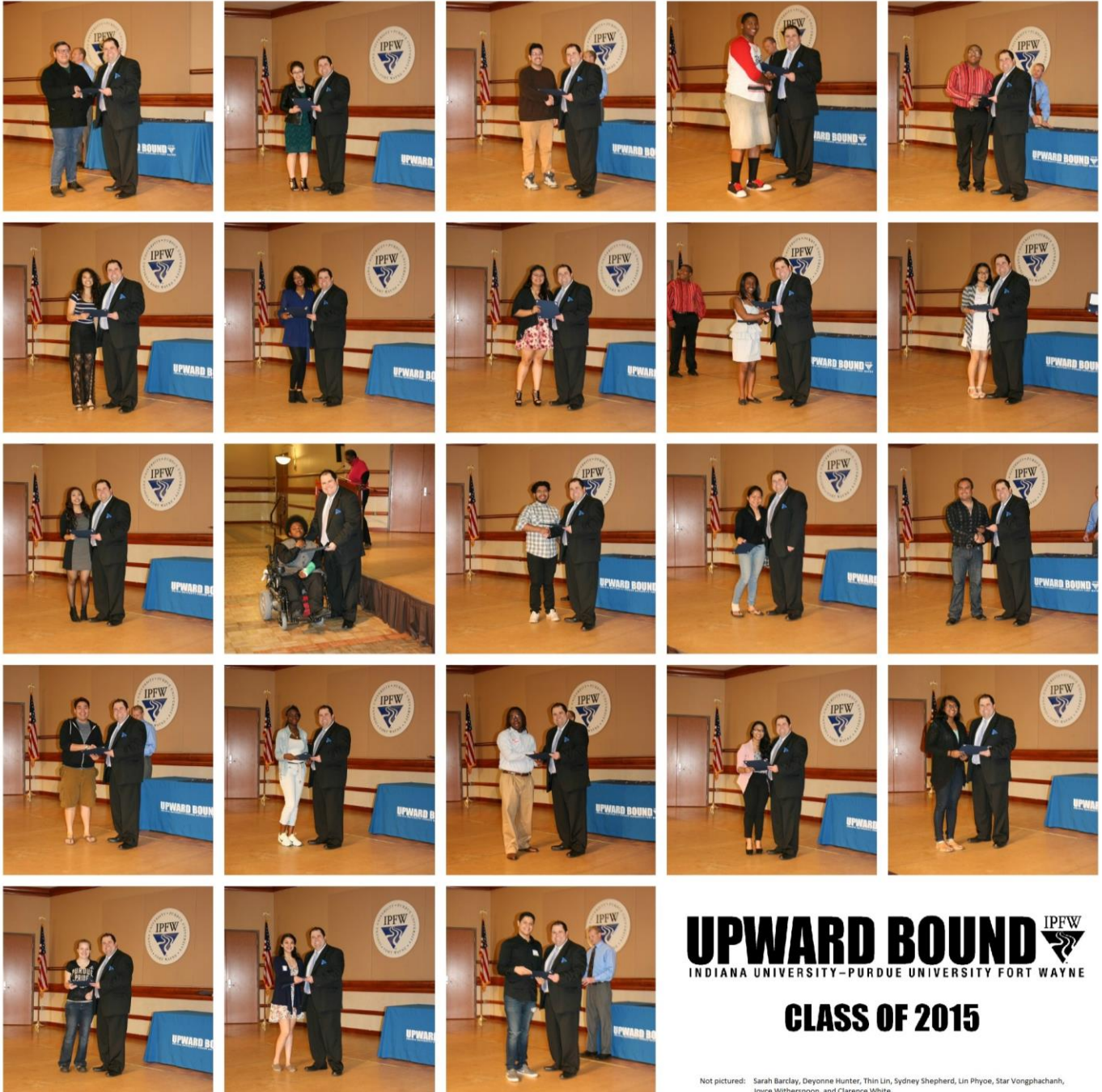
Helena James received the award of Academic Achievement where she received a trophy for having an unweighted GPA at a 4.0 or higher.

We wish every single one of our seniors the best as they set off for new adventures in college.



# Senior Recognition 2015

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2015



**UPWARD BOUND** IPFW  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY-PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE

**CLASS OF 2015**

Not pictured: Sarah Barclay, Deyonne Hunter, Thin Lin, Sydney Shepherd, Lin Phyoce, Star Vongphachanh, Joyce Witherspoon, and Clarence White.



# UB Academic Programming

## Tutoring Opportunities

Tutoring will be available every Monday afternoon at the downtown Fort Wayne ACPL from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Individual tutoring will be available beginning on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. in the Upward Bound office.

Tutors are available in:

- Math
- English
- Science
- Spanish

Attending tutoring will count for one hour of academic programming per session.

## Academic Theme Saturdays

ATS Saturdays will be held at IPFW in Kettler Hall. Students will attend classes in math and English. These classes will be held from 9:00-11:45 a.m.

**UB students must complete 20 (fall) / 25 (spring) hours of academic programming to receive their stipend. In order to receive credit towards your stipend, you must work. Simply attending will not grant you credit.**

## Skills Workshops

SAT Prep workshops will be available on Wednesdays from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Study skills workshops will be held on ATS Saturdays from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Kettler Hall.

## Online SAT Prep

Students can sign up for the online SAT/ACT prep website [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com). Please make sure you enter [graynw01@ipfw.edu](mailto:graynw01@ipfw.edu) as your coach's email so that UB can count it towards your academic programming credit.

**If you have any questions, please contact your advisor.**

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