Our Class of 2014 Graduates—Congratulations!

The Upward Bound staff would like to acknowledge each of our senior graduates below, in addition to the colleges and universities in which we have heard they intend on continuing their education. We have really enjoyed seeing them grow academically and personally over the last three years, are very proud of your hard work, and are excited to see where your successful journey leads you!

East High
- Reannan Barlow (U of Iowa)
- Emily Beattie (U of Iowa)
- Jonnie Bishop (DMACC)
- Dehkantee Dassin (DMACC)
- Marisa Fitzgerald (Iowa State)
- Taylor Jackson (Undecided)
- Angela Lo (Iowa State)
- Thuan Luong (Iowa State)
- Scott Williams, Jr. (Graceland)
- Julie Nguyen (Iowa State)
- Caitlin Royse (U of Iowa)
- Jeilah Seely (Iowa State)
- Donny Siakhasone (Iowa State)
- Scott Son (U of Iowa)
- Anna Sparks (Iowa State)
- Makala Thompson (Iowa State)

Lincoln High
- Josie Aguiniga (Iowa State)
- Jennifer Balcarcel (UNI)
- Lauren Bruner (Iowa State)
- Mackenzie Campfield (Iowa State)
- Courtney Cantu (Simpson)
- Caleb Kirkman (Iowa State)
- Derek Klus (DMACC)
- Joshua Lounsbery (Iowa State)
- Amy Luong (U of Iowa)
- Erica Lysinger (DMACC)
- Curtis MacVilay (Grand View)
- Ryan McNeely (DMACC)
- Roberto Montalvo (AIB)
- Andrew Pazzi (DMACC)
- Juan Pina (Johnson & Wales, RI)
- Tanya Ramirez (DMACC)
- Htoo Say (Iowa State)
- Luchua Vang (DMACC)
- Vincent Vasquez (UNI or Central)
- Justin Walton (Undecided)

North High
- Sara Cathi (U of Iowa)
- Jessie Hertz (Undecided)
- Mikolina Lowe (U of South Florida)
- Bao Luong (Grand View or Simpson)
- Emily May (DMACC)
- Taylor McDaniel (Undecided)
- America Rojas (Undecided)
- Marlicia Williams (DMACC)

Sigourney High
- Jeremiah Green (Military)

Oskaloosa High
- Krysten Childs (Central)
- Randy Daniels (Military)
- Amber Davis (Cottey, MO)
- Ryon Jennings (Indian Hills CC)
- Jenah McCombs (Central)
- Mallari Winegar (William Penn)
- Scottie Yang (Central)

Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont High
- Faith Starr (William Penn)
- Hope Starr (Indian Hills CC)
- Cheyenna Fisher (Kansas City Art Institute)

We were also excited to hear about all the scholarships (some full-tuition) awarded to our seniors, which is making their college dream affordable! One in particular to highlight is North senior, Mikolina Lowe, who was named both a Horatio Alger National Scholar and Dell National Scholar. Contact us anytime with financial aid questions!

Check out more May SCHOLARSHIPS at:
http://www.collegegreenlight.com/blog/60-may-scholarships/

Summer 2014 Upward Bound Bridge Students

Congratulations to the 8 seniors listed below whom, based on their interest & application credentials, were selected to participate in our Bridge experience! This will include a rigorous 4-credit Central College course on global sustainability and a Skills for Living at College course during our 3-week summer program.

Reannan Barlow
Jeilah Seely

Juan Pina
Jonathon Young

Courtney Cantu
Htoo Say

Scottie Yang
Cheyenna Fisher

WELCOME to our 63 New Students!
February Academic Workshop

We had a great turnout of students for our workshop held at Central College on Saturday, February 1! UB staff assisted seniors and parents in completing the FAFSA and scholarships, followed by a presentation by Central College Director of the Career Center, Pat Kitzman, who spoke about self-exploration towards a college major and career. UB teachers, Bob Boots and Dennis Linn, worked with juniors on math and science ACT test preparation and Central College counselor, George Clark, led discussion on students developing a further understanding of emotional intelligence to enhance relationships and allow for greater happiness. Sophomores completed the Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator with Central College Director of Counseling, Michelle Kellar, toured the Central College campus and listened to an admissions presentation, and began emotional intelligence curriculum with George Clark. All students ended the day on a fun note: bowling at Pella’s Excit-a-Bowl!

UB Student Arts Visit Kansas City Art Institute

UB Coordinator, Tiffany Berkenes, accompanied Cody Bell, Lizbeth Contreras, Cheyenna Fisher, Scottie Yang, Irene Roberts and two ETS students who are all considering college majors in the fine arts, on a group campus visit to the Kansas City Art Institute. KCAI is a four-year independent college of art and design offering the bachelor of fine arts degree in a variety of disciplines. Students had the opportunity to tour campus, listen to an admissions presentation, and visit the nearby Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. A highlight of the visit was when the admissions staff surprised senior, Cheyenna, with her acceptance letter and awesome scholarship following the tour—CONGRATS!

March Academic Workshop

On Saturday, March 29, we hosted our workshop on the Grand View University campus. Seniors got an expert’s realistic point-of-view on college life, particularly the challenges of the first year, with Iowa State’s Interim Director for Student Assistance and Outreach, Kipp Van Dyke. We also surprised each senior with a copy of his book The Voice of College: The Freshman Experience! Juniors took a full-length practice ACT, and sophomores heard from an Iowa College Access Network representative and toured the Grand View campus. Following the academic sessions, we honored our seniors with lunch at Pagliai’s Pizza and did some wild & crazy jumping at SkyZone! Thank you to all students who took advantage of our 2013-2014 workshops!
Sophomores & Juniors Visit the University of Iowa & UNI

Choosing a college is one of the biggest decisions you will make and visiting the campuses of your potential “home away from home” is part of that important process to determine which place is the best fit for you. We are proud of the students who took advantage of our April 24 campus visit trip to UNI in Cedar Falls and the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Both are state public universities that offer up to full -tuition scholarships for multicultural and/or TRIO UB students! UNI has approximately 12,200 students and Iowa has 30,000+. Students got to tour both campuses, listen to an admissions presentation, eat lunch at a UNI dining hall, and hear about the TRIO Student Support Services offered at both universities. If you are interested in learning more about them, check out www.uiowa.edu and www.uni.edu. We visited the 3rd state public university, Iowa State University, last fall—that website is www.iastate.edu. Some students may find that one of Iowa’s nearly 35 small, private college with 1,000-3,000 students is a better fit, so we encourage you and your parents to check out Iowa Private College Week August 4-8. You can register for this event at www.thinkindependently.com.

“\textit{You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction YOU CHOOSE.}” - Dr. Seuss, \textit{Oh, The Places You’ll Go!}

UB Student Advisory Board: Leadership in Action!

Your Student Advisory Board members did a extraordinary job representing themselves, their schools, and Central College Upward Bound in a very positive manner during their two Spring semester events! On February 19, they joined several other TRIO students from across the state at the Iowa State Capitol for Iowa TRIO Day, which is in celebration of the National TRIO Day. Students talked as a small group and individually with their state senators and representatives about how Upward Bound has positively impacted their lives, encouraging their support. We were very proud of their confidence and professionalism! On Saturday, April 12, the SAB members gathered at Drake University for an interactive leadership presentation by Drake student leaders, Joey Gale and Danielle Day. Following lunch at the local Drake Diner, they volunteered at the Science Center of Iowa preparing youth projects for Earth Day and participating in a focus group with SCI staff member and UB alum, Joe Schwanebeck.

In addition, thank you to all students who expressed interest in serving on the 2014-2015 Student Advisory Board! Voting occurred during April student meetings and the announcement of the results will be made during Summer UB Orientation June 7!
Katelyn Stevens’ paper called “Connecting the Dots” that she wrote for last summer’s (English 190: Reading, Writing and Doing Global Sustainability) course is now printed in Central College’s The Writing Anthology 2014. Course faculty, Mary Stark, Jim Zaffiro, and Beth McMahon were amazed at the way Katelyn was able to “connect” so many stories and “dots” into a cohesive picture of her own sustainability autobiography. They also appreciated her voice throughout the Bridge journey.