Happy New Year!

We hope this finds you enjoying the lovely winter weather that finally came our way. There is so much to catch up on in this newsletter! Lynn and Elyse have been extremely busy working on two grants that will fund Upward Bound at UMF and possibly allow 60 additional students to participate in the Upward Bound program. Jess is no longer working with Upward Bound, but later in this newsletter you will have a chance to hear from her. Three new interns have joined the Upward Bound crew this semester and you can learn more about them later in the newsletter. A great time was had by all who attended the Chinese New Year Reunion. Look for pictures of the reunion on the next page!

There is so much going! We hope that you enjoy receiving monthly issues of Looking Up and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Cheers,
Lynn, Elyse, Cindy, Amanda, Craig, and Tiffany

Chinese New Year Reunion!

On Saturday, January 28th, Upward Bound had a Chinese New Year Reunion. Over 30 students attended! We enjoyed a fun afternoon filled with games, crafts, fortune cookies, food, and bonding time. Thank you to everyone who attended! It was a fun time for everyone there!
Chinese New Year Reunion!

Don’t be pushed by your problems.
Be led by your dreams.
Our list of seniors who have been accepted to college has been growing daily!

Congratulations!

Jackie Chen: University of Vermont
Abyssnee Pelitar: UMaine Fort Kent and Southern New Hampshire University
Dustin Thompson: University of Southern Maine and UMaine Presque Isle
Robby Sepanek: UMaine Orono
Courtney Qi: Ursinus College and UMaine Orono
Jenn Reis: UMaine Fort Kent
Carissa Polson: UMaine Farmington, USM, and UMaine Fort Kent
Mykayla Bilodeau: UMaine Machias and UMaine Presque Isle
Andrew Bernier: Southern New Hampshire University, University of Southern Maine, and UMaine Orono
Rhenna Woodford: UMaine Farmington, UMaine Fort Kent, UMaine Presque Isle, and Thomas College
Robert Boulay: Newberry, UMaine Machias, Norwich, University of New England, and Eckerd College
Artie Thomas: UMaine Augusta, Thomas College, CMCC, UMaine Presque Isle, and UMaine Fort Kent
Eliza Li: UMaine Farmington, University of Southern Maine, UMaine Orono, and Lyndon State
Will Marsh: EMCC, NMCC, and SMCC
Nakita Fortin: Penn State and Rutgers University
Hope Buzzell: University of Southern Maine and School of Visual Art
Anna LeClair: Wheaton, UMaine Orono, and UMaine Farmington
Morgan Lueck: EMCC, Husson, and Unity
Becky Carisquillo: Emmanuel, University of New Hampshire, UMaine Orono and Lesley
Dakota Kemp: University of Southern Maine and UMaine Orono
Eli Saville: UMaine Farmington, UMaine Orono, and Thomas College

Message to Seniors from Holly:
"Do NOT Send Money!"

Also...If you haven’t filed FAFSA
CALL US at 1-888-237-1667.
Hi, Gang-

Just a note of hello to all of you. I hear you had a fantastic reunion, and that Abyssnee has lemon-eating skills that none of us knew about! I was excited to run into Jackie in the UMF bookstore when he was getting his books for Comp at the beginning of the semester! Way to go, Jackie!

2012 has brought lots of changes to my life: a new job, new co-workers, new responsibilities, and, of course, new shoes to walk to work in since I don’t have to drive around anymore. I’m missing you guys, but enjoying my new job. I get to work with phenomenal students here at UMF (much like you guys), and I run into UB alums like Sara and Hope quite often, so UB is never far from my mind.

I hope 2012 is off to a tremendous start for all of you as well. Don’t forget that the start of a new year is a good time to take inventory of your life--academics, personal, and social--and make tweaks and changes to set yourself on the path, or continue on the path that you want to be heading down. Tweaks and changes can go a long way to helping you achieve your goals. Make 2012 YOUR year, and accomplish something you’ve always wanted to do.

Keep up the good, hard work. It will pay off!

Cheers,
Jess

Rheanna Woodford made honor roll for every quarter this year, is the secretary/treasurer for JMG at her school, and got accepted to all four colleges that she applied to.

Dakota Kemp got accepted to USM, and was asked to join the honors program with a $3000 scholarship!

Look on the UMF Upward Bound Facebook page for more details about Where’s The Fork (WTF?)
Hi!

My name is Amanda and I’m from Lewiston Maine. I’m a psychology major and I’m a senior. After I graduate, I’m hoping to eventually be a guidance counselor and work in a high school. Why guidance counseling? In high school my guidance counselor saw the potential that I had and pushed me to go to college. If it wasn’t for her, I wouldn’t be where I am today. Free time for me is a luxury. I’m always busy and on the go. I really wish I had more time to go camping and I would love to hike Tumbledown. Anyone who knows me can tell you that my favorite color is purple. I write with purple pens, my backpack is purple, my water bottles are purple…. the list goes on. I love to read and I wish I had more time to enjoy a good book. My favorite TV show would have to be Bones and Grey’s Anatomy. As for my favorite movie, I would have to say Arthur. I also love any TV show or movie with Betty White in it.

I know that some UB students will be graduating and trying to figure out the next chapter in life after high school. When I graduated high school there was a quote that Eleanor Roosevelt said that really helped me it was “you gain strength and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do.” I’ve heard great things about Upward Bound and I’m super excited to get to know all of the students. I will be at Buckfield and Spruce Mountain South High School. See you soon.

Cheers,
Amanda

Howdy fellow UBers!

I’ll be getting to know you so here’s a chance for you to get to know me! My name is Craig Bailey. I went to Waterville Senior High School and attended the Upward Bound program in Farmington for 4 years. My favorite colors are green and orange, my favorite hobby is playing rugby at Farmington, and my favorite movie is a tossup between The Departed and The Lion King (completely different I know!) I love to be active; walking outside, playing sports, swimming, climbing things, you name it! My favorite Upward Bound memory is a tough one because there’s so many! But, it might have to be the honey bear war between me and Holly! You will see me at Spruce Mountain North, Skowheagan and Lawrence High School! See you soon.

Cheers,
Craig

Hey!

My name is Tiffany Duplessis and I am from Sanford, Maine and a graduate of Sanford High School. I attended Upward Bound at the University of Southern Maine for three years. I am currently a senior at the University of Maine at Farmington studying Rehabilitation Services and Psychology. I am very excited to be completing my internship with UMF Upward Bound this semester so that I can meet all of you!

I love the University of Maine at Farmington and I could not have asked for a better college experience. I have served as a Residential Assistant (RA) for the last three years and I am currently an RA in Purington Hall! I am an active member of the campus community, serving as a member of the co-ed service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, and as a member of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. I will be spending my February break in New Orleans rebuilding houses that were damaged by hurricane Katrina.

When I’m not busy on campus I love spending time with friends and family. My favorite color is purple. My favorite movies are The Goonies and The Lion King. Last semester I took and American Sign Language (ASL) class because I am hard of hearing; I would love to learn more ASL in the future. That’s enough about me! I can’t wait until I get to meet all of you! I will be with Craig and Amanda most group meetings! See you soon.

Cheers,
Tiffany