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It's Recruiting Season!
Round Up Your Potential UB Friends!

It's that time of year when we head off to schools in search of future Upward Bounders! We'll be in each school, trying to show off what Upward Bound has to offer, but really the best advertisement is all of YOU! We are hoping that you can help us out! Gather up your friends, take inventory, and decide which ones could benefit from Upward Bound. Don't forget: they should be students who will be the first in their families to go to college!

Talk with your friends and share with them what Upward Bound has to offer. Tell them about your experiences with Upward Bound and how it has changed your life. Tell them about your experience in the summer program, college trips, and don’t forget to mention that it is FREE!

After you've told everyone you know about Upward Bound, make sure they attend our recruiting presentation when we come to the schools! Don’t forget that you should attend as well because we would love to have all of the support that we can get. Mark your calendars now for the dates that we will be at your school because we need you there. Check with guidance about getting a pass.

That's your mission. Help us find great UBer's! Here are the dates:

- Spruce Mountain South
  March 13 @ 8:00am
- Spruce Mountain North
  March 28 @ 10:15am
- Carrabec
  March 14 @ 8:00am
- Madison
  March 15 @ 8:30am
- Waterville
  March 21 @ 9:30am
- Skowhegan
  March 22 @ 9:45am
- Lawrence
  March 23 @ 12:30pm
- Valley
  March 23 @ 9:30am
- Mt. Abram
  March 28 @ 11:45am
- Buckfield
  April 3 @ 10:30 (at UMF)
- Mt. Blue
  To be determined - stay tuned!

We hope to see you at the recruiting presentations! Thank you to anyone who helped out with the bulletin boards, they look fantastic! See you soon!

Cheers,

Lynn, Elyse, Cindy, Amanda, Craig, and Tiffany
50 colleges. 16 students. 5 hotel rooms. 4 states. 3 days. 2 vans. 1 awesome adventure! UMF UB joined 600 other UBers from New England in Connecticut in February for National TRiO Day! We visited colleges, met new people, attended a college fair, ate a lot of snacks, out ran a storm, and played with walkie talkies! In short, we had a blast! Now, for some of the highlights. Zakk fell in love with Yale. Brianna fell in love with Smith. Cha Chey got the autograph of the very inspirational speaker, Kevin Booker. Rico hid behind a plant. Elyse learned a new solitaire game. Syrena reunited with the crew in Portland. Glenn reunited with friends he met at the leadership conference. Patrick auditioned for American Idol. If you haven't been on a UB trip this year, please sign up for one. They are a great way to reconnect with your UB friends and have fun!

Salem State University was an awesome school with 29 majors and over 59 minors. It has 5 campuses, but North Campus is where almost everything happens. They have two renovations going on that should be done by 2013 on the Fitness Center and the Library. The freshman do not have to live on campus, but they highly recommend it and my tour guide said she wished she had. Freshman are not allowed to have a car on campus, but almost everything you could need is in walking distance and they have campus buses that can take you to any of the 5 campuses. The tour took 2 hours, but was so worth it. My tour guide was very passionate about the school and made it very fun. I would recommend everyone to look at this school because it was awesome. If anyone has any specific questions about the school and you want to ask you can email me.

-Sam Santos
Over February break, a group of students from the University of Maine at Farmington spent their vacation down in New Orleans, Louisiana. These students weren’t in New Orleans to soak up the sun and enjoy the Mardi Gras festivities; they were there on an alternate spring break with Katrina Urban Relief Project. Each day, these students were working with established groups like Habitat for Humanity, St. Bernard’s Project, and Rebuild together in New Orleans to help rebuild homes that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Each student had to raise $575 so that they could go on the trip; this money covered travel, supplies, as well as room and board for the week. The group fundraised together by selling t-shirts, selling baked goods, and collaborating with businesses like Pizza Hut to help you fundraise. These students put in a lot of effort in paying their way to New Orleans for an alternate spring break, was it worth it?

Just knowing that we are working on homes that belong to someone who had theirs destroyed because of Hurricane Katrina is such a good feeling. Many people who we are helping have been victims of not only the natural disaster, but from contractor and plumbing fraud after Katrina. I met the niece of an elderly woman whose home we were currently working on. She came up to all of us who were working on the house because her aunt was too sick to visit. It was very heartwarming when she came up to me and gave me a hug, thanking me for being so generous. Everyone who goes on this trip spends not only their time, but also their money. It cost almost $600 dollars per person for the trip. We use our own money and fundraise as much as we can so that everyone who wants to go on the trip will be able to. This is a cause that I think everyone should try at least once. There is an amazing culture we all get to experience when we go to New Orleans. We get to help people who can’t help themselves, and we get to have fun doing it.

I have been on mission trips with my youth group in the past, but those were in Maine and New York. The 30+ hour bus ride down to New Orleans gave me an amazing opportunity to see to get to know people who were also going on the trip. Once we arrived in New Orleans, I was taken away by how many homes and buildings were still left in ruins because of Hurricane Katrina. During the week I worked with the Journey Church located in the Ninth Ward; the Ninth Ward was the hardest hit by the flooding after Hurricane Katrina. The Pastor of the church relocated his family to New Orleans not too long before Hurricane Katrina and he has been in New Orleans ever since; he is working to restore the Ninth Ward and to minimize crime in that area. While in New Orleans I had the opportunity to meet so many amazing people and learn about the culture of New Orleans. I would encourage you to take an opportunity like this whenever you have the chance. If you want to hear more about my trip, just ask.
-Rheanna Woodford will be playing the “snobby Victorian lady” and Andrew Bernier will be “a proper gentleman” in the Spruce Mountain South One Act in March.

-Michael Taylor Hampton is on the math team, the robotics team, and the Envirothon. He is going to WPI in March for a competition.

-Syrena likes her new school in Gorham. She is in NHS, InterACT, and the GSA.

-Roger Duguay is now working in the pharmacy at Hannaford, and he wants to be a pharmacist!

-MyKayla Bilodeau is student of the month at Spruce Mtn. South.

-Ann Marie Hannon got honors and a blue renaissance card which means she has maintained a B average in all of her classes!

-Lawrence High School Jazz band and Vocal Vibes made it to the State Festival. The festival will take place sometime in March.

-Abyssnee Pelitar came up with an analogy about how difficult it is for underexposed students to pick a major in college. “You're in a candy store, and all of the different candies are majors. You've heard about some different flavors, and they sound good, but how can you know what you'll like right off? There are all of these flavors, and you have only heard of about most of them recently. Since you've never really tasted any of them, you can't really know which flavor is right until you try them”. Words of Wisdom 😊

-Keep checking your e-mail for news on senior college acceptances!

-Upcoming Events!

-Don't forget to mark your calendars for upcoming recruitment presentations!

  Go to guidance and get a pass. 😊

-Senior Scholarship Fest will be this Sunday, March 18th from 2-6pm in the Look House. UB will provide snacks for you to help you get everything done! You can stay as long as you want. Bring your laptop if you have one, maybe a pillow to sprawl out of the floor, and feel free to wear your PJ's! Bring the scholarships you are working on and your senior manual. Also, please bring any financial aid packages you have received.

-March Reunion- On March 25th we will be going to see the Tony Award Winning Broadway play, Red at the Public Theater in Lewiston. Don’t forget to R.S.V.P.

-Happy Birthday!

  Jasmine Partner  March 11
  Morgan Lueck  March 17