

Upward Bound Newsletter



Education by Engagement

WINTER, 2017

Importance of Saturday College Meetings

As we approach the school Holiday Break we want to thank everyone for your participation in Upward Bound and we look forward to continuing our work with each of you in 2018! A major part of this work involves reminding everyone of the importance of attending **ALL** of the remaining Saturday College Meetings. We held our first two meetings this fall and presented college and career readiness activities, featured themed lunches, and began work on a new college portfolio project. We have redesigned the Saturday College Meeting curriculum to lay a stronger foundation for your upcoming UB summer program experience. Additionally your UB faculty members have established Google Classroom sites featuring team expectations and information on your UB assignments. I want to stress the more we are able to accomplish together during our Saturday College Meetings the more flexibility we will enjoy in our summer programing. Our goal is to present each of our participants with the highest quality college preparatory experience possible. We are already working diligently on the summer 2018 program. Your participation at Saturday College Meetings is not only important for your summer success, these meetings are also are meant to be fun events that continue to bring our community back together.

Over the summer we have been able to create a very strong community as we spend a full six weeks together. Once you all separate back into your target school and home communities we want to keep our summer community together and thriving. These meetings give you the opportunity to reconnect with your fellow UB peers, faculty, and staff to check in with you as well. We value and acknowledge all of the wonderful additional activities most of you are participating in during the school year but we really appreciate your efforts to reserve these Saturdays for maintaining and building your Upward Bound Community Connections.

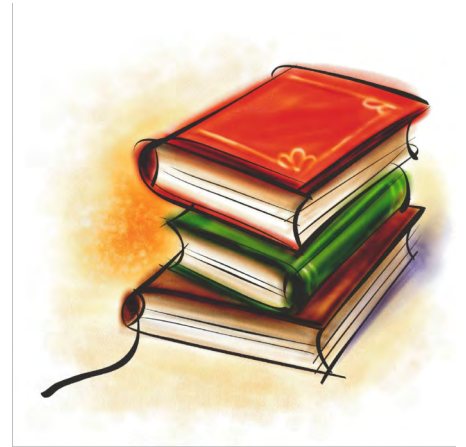
We look forward to seeing you all at our Saturday College Meetings Scheduled in 2018! Please remember to RSVP to the office or JSC Upward Bound Facebook page. If you cannot attend a meeting you are expected to let your Team faculty members know and call the office at (802) 635-1267.



SATURDAY

DECEMBER 16, 2017

★ Annual ★ ★ Bookstore ★ Extravaganza!



BUS SCHEDULE

PICK-UP

8:40am - RJSHS
8:55am - EFHS
9:25am - MVU
9:45am - BFA - St. Albans
9:55am - Maplefields/Georgia
10:30am - Outback Steak House

DROP-OFF

3:00pm - Depart Barnes & Noble
3:40pm - Maplefields/Georgia
4:00pm - BFA - ST. Albans
4:20pm - MVU
4:50pm - EFHS
5:05pm - RJSHS

JSC VAN SCHEDULE

PICK-UP

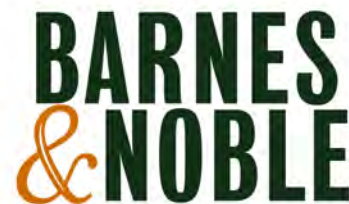
9:00am - McDonalds/Morrisville
9:20am - Johnson Post Office/Sterling Market
9:40am - Madonna Mobil/Jeffersonville
10:30am - Outback Steak House

DROP-OFF

3:00pm - Depart Barnes & Noble
3:50pm - Madonna Mobil/Jeffersonville
4:10pm - Johnson Post Office/Sterling Market
4:30pm - McDonalds/Morrisville

Come celebrate the end of the year
with your Upward Bound friends! RSVP
NOW on the UB Facebook page!

Please indicate if you will be riding the
bus and your Pick-Up & Drop-Off
location.



UB SATURDAY COLLEGE MEETING

January 27, 2018 - Johnson State College

Meeting Schedule

9:30-10am—Sophomores & Juniors Check-in (Stearns Lobby)

10-10:30am—Community Meeting (Stearns Performance Space)

10:30-11:30am—Guest Speaker, Toni Marra, VT Agency of Ed.

Dual Enrollment & Early College Programs

11:30am-12:15pm—Lunch Stearns Cafeteria

12:30-2:00pm—Team Workshops

Sophomores - Dewey 177

Juniors - Stearns Performance Space

2:00 - 2:30 pm—Wrap-Up

(Bus Schedule)

PICK-UPS AT AREA HIGH SCHOOLS:

7:30am - Richford High School

7:50am - Enosburg High School

8:20am - MVU High School

8:45am - BFA – St. Albans

9:45am - Arrive at JSC

DROP-OFFS AT AREA HIGH SCHOOLS:

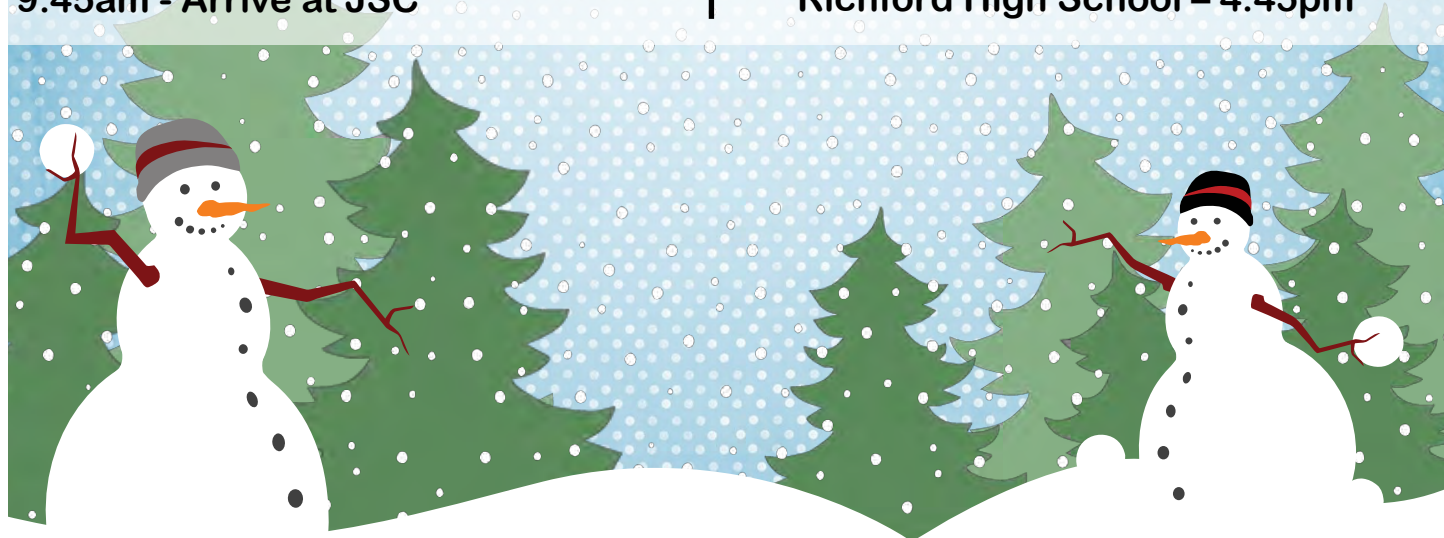
Leave at JSC at 2:30pm

BFA – St. Albans – 3:30pm

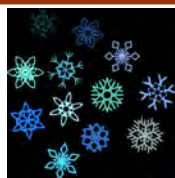
MVU High School – 3:55pm

Enosburg High School – 4:25pm

Richford High School – 4:45pm



Sophomore & Junior Meeting



Upward Bound Upcoming Events



12/16/2017	Bookstore Extravaganza (South Burlington)	Thank you for your hard work! Celebrate the holidays and have Fun
1/27/2017	January Saturday Meeting (JSC)	Sophomores & Juniors Only
1/15 - 2/15	Individual Check-in Meetings	Seniors Only
2/21 - 2/23	Junior Retreat in Connecticut	Juniors Only
3/5/2018	Green Mountain Scholars Bowl	Castleton University
3/29/2018	UB Youth Empowerment Summit	Sophomores & Juniors
3/31/2018	Saturday College Meeting (JSC)	All UB Students Alternative Summer Plans Due
4/18 - 19	JFK Leadership Conference	Applications Due (March 31)
5/12/2018	Saturday College Meeting (JSC)	All Students Summer 2018 Essay Due Summer T-Shirt Design Due
6/17 - 22	New Student Orientation Program	All New Students
6/24 - 6/29	Summer Leadership Experience	All Students
6/30 - 7/26	Summer 2018 Program	All Rising Juniors/Seniors

Youth Empowerment Summit

Sophomores & Juniors

Thursday, March 29th

At UVM

Saturday College Meeting

All Students

Saturday, March 31st

At JSC

Saturday College Meeting

All Students

Saturday, May 12th

At JSC





2017 Sophomore Summit at UVM !

On Wednesday October, 25 JSC Upward Bound sent 13 sophomores to the University of Vermont to attend the Sophomore Summit. This is an annual event put on just for Upward Bound sophomores. Overall about 65 sophomores attended this summit and experienced the UVM campus. The summit featured a tour of the UVM campus, a transcript review workshop led by the admissions staff, and an afternoon workshop to share and discuss how to get the most of their high school experience and tips when completing college applications. Students were also treated to a fabulous lunch in the Harris-Millis dining hall. We want to thank all the sophomores that joined us and took advantage of the opportunity.

Keep motivated. High achievers never give up. Keep going for your family. Your future kids. Sacrifice 4-8 years for 30 years of security for your family. YOU can do this!



UB tools to make smart decisions:

We want you to get the most out of your education. As you soar through your sophomore year, it is important to start building your college resume. Colleges always want to see academically sound students, but they also want well rounded students with lots of interests!

- Work to your potential and take the toughest classes you can do well in.
- Sign-up for extra-curricular activities that interest you, such as sports, clubs, and leadership opportunities.
- Involvement and accomplishment is more important, than the number of activities.
- Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer - a great way to explore your interests and develop leadership skills.
- Keep track of your extra-curricular involvement, volunteer work and employment. Use the UB activities log sheet and create or update your resume.
- Surf the Web and start researching colleges, universities and scholarships.
- Stay on top of your UB assignments & engage in all scheduled activities and meetings.
- Stop by your guidance office to get to know your counselor better and browse through college literature and guidebooks. Also consider meeting with college representatives who visit your school. Have a discussion about your plans to enroll in a dual enrollment class this summer with UB. What is the process for gaining approval to use a voucher next summer.

Do You Know Someone you Think UB Should be Working With?



You can never be overdressed or overeducated.
-----Oscar Wilde



Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.
----- W. B. Yeats



New Student Recruitment Happening Now!

JSC Upward Bound is beginning the 2018 new student recruitment process. We have a limited number of slots available and already have some completed applications in the office for review. This is the time if you know of someone you feel would be interested in joining our community to spread the word. Applications are available in your guidance office as well as with your ISC. In addition to your referrals we will be coming out to the schools to present to groups of students who have been identified as potential candidates for JSC UB! Please keep in mind that Upward Bound is geared toward modest income and first generation students. We appreciate your help in the recruitment process. This is an opportunity for you to brag about how awesome UB is!!!



"Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the word"

----- Nelson Mandela



"He who opens a school door, closes a
prison. "

----- Victor Hugo

"Intelligence plus
character-that is the goal
of true education. "

-----Martin Luther King Jr.

JUNIOR EXPECTATIONS

You successfully completed Team 2 this past summer, earned dual enrollment college credits, taken the PSAT this October and have been offered the opportunity to participate in several leadership activities this year. Upward Bound is following our commitment to you by offering you quality experiences designed to support your dreams of attending college. You have also heard us tell you how important your junior year of high school is for college bound students. So what do you need to be doing? Review our list of the Top 10 Things we feel will best serve you in preparing for team 3 and your senior year of high school. Keep working hard to challenge yourself academically and stay focused. It's not rocket science: the more challenging the classes you enroll in and the better your grades, the closer you are to college readiness and acceptance, as well as the possibility of a better financial aid package. We want all of you to receive the best financial aid possible and your academic record and your resume are two important things you can control. Your parent's income "is what it is" and most of our students will qualify for some need based grant aid. But we would like to help you earn some MERIT based money as well: scholarships based on what you have accomplished throughout your high school career. We look forward to continuing to offer you outstanding educational opportunities to build your academic resume and transcript. Remember Keep Calm, Work hard, and Go to College!

Junior Retreat - Cromwell, CT February 21-23, 2018

The national TRIO Day celebration is one of most exciting activities we sponsor each year. This event will bring some 700 students from throughout New England for a 2-day event complete with college tours, a college fair, a huge dance and college prep workshops. Unfortunately this event will take place just before your winter break so please check now to are in a position to attend. We will need at least 5 students to commit to attending this event in order to for our program to attend this event. Interested students must be in good academic standing to miss several days of school (just before the break). This is a wonderful event and we would love to bring students down to Connecticut, please let us know if you are interested by the January Saturday College Meeting.



Junior Year

TOP 10 THINGS TO FOCUS ON: THIS YEAR:

1. TAKE THE MOST RIGOROUS CLASSES YOU CAN HANDLE
2. KEEP YOUR GPA ABOVE A 3.0
3. Attend UB Saturday College Meetings and Complete UB Assignments
4. PREPARE FOR THE SAT - TURN IN YOUR PSAT SCORES TO UB
5. READ AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
6. KEEP RESEARCHING THE THINGS YOU WANT IN A COLLEGE
7. STAY ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES
8. Attend the March UB Youth Empowerment Leadership Summit
9. Attend the 2018 Junior Retreat in Cromwell, CT
10. Plan on attending the 2018 UB Summer Program!

**WORK HARD & BE
PROUD OF WHAT
YOU ACHIEVE**

bellevuecollege.edu



THE SAT

High School SAT Testing Centers	Code	Location	3/10/18	05/05/18	06/02/18
BFA	46190	South Door from the Parking Lot St Albans, VT 05478	X	X	X
MVU	46187	100 Thunderbird Drive Swanton, VT			X
LUHS	46140	736 Vermont 15 West, Hyde Park, VT 05655	X		
NCUHS	46165	209 Veterans Ave Newport, VT 05855	X	X	X

Below you will see a list of what to bring with you to your test center. In order put these things out the night before, all in one place to avoid a morning rush. Make sure that you know where you are going and where the test will be given. It sounds silly, but we have had students get lost before—don't let this be you! And remember, you are prepared! Good Luck!

1. Your Admission Ticket
2. Photo ID
3. Three No. 2 Pencils with Erasers
4. An Approved Calculator
5. A watch or clock
6. Extra Batteries and back up equipment
7. A Bag or Backpack
8. A drink and a snack (for your break)



SAT

Vermont State College SAT Codes

Champlain College	3291
CCV	3286
Johnson State College	3766
Lyndon State College	3767
University of Vermont	3920
Vermont Technical College	3941
Castleton State College	3765

*** Remember, when you register for the SAT, you need to code in the colleges you are most likely going to apply for admissions to, in order to have your scores sent for FREE!**

WHY COLLEGE VISITS MATTER

CHANCES OF FINDING THE RIGHT COLLEGE WILL ONLY INCREASE WHEN YOU VISIT AS MANY SCHOOLS AS POSSIBLE!

This should not be a hard concept for our students to grasp, but we are always surprised by how many of you find a reason as to why you can't attend these scheduled visits with Upward Bound. We understand when students express they have school work to catch up on, after all your school work does come first. We also understand if it is the weekend of the big game and your team is counting on you to be there. But, otherwise why turn down an opportunity to visit some colleges and increase your exposure to different communities and explore what they have to offer. The reason we spend so much money and invest so much time arranging for students to check out colleges is simple. The more schools you explore the deeper your understanding of what you are looking for in a college increases, as well as the list of things that you don't like. If you never visit a school out of Vermont or never set foot on a campus of 10,000+, how will you know if you feel isolated or elated! Looking at a school's website and talking about it with your peers is great, but nothing compares to physically being there and getting the lay of the land. Your college search may seem overwhelming at times but it should also be an exciting time for you. Maybe the next college we visit will be the perfect fit for you - but you won't know unless you are with us. We announce these trips well in advance so you and your families can schedule around them, yet again too many times we are told, "I have to work" or "I forgot." We want everyone to make the best possible decisions throughout the college application process and these opportunities represent an important step in helping you do just that, making informed decisions. Folks, remember things usually do not get easier as you progress through your high school career so take advantage of these opportunities now. Reminder: Juniors mark your calendars now; we will be traveling to Connecticut in February for the Junior Retreat to check out some colleges.

TRIO Day 2018 College Visits:

Central Connecticut State University and Goodwin College
University of Bridgeport and Sacred Heart University
Fairfield University and St. Vincent College
University of Connecticut at Storrs and Eastern Connecticut State University
Western Connecticut State University and Naugatuck Valley Community College
University of New Haven and Yale University
Southern Connecticut State University and Albertus Magnus College



Limited
Seats
Available

2018 UB Youth Empowerment Leadership Summit

United for Kindness, Acceptance, and Inclusion

Thursday, March 29

We are very pleased to announce we have successfully scheduled the first annual Upward Bound Youth Empowerment Summit at the University of Vermont. This summit will bring together Upward Bound programs from Vermont and upstate New York for a day of unity and positivity. We are inviting all of our sophomores and juniors to attend this important event as we move toward reestablishing our summer community. I am also still looking to identify school ambassadors to assist with the summit planning and logistics. If you are interested please let us know. A complete agenda will be provided to each of you in the coming months as we move forward.

Keynote Speaker: Shaun Derik

For over 10 years, Speaker and Performing Artist, Shaun Derik, has dedicated his life to helping people, young and old, reconnect with their passion and go after their dreams. Through his dynamic message delivery, which is a blend of music and comedy, audience members leave Shaun's presentations feeling motivated and energized; as a result are encouraged to take massive steps towards the achievement of their life-long goals.



JFK LEADERSHIP

Conference

April 18 - 19



Students who are selected to participate in this unique learning opportunity will receive an amazing hands on experience, develop new leadership skills, and travel to Boston. This is truly a wonderful learning opportunity designed to help each participant build their resume while engaging in an intensive leadership building activity. Slots are limited so please complete your application in a thoughtful and thorough manner.

The JFK Leadership Conference is a unique conference that is available to you through your participation in Upward Bound. The conference brings together TRIO students from all over New England for a day filled with workshops, a tour of the JFK Museum and inspirational guest speakers. In addition to the conference you will experience a cultural activity in the city of Boston, MA and participate in a college tour.

Please submit a 500 word essay describing what skills or personal attributes you feel make an effective leader. Essays will be due: March 31, 2018.

UB SENIOR PAGE

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!!!

Upward Bound is looking forward to awarding our seniors a UB scholarship this spring. If you hope to receive a scholarship please keep in mind you must have a completed student profile/account on our UB Dollars For Scholars website to be considered for a UB scholarship. We will be unable to award scholarships to those students who miss the deadlines or fail to complete their student profile. We also strongly encourage everyone to revise your VEOP essay and submit it to the UB office prior to our January 27th Saturday College meeting to be entered into the VEOP Scholarship Competition. You must also have completed your FAFSA and VSAC applications by March 1st to be considered for any scholarship. Once again we are looking forward to awarding you a scholarship this spring. Don't miss out, if you have questions please contact the UB office.



SENIORS TO DO LIST



In just 7 short months, you will be graduating from high school. You have heard this all before, but here are the things you should be working on Now.

- At this point you should have your FAFSA completed and submitted,
- Review application & financial aid deadlines;
- Final check - will any of your colleges require you to complete the CSS Profile? Check at www.collegeboard.org;
- Register & retake the SAT or SAT II (get fee waivers from the UB office);
- Make sure you understand how to send your SAT scores to the colleges you will be applying to;
- Ask, collect & review your teachers, guidance and UB letters of recommendation. Remember to add UB as other Recommender & identify that we are your college access counselor on the common application;
- Keep your focus on your academics and not senior privileges;
- Check-in with your guidance office on a regular basis to assist in getting your application materials out and check for any and all new scholarship opportunities as they become available.



SENIOR INFORMATION Continued.....

Now that almost all of you have or will have your college applications out we can now turn our focus on finding you more money to support your college dreams! You have to understand the cost of college is an issue for every student who attends college -- not just Upward Bound Students. Each grade you improve, each SAT or ACT test that you can move your score higher, or AP exam you study for will only help you pay for this huge investment. Don't coast to the finish of your high school career or get lazy seeking out and applying for scholarship opportunities. To help you in your search we have highlighted a number of scholarship opportunities and deadlines for your review throughout this newsletter.

At our last Saturday College Meeting we discussed the importance of making sure your FAFSA and VSAC grant applications have been completed at this time, if you have NOT completed these please make this a priority for yourself. We also highlighted that each of you should be actively researching any institutional scholarships that may be available at the colleges you are seeking to attend. Make sure to check on the college's website what types of institutional scholarship may be available to first year students and the deadline to apply for these funds. Once you receive word you have been accepted at a school make sure to check your college account on a regular basis so you don't miss out on any grants or scholarships you may qualify for.

This is also a good time to review the VSAC scholarship booklet and identify scholarships you may wish to apply for before the February 16th deadline. You should also share page 2 of the handbook with the people you have asked to write you a recommendation letter so they understand how to format their letter.

Finally we also discussed the new scholarship search engine partnering with the common application called Scholar Snapp. Anyone using the common application can connect their information with the Scholar Snapp profile. Scholar Snapp is a free technology designed to make the scholarship process easier for students. Scholar Snapp helps students apply for a scholarship online and then reuse that information for other scholarship applications without having to reenter the data again and again. Once a student submits their first application to any college via the common application they will see an alert on the Financial Aid Resources tab prompting them to connect with Scholar Snapp. Students will then be asked to either register for an account or log into their already existing account. Hopefully every UB student has seen this already, if not start looking today! With the Scholar Snapp integration, the Common Application can transfer personal data from a student's application directly to their Scholar Snapp account, easing and expediting the process of applying to multiple scholarships. Take a look on the tab or log onto <https://www.scholarsnapp.org/>.

Coming in 2018 - UB Senior Individual Meetings What UB will be looking for from you!

We are very proud of all of you who are taking the steps toward preparing for your college bound future! You've been working very hard on your college and scholarship applications. When school reconvenes in January the UB office will be reaching out to all of our target schools to set up individual meetings with each of you to discuss your progress with the college application and financial aid process. We have attached the following check list of things we will be looking to discuss with you and things we will need copies of from **ALL OF OUR SENIORS!!!**

1. List of colleges you have successfully applied for admission) Need copies of your application for UB file)
2. List of 10 Scholarship Applications (Proof of applications you have applied or will apply to)
3. Proof of completed FAFSA including your Student Aid Report (SAR) and (EFC)
4. Proof of Completed VSAC Grant Application
5. Copies of any College Decision Letters
6. Copies of any Financial Aid or Scholarship Award Letters

Basically, if it has to do with college, we want to see it!

Keep up the good work.

TAKE A CHANCE! IT COULD PAY OFF!

Despite rising college costs and a slow economic growth, many scholarships still go unawarded each year. A recent study estimated that private scholarship aid amounted to between 3.1 and 5.3 billion dollars, of which nearly \$100 million goes unclaimed annually. Each year we ask our students to take the time to research scholarships and create a list that can be organized and used during their senior year. It is no secret that the most motivated students who send out the most applications usually are the ones who walk

into college with more scholarship money to offset their college bills. In fact, each year when we survey our alumni about what they would do differently in their college search process the number one answer is "I wish I would have taken more time to research and apply for scholarships". With literally billions of dollars available in MERIT based scholarships each year you should make the time now to seek out any and all scholarship opportunities that exist. MeritAid.com

provides a comprehensive directory of merit and academic based scholarships from across the country. You should also be researching local scholarships offered through your parent's work, your guidance office, VSAC and of course through FASTWEB and our Dollars For Scholars website.



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**Vermont Student
Assistance Corporation**



*I TOOK A CHANCE AND
APPLIED AND IT PAID OFF*



\$5,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

**For Native American and
First Generation Students**

*who are entering or in a STEM major
at a Vermont College or University*

SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE
AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF:

Academic Standing

Letters of Recommendation

An Essay Detailing Career Goals

The VT EPSCoR Center for Workforce Development and Diversity (CWDD) works to cultivate and prepare a diverse science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) workforce in Vermont by inspiring students to enter STEM careers. As part of our work we are pleased to award \$5,000 scholarships to Native American (including Abenaki) and First Generation college students who enter STEM majors at a Vermont college or university. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic standing, letters of recommendation, and an essay detailing career goals.

To apply for a VT EPSCoR CWDD Student Scholarship, an applicant should be:

A Vermont resident and United States citizen

A graduating senior at a Vermont high school planning to attend a Vermont college during the next academic year, OR a current undergraduate enrolled in a degree program at a Vermont college or university, with a GPA of 3.0 or above Enrolling or enrolled in a STEM major in college Of Native American ancestry OR a first generation college student

Apply Now!

Application Deadline: April 1, 2018

Go to:

www.uvm.edu/~cwdd/scholarships
to complete your online application!



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THE DELL SCHOLARSHIP

The Dell Scholars Program Application opened on November 1, 2017 and we want to encourage each of you to apply. Participation in an Upward Bound program is one of the major criteria used to establish eligibility for this award. The program awards \$20,000 in scholarship money, along with textbook credit, a free laptop, plus technological support throughout your college career. To date, the JSC UB program has had 2 Dell winners and we are looking for number 3! To be eligible to apply for the Dell Scholars Program scholarship, you must the following criteria:

- **Participation in a Michael & Susan Dell Foundation approved college readiness program (Upward Bound) in grades 11 and 12**
- **Graduation from an accredited high school this academic year**
- **A minimum 2.4 GPA**
- **Demonstrated need for financial assistance**
- **Eligibility to receive federal student aid**
- **Plans to enroll full-time in a bachelor's degree program at an accredited higher education institution in the fall directly following your graduation from high school.**

The Dell Scholars program, an initiative of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, recognizes students who have overcome significant obstacles to pursue their educations. In turn, these scholars serve as positive role models and change the trajectories for their siblings, friends and their communities.

To apply and find out more information, log on to www.dellscholars.org.
The application to become a Dell Scholar opened on November 1, 2017. Make sure your application is submitted by the closing date of January 15, 2018.



Two JSC UB members from the class of 2009 received the Dell Scholarship: Michael Mullins (Milton High School) and Scott Moran (Peoples Academy). You could be next!

Phillips Memorial Scholarship

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund offers renewable, four-year scholarships to students with financial need who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others (in school, the community or at home), a strong work ethic, grit and passion for overcoming obstacles and/or achieving future goals, and leadership qualities. In 2017, 1,228 students submitted applications, with 136 receiving new awards generally ranging from \$3,000 to \$18,000. During the 2017-2018 cycle, The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded over \$3 million in new and renewal awards.

Regular Deadline – 12 Noon, May 1, 2018. Begin your online application early enough to be thorough in your responses and to give your recommenders time to respond to recommendation requests. The application includes one formal essay and a few short responses, as well as information about your academics, activities, employment experience and financial need at the college you have chosen to attend. Applicants will be notified of decisions in late June.

Early Response Deadline – 12 Noon April 3, 2018. Available for high school students who have their financial aid information from the college they plan to attend. By meeting all requirements of this application by the deadline, students will receive a decision before the common reply date of May 1st. The first 300 applications submitted by April 3rd will be considered. (All applicants submitting an application beyond the initial 300 will be notified by email and then considered.)

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be permanent residents of New England but may attend college anywhere in the United States.
- Applicants must be United States citizens, or noncitizens with a current lawful presence in the United States and who are authorized to work.
- High school seniors entering college and returning college students attending accredited U.S. colleges or universities full-time are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Awards are limited to students in undergraduate study and to those seeking their first bachelor's degree at a four year college.
- Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to apply.
- The award is renewable up to a total of four undergraduate years providing there is continued financial eligibility and the student maintains a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- All grants will be paid directly to the institution.
- Awards range generally from \$3,000 to \$18,000.



APPLY NOW

How To Apply:

Visit www.phillips-scholarship.org for information about applying for the scholarship.

There is an application for high school students and an application for college students. There is also an Early Response option for high school students described below. **All applications will be available online by early January 2018.** Before beginning the application, use the financial calculator on the Phillips website to be sure that you qualify financially. Please keep in mind that:

-86% of newly awarded students in 2017 had family AGIs of less than \$80,000

-81% of newly awarded students in 2017 had federal EFCs of less than \$5,000

Past JSC UB Scholars include:

Mallory Jones '12, Emily Mulvihill '12, Mercedes Sauve '13, Heather Mercy '13, Emily Paron '14, Daniel Whyte '16, Kylee Willette '16, and Natalee Deaette '17. Each of our scholars were awarded between \$2,000 and \$8,000 per year for four years towards their tuition, room and board expenses.

Let the UB office know if you would like to plan to apply, our office will write you a stellar recommendation and provide you with more information.



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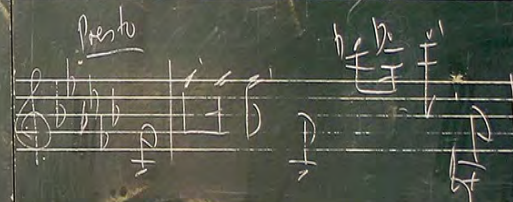
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The Upward Bound Office would like to send out some friendly reminders concerning communication between you all and the office. Whenever we have upcoming events we will post them on Facebook and ask for RSVP's. Your ISC should also check in with you concerning your attendance at UB events. If you are not Friends with JSC Upward Bound on Facebook please add us. We will also be reaching out using school messenger and your VTTRIO email accounts. Knowing in advance who will be attending UB sponsored events will allow us to budget our grant funds more appropriately and know how many students to plan around at upcoming events.

In addition, your VT Trio email account is the official way in which the office will contact you, and as stated in your expectations contract you should be regularly checking this email account. You all are always welcome to give us a call or text us, if there is anything you need from the office!

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