### January 2017 UPWARD BOUND JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE



## **Bookstore Meeting!**

On Saturday, December 17th Johnson State College Upward Bound students, alumni, and In School Coordinators had the opportunity to get together for an end of the year celebration. The snowy weather couldn't stop our holiday cheer! Students road in on the Upward Bound Holiday Coach Bus where they watched themed movies and enjoyed delicious snacks. The day started at The Outback Steakhouse in South Burlington. Attendees were served lunch and students and alumni had the opportunity to participate in the gift exchange extravaganza.

Goodies ranged from cameras to pillows, and each student walked away with prizes of their choice. The big winners of the day included UB Senior, Ashley LaBelle from Bellows Free Academy. Ashley walked away with the HP OMEN Laptop. Reanne Singleton, Sophomore at Richford High School won a pair of diamond earrings! Following the lunch and give-away, students and alum headed over to Barnes and Nobel where they were able to pick out a book of their choice. Next, students spent the afternoon shopping in the University Mall before they headed home.





## JANUARY 28, 2017 SATURDAY COLLEGE MEETING

#### Schedule of the Day:

10:00-10:30 - Arrive at Stearns Performance Space

10:30-11:00 - Community Meeting 11:00-12:30 Morning Workshops

12:30-1:00 Lunch

- 1:30-2:20 Afternoon Workshops
- 2:30 Meeting concludes & Students Depart

Please remember that these meetings are mandatory. Plan ahead to be sure that you can attend. By missing Saturday College Meetings you are missing important information. We look forward to seeing you all on January 28th!

| TEAM 1   | TEAM 2   | TEAM 3   |
|--|--|--|
| UB Staff: Kali   | UB Staff: Tony & Gary  | UB Staff: Sonja & Matt Mitchell  |
| You will be participating in an activity<br>revolving around long term planning and<br>Virtual Job Shadow. We will also be<br>talking about your Dual Enrollment<br>voucher! | You will be participating in a workshop<br>geared toward team 3 preparation<br>including a conversation about<br>internships, dual enrollment and college<br>applications! | This workshop will include all things<br>financial aid/VSAC/and scholarship. You<br>don't want to miss out on this check in! |
| BEFORE THE MEETING:  |  |  |
| Please log in to your Virtual Job Shadow<br>account. If you need help remembering<br>your username or password please<br>contact the office!                                 |  |  |
| <image/>   |  |  |

## **NEW STUDENT RECRUITMENT**



JSC Upward Bound is beginning the 2017 new student recruitment process. We have a limited number of slots available and already have come 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!!!

## **JUNIOR RETREAT**

Juniors! We will be headed down to Warwick Rhode Island February 22nd-24th. On this retreat you will have the opportunity to mingle with over 600 talented, first generation college bound students (much like yourself!) from the New England and New York areas. There will be college tours and a college fair! Please note that you will have to miss school that Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. In order to join us on the retreat you must be in good academic standing and in good standing with Upward Bound. This means that you are regularly attending center meetings, other UB events and that your assignments are completed. You will need to meet with your High School instructors to make plans for any assignments you may be missing! Please have your applications in by the January 28th Saturday Meeting limited seats are available.



#### 2nd Annual TRIO is Working Day March 25, 2017



TRIO Programs across Vermont and Northern New York will engage in service learning projects at college campuses and local communities to show what our programs can accomplish when working together.

This year's project will be geared around the issue of College Students being food insecure. This day will present an opportunity for TRIO students to come together to raise awareness on this issue. We will work to create food shelves on college campuses, hold a food drive, and receiving education on how we can make a difference! You won't want to miss out on this exciting opportunity!



#### **JFK LEADERSHIP** April 19-20



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 different states. 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 do a college tour.

Please contact your ISC or the UB office for an application. Applications will also be made available via your VTTRIO.org emails and on Dollars for Scholars. Applications due: March 25, 2017.

# **2017 Basket Raffle**

This year, the formerly known "Rock for Education" Fundraiser takes on a new look. It's time to start gearing up for the 2017 BOUNCE FOR EDUCATION Fundraiser. Each center is expected to put a basket together by **January 28, 2017.** All of the money that is raised will go directly to the Upward Bound scholarship fund. Students will soon receive fundraiser materials to begin selling raffle tickets. When purchasers buy raffle tickets they will be able to choose which basket they would like to win. Once all seven baskets have been won, the remaining tickets will be placed into a final drawing for the grand prize. New this year: students will have the ability to sell tickets ONLINE through Dollars for Scholars! The 2017 Bounce for Education will be held at JSC on April 29th.

#### SENIORS: WHATEVER FUNDS YOU RAISE WILL GO DIRECTLY BACK TO YOU IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS. IF YOU SELL \$100 IN RAFFLE TICKETS, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$100 IN SCHOLARSHIPS. IT IS UP TO YOU. GET OUT THERE EARLY AND SELL THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS!



### **Seniors: What UB needs 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. Please don't forget that we need to know what's going on. We will need copies of the following from **ALL SENIORS!!!** 

> List of colleges you've applied to. Scholarsip Applications Letters of Recommendations Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA Proof of Completed VSAC Grant Applicatoin College Decision Letters Financial Aid Award Letters Final Deposit Confirmation

Basically, if it has to do with college, we want to see it! Keep up the good work.

#### UB Gets involved in Community Service Projects!



The Enosburg crew raised money to buy mittens to keep local kids warm this winter. They raised the money for the mittens by selling paper cut-outs in their community and attended the Saint Albans Tractor Parade where they held a bake sale. The group than took a trip to Khols to purchase the mittens at a discounted rate.





Bellows Free Academy students volunteered at the International Festival at the Champlain Valley Exposition Center. Students helped vendors and sold lunch tickets!





Peoples Academy, Lamoille Union High School, North Country Union High School and Lyndon State College UB volunteered with Warm the Children: A program dedicated to providing new, warm winter clothing to local school aged children. The Pick and Shovel in Newport hosts the program and has been for the past 10 years!





Richford High School UB students spent the day at a local senior center pampering residents with manicures and exchanging stories.





## PLEASE CHECK YOUR VTTRIO.ORG EMAIL DAILY.

UB Staff is always sending important information to your VTTRIO emails. If you are not checking your account frequently you are going to miss out!

Tony Blueter Program Director Tony.Blueter@vttrio.org 802-635-1268 Kali Colapietro Assistant Director Kali.Colapietro@vttrio.org 802-635-1269 Sonja Bracey Student Development Coordinator Sonja.Bracey@vttrio.org 802-635-1267