

January 25, 2018

Dear Upward Bound Juniors and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We are very excited to pass along more information about the **2018 National TRIO Day Conference for Juniors!** TRIO Day will be **Wednesday, February 21st – Friday, February 23rd** at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, Connecticut and is a yearly celebration of the legislation that was passed by then President Lyndon Johnson almost 40 years ago. This unique conference will feature college tours, a college fair, a scholars' bowl competition, a dance, workshops and guest speakers.

A permission form, college tour selection form, complete itinerary of the conference, packing list and contact information are included in this packet.

Juniors should arrive at the Upward Bound Office on the JSC campus at **7:45 AM on Wednesday, February 21st** – we will leave Johnson State College at 8 am, so it is very important that you arrive on time! Students should be picked up at the Upward Bound Office on the JSC campus **from 3-3:30 PM on Friday, February 23rd.**

Juniors should be sure to keep current with Upward Bound assignments. Any past due assignments are due prior to the day we leave. **In order to attend, students must be up to date with their Junior Assignments, are in good academic standing at their high school and return a signed permission form with college tour RSVP by the deadline, February 16th -** no permission form = no room = no go.

Once we have a signed permission form and college tour RSVP, we will ask your student's high school principal to excuse the student for an **excused absence for Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**. A note from a parent/guardian will also need to be provided to the school, requesting an excused absence.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us,

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To RSVP:

The colleges that your student can choose to tour are:

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

A. Choose the student's top three college tour picks (there is no guarantee they will tour their picks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Student's Name _____

C. Sign the permission form, contained in this packet

D. Contact the Upward Bound office with the above information before February 16th, 2018 via Facebook, phone 802-635-1267, by mailing the permission form to the address below, by fax 802-635-1490 or handing the signed permission form & RSVP form to the UB In School Coordinator.

All travel, hotel, and eating arrangements have been made by the Upward Bound program.

If you have any questions regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact Upward Bound at 802-635-1267.

We look forward to a very positive and productive trip with your student!

Upward Bound at Johnson State College
337 College Hill
Johnson, Vermont 05656

Junior Retreat/TRIO Day 2018 Tentative Schedule

Radisson Hotel, Cromwell, CT

Day 1: Wednesday, February 21st

Time	Scheduled Event w/Smith College Tour
7:45 – 8 AM	Arrive & Check-in at JSC
8:15 AM	Depart JSC
8:15 – 11:45 AM	Travel to Northampton, MA
12 – 12:45 PM	Lunch
1 – 2 PM	Smith College Campus Tour
2 – 3 PM	College Informational Session
3 – 5 PM	Travel to Cromwell, CT
5:15 – 6 PM	Check In & unpack
6 – 7:30 PM	Dinner near Cromwell, CT
8 – 10 PM	Hotel Free Time
10 – 10:30 PM	Room Time and Lights Out

Day 2: Thursday, February 22nd

Time	Scheduled Event
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast and Workshop
11:00 – 11:30 AM	TRIO Day Kickoff and Lunch
11:30 - Noon	Departure for College Tours
Noon – 5:30 PM	College Tours
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 – 8:00 PM	Break before Evening Activities
8:00 – 10:45 PM	Evening Activities and Dance
11:00 PM	Room Time and Lights Out

Day 3: Friday, February 23rd

Time	Scheduled Event
7:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00 AM	College Fair
10:00 – Noon	Depart CT and head back to Vermont
Noon – 1:00 PM	Lunch Stop
3-3:30 PM	Arrive back at JSC for Student Pick-up by parent/guardian

Upward Bound Junior Retreat

**Wednesday, February 21st –
Friday, February 23rd, 2018**

HOTEL CONTACT INFORMATION

**Radisson Hotel, Cromwell, CT
(860) 635-2000
100 Berlin Road
Cromwell, CT**

UPWARD BOUND STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Sonja Bracey's Cell (FOR TRIP ONLY): 802-696-8073

Packing List

Johnson State College Upward Bound

- **Your UB Assignments both current and anything past due.**
- Students may bring cell phones – appropriate use is expected. No cell phone use during college tours, workshops, reality fair etc.
- **A Day Bag** – On our way down we will be visiting some colleges.
- **A Pen/Writing Utensils**
- **Water bottle- (refillable)**
- **Toiletries** - toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lens solution, etc
- **Prescription Medications** – must be turned in to UB Staff upon arrival
- **Comfortable walking shoes – sneakers/boots.** You may want to bring two pairs of comfortable shoes.
- **Enough clothes for 2 days.** Bring some casual clothes nice enough for college visits and dress in layers. You may also want one pair of jeans, t-shirts, and shirts.
- **Jacket (warm)** – Tours will still proceed in the snow.
- **Set of casual clothes** - for the dance.
- **Swimsuit** – if time allows we may swim
- **Pajamas**
- **A working watch**
- **A camera (if you bring one it is YOUR responsibility)**

What NOT to bring:

- Any personal item you don't want stolen, lost or misplaced.
- An excessive amount of spending money- **Don't bring over \$25 - you won't have a lot of time to shop.** All meals are covered by UB.
- **You won't need sheets or pillows on this trip,** as we are staying in a hotel.