The Upward Bound Program recently concluded one of the most competitive recruiting seasons in recent memory by adding 32 new members this December. We selected these students from a HUGE pool of applicants and deserve to be commended for being accepted!

**Juniors**
- Lio Garcia (Stephenville)
- Nimzy Landeros (Stephenville)
- Dustin Robinson (Walnut Springs)

**Sophomores**
- Christina Alejo (Gustine)
- Taytum Atchison (Dublin)
- Diana Cabellero (Dublin)
- Mayra Calderon (Dublin)
- Israel Cordova (DeLeon)
- Ebony Gonzales (DeLeon)
- Cristofer Lopez (Comanche)

**Freshmen**
- Dayana Lopez (Gustine)
- Debanhi Mendoza (Stephenville)
- Daniel Pina (Comanche)
- Melina Rico (Walnut Springs)
- Eduardo Rios (Comanche)
- Jonathan Gomez-Tamayo (Comanche)
- Jesus Aguilar (Lingleville)
- Elpida Cervantes (Comanche)
- Miguel Felipe (Dublin)
- Angela Guerrero (Comanche)
- Griselda Hernandez (Dublin)
- Aldo Herrera (Dublin)
- Brianna Karasek (Dublin)
- Alexas Merimon (Iredell)
- Lizbeth Noguez (Comanche)
- Pablo Pantoja (Dublin)
- Blair Pearson (Huckabay)
- Savanna Potter (Iredell)
- Claudia Ramirez (Gustine)
- Crystal Rios (Gustine)
- Melannie Victoria (Comanche)
- Jala Watts (Stephenville)

**Getting To Know You—Some Interesting Facts About A Few New Members**

- **Debanhi Mendoza** performed at the 2014 Sugar Bowl game.
- **Nimzy Landeros’** favorite movie is The Passion Of The Christ.
- **Jonathan Gomez-Tamayo** likes to work on cars.
- **Taytum Atchison** goes by the nickname “Taytay.”
- **Dayana Lopez** lists a penguin as her favorite animal.
- **Lizbeth Noguez** watches The Walking Dead on TV.
- **Cristofer Lopez** is a fan of Channing Tatum.
- **Angela Guerrero’s** favorite color is turquoise.
- **Melina Rico** enjoys art class.
- **Jala Watts** belongs to a Cosplay Club.
- **Griselda Hernandez** likes to eat at Golden Corral.
- **Brianna Karasek** enjoys snacking on sunflower seeds.
- **Israel Cordova’s** favorite band is Linkin Park.
- **Pablo Pantoja’s** favorite cartoon is Tom & Jerry.

- **Elpida Cervantes** once had a lot of fun being part of her sister’s wedding.
- **Eduardo Rios** likes dogs.
UB Celebrates Major Milestone

Upward Bound celebrated its 50th Anniversary this past October 11th during the TSU Homecoming Festivities.

We are one of several college access programs known collectively as “TRIO” projects that were established under President Lyndon Johnson’s 1964 War on Poverty initiative. Today, almost 1,000 programs across America serve more than 80,000 students from demographic groups that are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education.

Over a hundred past and present Upward Bound members marched in the Homecoming parade and enjoyed a reception in the campus Dining Hall. This celebration was especially inspirational for the current students, as they were able to meet and socialize with the many returning Upward Bound alumni who have preceded them in graduating from college and finding success in a variety of careers including health care, education, law enforcement, and business.

Since being introduced to the Tarleton campus in 1981, this Project has served almost a thousand high school students from the rural areas of North Central Texas. This Homecoming celebration served as a reminder of the sustained success of TRIO programs such as Upward Bound.

Halloween with UB

Following the October 18th meeting, UB students participated in a pumpkin carving contest that was organized by TSU Communications majors. Our kids displayed great creativity in this competition, building jack-o-lanterns that simultaneously celebrated pride in the university as well as the creepiness befitting the Halloween season.

More Holiday Festivities with UB

UB closed out the Fall semester with a special holiday meeting on December 13th. This morning, our students made a variety of Christmas decorations and crafts that were to be given to special teachers back at their high schools.

A Final Note For Our New Students:

As many of our students are already aware, the Upward Bound Project has a Facebook page. We encourage all of our students as well as parents to add us as friend. We frequently post announcements on our wall. Making this yet another means by which everyone can stay abreast of the most current UB-related news.

Also, it may be convenient for many students to send their grades via Facebook message. Please… DO NOT post it on our wall or as a status update!!!

UB Hosts Career Day

UB was pleased to begin the Academic Year by hosting a Career Day during the first Saturday meeting of the Fall. A total of ten professionals representing a wide range of careers met with our students and shared real-life experiences relating to their fields of employment. Many of these guests and presenters were UB alumni who, in addition to providing inspiration to the current students, definitively proved that TRIO works!

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[Apologies to any of the new UB students who may have been left off of this list!]

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