

Bound for Success

Upward Bound: Learning to Teach and Teaching to Learn

Upward Bound, a federally funded program to assist high school students in preparing for college, has helped more than 1,200 area high schoolers in the 20 years of its existence on campus. During a six-week summer session, high school students take college-preparatory classes and attend social activities while living on the NMSU campus.

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High school students aren't the only ones who are "upward bound" from the experience. In its history, the program has employed hundreds of NMSU students and graduates who, while in the program, learn as much as the high school students.

Seven NMSU students and recent graduates are part of the 14-member summer staff preparing for this year's program which begins today. They are Melody Marcantonio, Doug Teel, Don Montgomery, Stan Vajdic, Bridget Trainor, Tina Irvin and Tracy Shwalter.

Certified teachers teach classes ranging from computer science to algebra and residence hall staff are in charge of the participants during the students' free time. The faculty this year consists of seven public school teachers as well as current NMSU students and graduates. Resi-

dence hall staff are NMSU students who familiarize the high school students with the college lifestyle.

"That (the residence hall job) is a 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week job," said Upward Bound Director Wayne Newman. "The staff has to be father, brother and manager, all at the same time."

"Sometimes, a staff member will work 13 days straight, 24 hours a day. It takes a strong person to hold down that kind of job," said Assistant Director Lana Brown.

Competition is tough for a position with Upward Bound. The program provides not only valuable professional experience for NMSU students, but also a summer income.

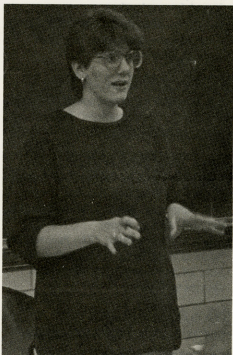
The administrative staff screens the applicants carefully. They are looking for successful NMSU students with teaching certification and experience. They also want college students who can relate to teens who are unsure about college.

"We look for someone who has had to overcome some hurdles in their education so they can relate to the high school student. They have to be mature, responsible, and have a professional attitude," Brown said.

The benefits to the NMSU students go beyond the professional. Jeanne Casady, Upward Bound academic coordinator, notes how the program allows the staff to plan, implement and wrap up a program all within six weeks. This process, she said, takes more than a year in most professional jobs.

Marcantonio is a two-year veteran of Upward Bound, this year teaching part of the journalism class and advising production of the Upward Bound yearbook. She speaks of the close ties developed among students and staff during the program.

"A family-type feeling develops," she said. "After working constantly with 40 to 50 high school students, you become so close to them."



Melody Marcantonio instructs a news-writing class during last year's program.

How do NMSU students feel after getting into a program where "the demand is high, the hours are long and the intense is great?"

"After it's all over, it's incredibly hard leaving," Marcantonio said.

This Summer

JUNE

8 MONDAY

- Free add/drop
- 8 a.m.-4 p.m.—ATO book sale, SUB, Activities Room, through Wednesday

9 TUESDAY

- Free add/drop
- Last day to enroll and/or add classes

10 WEDNESDAY

- \$5 Change-of-schedule fee begins

11 THURSDAY

- 9 a.m.-5 p.m.—Elementary music workshop, SUB, Activities Room. Also Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in the SUB, Activities Room

13 SATURDAY

- 9 p.m.-midnight—Kirk Academy dance, SUB, Activities Room

16 TUESDAY

- Last day to receive refund for withdrawal from school
- Last day to drop courses without a code
- 9 a.m.-noon—Reception for transfer students, SUB, also June 17

17 WEDNESDAY

- 6 p.m.—SAB ice cream social, SUB mall
- 7 p.m.—"101 Dalmations" free SAB movie in Baldwin Auditorium

18 THURSDAY

- 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.—Regional Advisory Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, SUB, Tangerine Room; luncheon held in the SUB, Alumni Room
- 8 p.m.—Summerplay, "The Fantasticks," Baldwin Hall, Little Theater, through June 20 and June 25-27. All performances at 8 p.m.

20 SATURDAY

- Baldwin Academy begins, through Aug. 7

23 TUESDAY

- Last day to drop classes with a code

26 FRIDAY

- Applications for graduation due at the Registrar's Office for all undergraduates (both four-year degree and one- and two-year certificate candidates)

27 SATURDAY

- 7:30 p.m.-midnight—Kirk Academy dance, SUB, Activities Room

30 TUESDAY

- 2-5 p.m.—Retirement reception for Capt. Olin Johnson, SUB, Alumni Room

JULY

1 WEDNESDAY

- 7 p.m.—SAB Jazz on the Quad II, in front of Baldwin Auditorium
- 7:30-10 p.m.—Baldwin Academy activities, SUB, Alumni Room

3 FRIDAY

- 11 a.m.—Board of Governors meeting, SUB, Conference Room

7 TUESDAY

- 5 p.m.—End of first summer session

8 WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 a.m.—Regular registration, registration hallway, A/H
- Classwork begins

9 THURSDAY

- Free add/drop
- 8 p.m.—Summerplay, "A Thurber Carnival," Baldwin Hall, Little Theater, through July 10, also July 16-17 and 24-25. All performances at 8 p.m.

10 FRIDAY

- Free add/drop
- Last day to enroll and/or add classes
- 9 p.m.-midnight—Kirk Academy dance, SUB, Activities Room

13 MONDAY

- \$5 change-of-schedule fee begins

14 TUESDAY

- 11 a.m.-4 p.m.—Bloodmobile, SUB, Activities Room

15 WEDNESDAY

- Dusk—Free SAB movie, "E.T. The Extra Terrestrial," Red Barn Park; 7 p.m., in case of rain Baldwin Auditorium

16 THURSDAY

- Last day to receive refund for withdrawal from school
- Last day to drop courses without a code
- 6-8:30 p.m.—Upward Bound dinner, SUB, Alumni Room

23 THURSDAY

- Last day to drop classes with a code
- 7 a.m.-4 p.m.—Division of Family Sciences food service workshop, SUB, Activities Room; luncheon held in the

SUB, Georgian Room

27 MONDAY

- 7-8:30 p.m.—Welcoming reception for Japanese students involved in Japanese Language and Cultural Studies Program, SUB, Conference Room

29 WEDNESDAY

- 7 p.m.—SAB, "An Evening with Mark Twain," SUB, Georgian Room

AUGUST

3 MONDAY

- 5:30-10 p.m.—Farm Credit Service, SUB, Georgian Room

6 THURSDAY

- 7-9:30 p.m.—Talent show by the students in the Japanese Language and Cultural Studies Program, SUB, Activities Room
- 5 p.m.—End of second summer session

7 FRIDAY

- Board of Governors meeting, SUB, Conference Room
- 7:30 p.m.—Commencement

NOTES

- The English Language and American Culture workshop and exchange program with Hosei University, Tokyo, seeks a male intern to work with Japanese students when they visit the campus, July 22-Aug. 13. Anyone interested should contact Ann McEndarfer at 785-4520 or 665-2321 as soon as possible. Applications may be picked up in the Division of Language and Literature Office.
- Students who wish to renew work-option scholarships may work in Pickler Memorial Library. Students are needed to bar code collections to achieve total computerization of the circulation system. For more information, contact the Dean of Students Office, A/H 204, 785-4111.

NOTABLES

- Jim Barnes, professor of English, has had a poem, "La Plata, Missouri: The Pastor's Farewell," accepted for publication in Poetry Wales.