

NEWSLETTER



First and foremost... Welcome to the UBR- TRIO Program

Upward Bound Rural would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members! We are excited to meet all the new students and parents. Last year, we were slowly starting to rebuild from suffering the effects of COVID. However, I am proud to say that we have accepted 27 new members from our three target schools. We could not have regained momentum without the help and support of the administration at Sinton High School, Odem-Edroy High School and George West High School.

Let us work together to provide your students with a world of opportunities for their education and for a prosperous future. Please take the time to learn about our program and how we impact your school and the students in our program:
<http://coastalbend.edu/ubrural>

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UBR is a TRIO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. We are one of 8 TRIO programs that consist of several types of Upward Bound, Talent Search, and Student Support Services, to name a few.

Learn more about TRIO programs at <http://www2ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html>

Program Requirements

- Attend 5 Saturday Meetings
- Complete 9 mentoring sessions
- Remain in good academic standing
- Adhere to the program's rules and requirements during outings and events

UBR Students Toured Houston Astros Stadium

Every summer Upward Bound Rural program members take a trip to tour colleges, visit stadiums, museums, zoo's and to attend performances. The picture above is a trip we took to the Houston / Galveston Area and toured the Minute Maid Stadium, home of the Houston ASTROS! Students who end the year in good academic standing and meet the program requirements are eligible to attend the trip in July.

Below is a photo from the AT&T Stadium.

UBR Students Toured Dallas Cowboy AT&T Stadium



What We've Done SO Far



September

We kicked off fall 2022 with TSI testing. Summer teacher, Rebecca Hernandez, conducted a Math TSI boot camp first thing in the morning, students tested, and we ended the day with moon jump shoe races. Program member Ethan Pena showed off his pitching skills as he threw water balloons at the opponent team's moon shoe racer.

October

UBR Success Coach, Stephanie Hollis, took a group of students to Javelina Preview Day at Texas A&M University - Kingsville.

For our Saturday Meeting, Susanna Yzaguirre, CBC Financial Aid Advisor, helped our seniors and their parents with completing the FAFSA (Financial Aid Application for College). The underclassmen (those who are not seniors), learned about saving, budgeting, financial aid, and the college terminology for loans during a Financial Literacy workshop. We had a costume contest and a pumpkin painting good time.



November

For the month of giving thanks, we visited the Ark Assessment Center and Emergency Shelter.

Students learned about disadvantaged children in our local community and how they can make a difference. In addition, we participated in a team building event playing Knocker ball at Camp Zephyr.

Later that month, in observance of National Day of Giving, students and their families gathered gently used items for donating on November 29th.

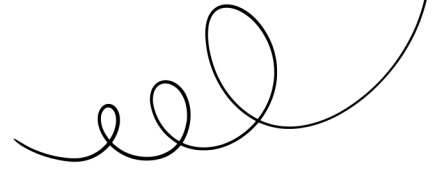


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December

We gave our students a cultural experience and made the long drive to San Antonio, Texas to watch a musical at the Majestic Theater! Afterward, we ate at Bubba Gumps on the Riverwalk.



January

We started the spring semester hopping right into another TSI boot camp and testing day. In addition, we visited Yougeen Adventures for a STEM mining activity with rocks and minerals. Students navigated their way out of an outdoor maze and some even tried a friendly, but competitive game of air soft.



February

We participated in the National TRIO Day event at Texas A&M- University-Corpus Christi (TAMUCC). Students in TRIO programs from around the Coastal Bend areas collected hygiene products and food for the on-campus food pantry as their service event. The Mayor of Corpus Christi, Paulette Guajardo shared her testimonial and signed an official proclamation in observance of our National TRIO Day. Then we toured the TAMUCC campus and learned about their programs, degree options, and student activities.



What is Coming Up

March

We will be having a Mini Cougar Days event on the 25th with Success Coach, Angie Abrigo-Villarreal at Coastal Bend College (CBC) campus in Beeville, Texas. This will be in preparation for our Summer Component where we bring students to take classes and stay at the dorms for the month of June. This is also considered the Summer Bridge Program for our graduating seniors who gain the UBR scholarship for college credit classes. This Saturday meeting is MANDATORY for all students and parents. Come learn about what we have in store!

May

Saturday, May 6th, we will enjoy a baseball game at the Corpus Christi Hooks stadium. Students must first complete an online workshop the night before which will be based on careers in the sports industries.

Our annual Hooks game concludes our academic Saturday Meetings so that students can focus on finishing the 2023 school year and may prepare for our summer program!

July

With the end of our summer program, we use July for our summer trips. Which are usually the third or fourth week of the month! Get excited, because we sure are!

Keep up to date with what we are doing by checking out your remind app.

Not signed up? Use the QR code below to join.

Also, find us on Facebook (@cbcupwardboudrural) and Instagram(@cbc_ubr) to see the latest photos of what we've been up to.

April

Saturday, April 22nd we will be exploring careers in Education and Kinesiology. In addition, we will have a TSI make up day for those students who have not yet passed. Remember students, you do not need to be testing to attend these Saturday meetings. Afterwards, we will be ending the day with team building exercises at Sammy's Burgers.

June

Starting May 30th through July 7th is our summer program, where we will be having 4 TRIO Thursday events on the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd with our sister program UB and both Talent Search programs! Also, be on the lookout for information about our banquet.

August

During this month, we use it to recoup from the long summer months, and begin our planning for the academic and summer year to come! We can't wait for you to see what we have planned!

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