I am often asked what “TRIO” stands for. What does the acronym mean? Well, “TRIO” is not an acronym so the letters T-R-I-O actually don’t stand for anything in particular. My usual explanation is that TRIO Upward Bound is one of eight federally-funded programs charged to work with students who are economically disadvantaged, first-generation to college, or have disabilities. Our purpose is to provide additional academic support to our participants, helping them stay in school, graduate and/or transfer on to a university. In addition, I include that Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 initially created three programs designed to help low-income students persist through college. These three programs – Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound, and Student Support Services became known as the TRIO Programs.

My long-winded answer bothered me because it really didn’t get to the heart of what we do – and launching into an explanation of our services still didn’t capture the essence of “What does TRIO stand for?” I believe this sums it up best:

- TRIO stands for promoting educational access and opportunity for students from low-income and first generation backgrounds, and for students who have disabilities.
- TRIO stands for students so that they have the opportunity to succeed, so they have a better chance of beating the statistics.
- Statistically, the less education a head of a household has completed, the lower the family income.
- But that creates a terrible cycle, because the lower a student's family income, the less likely they are to...
  - graduate from high school
  - enroll in college
  - persist in college
  - graduate from college

By helping students to stay in and graduate from high school, to enroll in college, and graduate from college, TRIO helps students break that cycle and beat the statistics.

I like it! TRIO stands for access, for opportunity, for fairness…and most of all, TRIO stands for students. I hope you like it too.

I hope you are having the best semester of your academic career thus far! As always, we are here for you if you need anything.
Why Do I Need a Tutor???

“But, Mrs. K… I have B’s and C’s! I don’t NEED a tutor!”

Yes you do! Here’s why:

Many students and their parents have been contacting me to discuss their frustration with tutoring. Many site the inconvenience of travel to the tutoring site, the time it takes to tutor, the extra work, parent and student work schedules, athletic, theater and musical commitments and the list goes on and on.

Some of you have feelings that tutoring is only for students who are “in trouble” or failing a class. While tutoring is definitely a good option for someone who is in danger of failing a class, the truth of the matter is that by the time you realize you are failing a class it is probably too late for tutoring to be of much help.

So, let’s back up and think about the focus of the Upward Bound program. Our number one goal is to help you to be accepted and successful in the college environment. There are two main areas of importance when you consider college acceptance. The first is your grade point average, the second is your ACT score.

“But, I know lots of kids who were accepted to top tier colleges with only a 2.5 and 3.0 GPA!” This is true. And the same can happen for you. But, then you have to figure out how you are going to pay for it!

Being accepted to college and being able to afford it are two different things! The best way to finance your college education is to have it paid for in scholarships and grants. This is money that does not have to be paid back! And how do you think you will qualify for a number of these scholarships? Grades!

Tutoring IS a commitment of both time and money. It is your responsibility to be on time for your scheduled tutoring appointments. You must come prepared and ready to study hard! Upward Bound takes care of the cost.

Whether you are a 2.0 or 4.0 student, tutoring is always a great resource. My expectation for every Upward Bound student is straight A’s and high ACT scores. This is accomplished by dedication to your studies and the desire to succeed. You were hand-picked for this program because of your proven desire to attend college. I believe in you!

UB CHS STUDENTS’ GOALS FOR 2015

- Finish the year with a 4.0 GPA
- Get all my homework done
- Make an impact on my community
- Raise my Chemistry & Algebra II grades
- Get better grades
- Improve my drawing skills
- Pass my driver’s license test
- Get accepted into the Middle College program at OTC
- Do a better NHD paper than last year
- Try harder in school & never give up
- Work out
- Be more social
- Pass my Classes
- Drink less Dr. Pepper
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

TAYLOR HUFF

Taylor is a senior at Hillcrest High School. She has shown exemplary leadership skills over the years and is a current member of TRiO Upward Bound’s Peer Advisory Council. She has been accepted to University of Missouri-Columbia and is in the process of being accepted to Missouri State University. She has received the Curators Scholar Award at the University of Missouri for $4,500 per year (renewable for a total of 18,000). In the fall she plans to attend Mizzou and major in Political Science and Communications or possibly join the Journalism program at some point in her college career.

Taylor aims to become well rounded as a member of the work force and wants to do something she truly enjoys. She loves talking to people and making a difference for groups that are underrepresented. She also has a passion for equality and human rights. Most of her awards have been through a broadcast journalism program, HTV, for which she is the line producer. Some of the awards include: Best Edit, Best Story, Best Buzz-a-thon Director, and Best Credits. Taylor considers being able part take in creation of "Spare the Child", a 30 minute special on child abuse in Missouri, a great privilege.

She has also been able to use her skills from HTV in my FCCLA chapter where she and a fellow hornet went all the way to national level STAR events in San Antonio to compete in the "Digital Stories for Change" category where they received Silver. She also utilizes her videography and editing skills in her position of Sports Media Commissioner for HHS Cabinet. She also went to regionals for FBLA in marketing and received bronze. Taylor helped start a GSA chapter at Hillcrest that is slowly gaining stability and is also involved with Key Club, SADD, and NHS. During her senior year, Taylor is currently focusing on scholarships that will allow her to further her education provide the means to go to school debt-free.

SAVANNAH SATTERFIELD

Savannah is a very humble student who is very goal oriented and hard working. She continues to uphold the standards of our program by continuously producing good grades and being a role model to the other students. She is currently a senior at Hillcrest High School.

She is on the Hillcrest High School Honor Roll every semester. She was awarded Most improved Musician 2013-2014. She is ranked 5th in class and was named Student of the Month at Springfield Rotary Club.

Organizations in which she is involved include: TRiO Upward Bound, Orchestra, Key Club, Yearbook and National Honor Society. Savannah has been accepted to Missouri State University, University of Missouri and Park University. She plans to attend Park University this coming fall semester and Mathematics Education. After graduating college she would like to work as a Mathematics Teacher.

UB Student Worker

Hugo Montejo

We would like to welcome to our program! He joined the Upward Bound team this semester. He is currently a Junior at Missouri State University, majoring in Cell & Molecular Biology. Hugo hopes to one day become a Pediatric Neural Surgeon.

He move to the United States from El Salvador at the age of 7. In his spare time he likes to study, play video games, soccer, be involved with people and work on computers. He is enjoying the new experience of working with the UB program and is very excited to meet the Upward Bound students.
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**November 2014 Calendar**

January 12, 2015 : PHS After School Meeting
January 14, 2015 : CHS After School Meeting
January 15, 2015 : HHS After School Meeting
January 24, 2015 : Destined for College Meeting
January 26, 2015 : PHS After School Meeting
January 28, 2015 : CHS After School Meeting
January 29, 2015 : HHS After School Meeting

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**Birthdays**

January 7th - Elanor Nowack
January 7th - Remington Swearengin
January 8th - Makayia Jackson
January 13th – Julia Corona
January 31st - Mrs. Killian