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UPWARD BOUND

Class of 2018 Edition!



Staff Farewell Notes

Dear Class of 2018,

Despite some hard tasks, tough moments and disappointments that you have encountered in the course of your studies in high school, at the end of it all, you completed this part of your journey with great achievements and beautiful memories. I hope you feel that these times have prepared you for a greater challenge ahead, and to encourage you to build a strong foundation for your next level. Under Upward Bound's guidance, you have attained this impressive milestone in your life with great honor and integrity.

I am honored to say, Upward Bound is proud of your many achievements over the years, your various accomplishments in all academic and extra curricular activities. Your brilliant achievements in academic discourse and in Upward Bound are indeed acknowledged. Your awesome memories will forever remain in our hearts.

I wish to thank you all for your positive attitude that you have demonstrated towards your studies, Upward Bound activities, towards other UB members. A class I bid you farewell and wish you all the best of luck in your days ahead. May God bless you all!

- Mr. Carter



staff, teachers and act you all are.

Farewell Message to Seniors 2018:

Let me start by telling you how proud I am of all of you! You made it to the end of a chapter, the graduation from high school! However, the journey is not done. Take those learned experiences from high school and apply them to a stepping stone into college. Graduating from high school is only the beginning, you will have many more adventures in college that will prepare you to be great individuals. Working with you over the past three years has been fun and full of amazing adventures. It makes me proud and I am honored to have watched you grow individually and blossomed into young responsible adults. This is a bittersweet moment for me because it seems like just yesterday I introduced myself full heartedly and the reaction of your timid faces staring back at me was priceless. Before I knew it, you all were opening up to me telling me your dream colleges and life goals during our advising sessions. The time has arrived to make those dreams into a reality and make those who have supported you from day one (your parents, teachers, and the UB advisors) proud. Always remain humble and kind. Again, thank you for always sharing many great moments with me. Congratulations my UB BABIES! It has been a pleasure working with you!

- Ms. Gonzalez

Finally, the time has come. A long awaited journey to the end is here. You all have come so far and grown so much, yet you have much further to go. I've had the pleasure to see you reach your milestones, watch you break down the barriers that stood before you, and assist you in taking steps to a very promising future. Each of you have the overall skills and individual personalities that will help you throughout your life. Make sure you strengthen who you are and work on becoming a better YOU. I wish the best in your adventure as you grow within yourself, your career, and your life goals. You all better keep in touch too! And just know that the Upward Bound connection is never gone. As long you have the drive, Mr. Johnican and Upward Bound will continue to help you push. Congrats!

This chapter's done, but still you drive
Hope's alive, listen to your heart inside
Let adversity be gas, just to fill your ride
Know you're strong and you can handle anything to thrive
Keep pushing, keep growing, keep learning and reading
Define every step you take, because your life has meaning
Keep the fight going, give it all every round
You're a star, so just fly, and always stay Upward Bound
-Mr. Johnican



Class of 2018!!!!

Dear Graduating Seniors, Congratulations Class of 2018! You did it! Words cannot describe how proud I am of you! You all have accomplished so much in your lifetimes. I hope that you continue to keep in touch with one another (and me!) throughout your post high school years. I am glad I was given the privilege of becoming your advisor during your junior and senior year of high school. Here is my advice: don't get discouraged when life gets tough, look at how far you have come and aim for success! Never forget: you are incredible, wonderful, and resilient students who have full support from your UB familia! I want you all to keep in touch so that I can cheer you on through all your future endeavors. I believe in each and every one of you! Congrats again Class of 2018 and may you achieve greatness in all that you do!

- Mrs. Troncoso

Dear Graduating Seniors,

Graduation Day is the day that all of you have been looking forward to. You have worked very hard for four years and now your day is here! Congratulations to each and every one of you. You have finished the first step in completing your education. Now comes the next step, COLLEGE. Your college years will be exciting, demanding, fun, difficult and so very beneficial to you and to your families. Your college days will give you wonderful experiences and memories and your degree will give you a lifetime of better employment opportunities.

Never forget that education is your key to success. Even when you feel like it is too difficult to complete, you need to forge ahead and do your very best. The rewards will outweigh the years of studying and tests! You will be able to look back on your college years and be thankful that you worked hard, gave it your all and made it through.

Congratulations Graduates of 2018 and may you be blessed in all that you do!

- Ms. Rivette

Dear Class of 2018 Upward Bound Graduates,

Congratulations! I am so proud of each one of you! You are strong, resilient, and brilliant. I have really enjoyed getting to know you over the past few years and I hope to be able to encourage you for many years to come. I hope that your time with Upward Bound was beneficial and that you will always lean on your UB family when you need us.

A few words of advice as you continue on to the next step of the journey—fully embrace this season of your life. Your college years will be memorable, fun, and at the same time challenging. Be open to meeting new people, trying new things, and joining an organization on campus. You are more than ready for college and I know that you will graduate in just a few short years.

No matter where life takes you, please remember that I am only a phone call away if you ever need anything! Please also let me know when you graduate from college so that we can celebrate and share the good news!

- Ms. Tigney



We would like to send a special thank you to **Dr. Manns and the Aldine ISD administrative team** for their outstanding support and dedication to the Upward Bound program.

We appreciate you and everything that you do to help the Upward Bound students!



Julio Alvarez
College attending in the fall:
 Texas A&M

Major: Statistics

Favorite UB memory: When we went to UT- Austin. Had a great time knowing everyone from my class year and hanging out with "the Mac Boys" at the plaza where we shopped until 8 P.M.



Celia Berrones
College attending in the fall:
 Lone Star College—North Harris

Career: Performing Arts

Favorite UB Memory: Throwing Ms. Gonzalez a surprise birthday party after school.



Jorge Blanco
College attending this fall:
 Purdue University - Global

Career: Criminal Justice

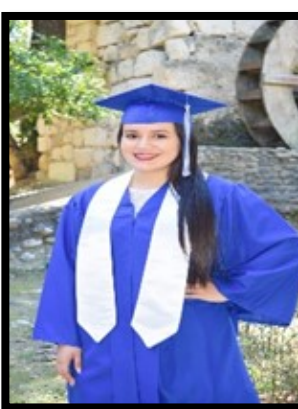
Favorite UB Memory: The New York summer trip.



Christian Camacho
College attending this fall:
 Lone Star College

Career: Undecided

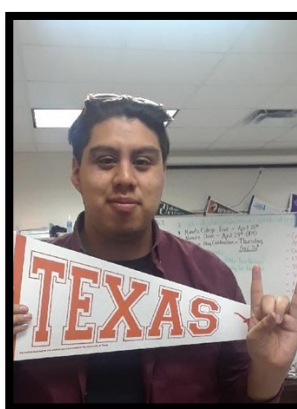
Favorite UB Memory: Attending the Upward Bound activities.



Leslie Campa
College attending this fall:
 Texas A&M

Major: Business

Favorite UB Memory: When we went to UB Bowl in Galveston. We had endless support from our teammates, advisors, etc. Schlitterbahn was nice to come together and enjoy it as a family.



Jesus Carreno
College attending in the fall:
 Lone Star College—North Harris

Major: Biology

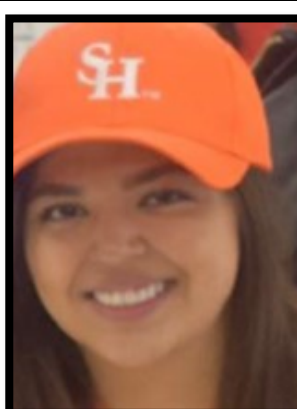
Favorite UB Memory: Summer trip 2016 to Colorado.



Naomi Coll
College attending this fall:
 Texas A&M

Major: Animal Science

Favorite UB Memory: Going ice skating with UB during the summer program.

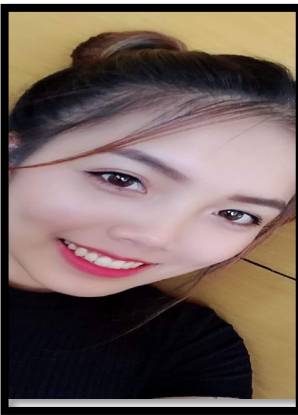


Maria Delgado
College Attending this fall:
 Sam Houston State University

Major: Business Administration

Favorite UB Memory: My favorite ub memories is when we went to Sam Houston State University that's when I feel in love with the campus I will be attending this upcoming fall.

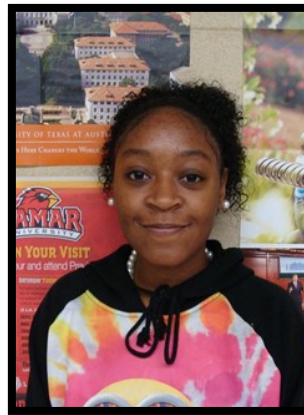
"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson



Thuy Duong
 College attending in Fall:
 University of Houston

Major: Finance

Favorite UB Memory: Summer trip to Colorado.



Hadiya Dyer
 College attending in the fall:
 Langston University

Major: Business

Favorite UB Memory: Receiving the monthly stipend checks.



Michael Escobar
 College attending this fall:
 Blinn College/Texas A&M

Major: Engineering

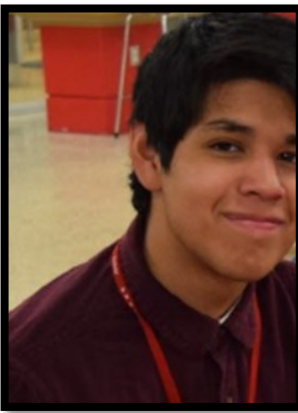
Favorite UB Memory: The overnight trip to San Marcos. We went into some caves and visited UT Austin and Texas State. Had the chance to meet new friends and create new memories.



Juliya Frazier
 College attending this Fall:
 Hutson-Tillotson

Major: Psychology

Favorite UB Memory: My favorite UB memory has to be when the Urban Experience Program came to speak to all of the seniors during a Saturday college prep. It was really genuine and fun.



Christian Gama
 College attending in the fall:
 University of Houston

Major: Aeronautical Engineering



Ebenezer Gonzalez
 College attending in the fall:
 Lone Star College—North Harris

Career Field: Psychology

Favorite UB Memory: Every memory was one to remember but my first out of city trip to Austin made me love colleges and Universities from far and wide, that was one of the greatest memories.



Vydalia Gonzalez
 College attending this fall:
 Alvin Community College

Major: General Studies / Business Administration

Favorite UB Memory: The trips were fun, especially the Colorado trip. Everyone was able to hang out and have an amazing time just laughing and learning.



Christian Harris
 College attending this fall:
 Texas Southern University

Major: Film

Favorite UB Memory: The college trip to Texas A&M.

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
 —Eleanor Roosevelt

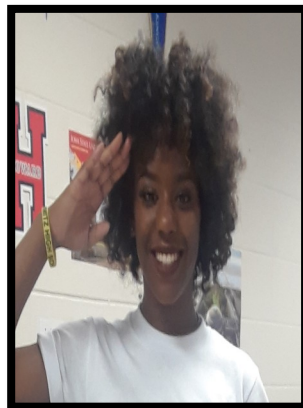


Jovana Hernandez

College attending in the fall:
Lone Star College

Career: Nursing

Favorite UB Memory: Overnight trip to Galveston. We got to know each other and it felt like we were friends for a long time.

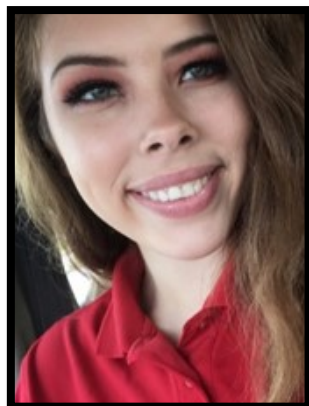


Michelle Jackson

Fall Plans:
United States Army

Career Field: Pharmacology

Favorite UB Memory: Thomas rapping with Willie on our way to UB Bowl at Galveston.



Ilissa Jennings

Fall Plans:
Cosmetology

Favorite UB Memory: The Colorado trip was one of my favorite memories from Upward Bound. It was fun being with the people I love, especially riding on a ski lift where you can see all the mountains.



Sydney Juarez

College attending the fall:
University of Texas Rio Grand Valley

Major: Undecided

Favorite UB Memory: College visits.

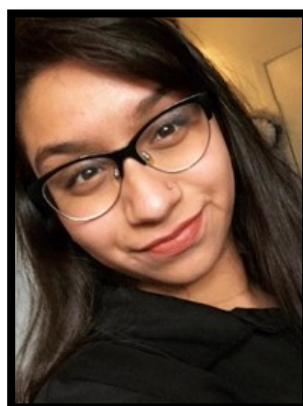


Andrew Luna

College attending in the fall:
Lone Star College - University Park

Career Field: International Business

Favorite UB Memory: Being able to experience the college visits.



Lydia Macias-Guardado

College attending the fall:
UT Austin

Major: Undecided

Favorite UB Memory: My favorite UB memory was the first year when we went to Colorado. The whole trip was a great experience.



Jaielene Martinez

Fall Plans:
United States Army

Career: Parachute Rigger

Favorite UB Memory: Going to New York summer 17 and getting to experience new places and meeting great people. Standing in Times Square was my favorite though.



Jakeline Martinez

College attending in the fall:
University of Houston—Downtown

Major: Accounting

Favorite UB Memory: I enjoyed the overnight trip at San Marcos. We went to Texas State University, San Marcos Outlets, and got to know more UB students.

“Believe with all of your heart that you will do what you were made to do.”

-Orison Swett Marden



Thomas McCleary

Fall Plans:
Grambling State University and the National Guard

Major: Biology

Favorite UB Memory: When I was rapping with Willie on the bus going to UB Bowl at Galveston.



Jamiyah Mitchell

College attending this fall:
Lone Star College—North Harris

Career Field: Science

Favorite UB Memory: The University of Houston college trip. I was able to hang with Roxana and Porscha. We took so many pictures and we were posing like models.



Jo' Tavia Norbert

College attending this fall:
Lone Star College—North Harris

Career Field: Journalism

Favorite UB Memory: Going to Schlitterbahn in 2017 as well as NYC in 2017.

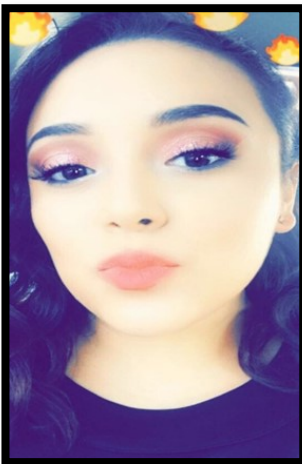


Jose Olivo

College attending this Fall:
Lone Star College—North Harris

Career Field: Construction Science and Management

Favorite UB Memory: Summer trip 2017 to New York City.



Jaqueline Palacios

College attending in the fall:
Sam Houston State University

Major: Interdisciplinary Studies

Favorite UB Memory: Attending all the fun field trips and learning about different colleges.



Porscha Perkins

College attending this fall:
Prairie View A&M

Major: Computer Information Technology

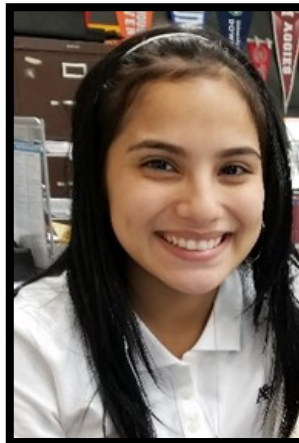
Favorite UB Memory: The Upward Bound summer trip to New York.



Eva Pompa

College attending this fall:
Metropolitan State University of Denver

Major: Business



Fabiola Ramirez

College attending this fall:
Undecided

Major: Nursing

Favorite UB Memory: My favorite memory was attending the Camp Allen trip. I was scared to go on the zipline, but I faced my fears with Jovana. I am happy I was able to do it.



Estefani Tello

College attending this fall:
Texas A&M

Major: Allied Health

Favorite UB Memory: Attending the UT- Austin spring overnight during my Sophomore year.

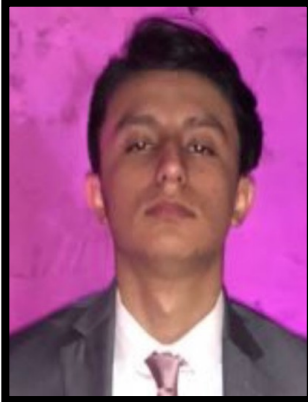


Daniela Vazquez

College attending this fall:
Texas A&M

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Favorite UB Memory: Every trip where we had roommates was perfect because I had Jo'Tavia with me every time and we always had so much fun making jokes and goofing off.



Erick Vega

College attending this fall:
University of Houston and U.S. Navy

Major: Political Science

Favorite UB Memory: Volunteering at the Houston Food Bank with UB.



Joanna Villegas

College attending this fall:
Lone Star College

Major: Nursing

Favorite UB Memory: When we went to the New York trip, it was my first time on a plane and the whole trip was AMAZING!



Denisia Williams

College attending this fall:
Lamar University

Major: Nurse Practitioner

Favorite UB Memory: The out of state trip we took to New York City last year.

